

## **WAIVERS FROM STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE LISTING RULES**

In preparation for the [REDACTED], our Company has sought and [has been granted] the following waivers from strict compliance with the relevant provisions of the Listing Rules:

### **WAIVER IN RESPECT OF MANAGEMENT PRESENCE IN HONG KONG**

Pursuant to Rules 8.12 and 19A.15 of the Listing Rules, we must have a sufficient management presence in Hong Kong. This normally means that at least two of our executive Directors must be ordinarily resident in Hong Kong.

Our Group’s management headquarters, senior management, business operations and assets are primarily based outside Hong Kong. As our executive Directors play very important roles in our business operations, it is in our best interest for them to be based in the places where our Group has significant operations. We consider it practically difficult and commercially unreasonable for us to arrange for two executive Directors to ordinarily reside in Hong Kong, whether by relocating our executive Directors to Hong Kong or by appointing additional executive Directors. Therefore, we do not have, and in the foreseeable future will not have, sufficient management presence in Hong Kong to satisfy the requirements under Rules 8.12 and 19A.15 of the Listing Rules.

Accordingly, we have applied to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange for, and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange [has granted] us, a waiver from strict compliance with the requirements under Rules 8.12 and 19A.15 of the Listing Rules, provided that our Company implements the following arrangements:

- (a) we have appointed Ms. Liu Yanfei (劉燕飛) (an executive Director) and Ms. Wong Nga Sim (黃雅嫻) (“**Ms. Wong**”) (our joint company secretary) as our authorized representatives (the “**Authorized Representatives**”) pursuant to Rule 3.05 of the Listing Rules. Ms. Wong is ordinarily resident in Hong Kong. The Authorized Representatives will act as our Company’s principal channel of communication with the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. The Authorized Representatives will be readily contactable by phone and email to promptly deal with enquiries from the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, and will also be available to meet with the Hong Kong Stock Exchange to discuss any matter within a reasonable period of time upon request of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange;
- (b) when the Hong Kong Stock Exchange wishes to contact our Directors on any matter, each of the Authorized Representatives will have all necessary means to contact all of our Directors (including our independent non-executive Directors) promptly at all times. Our Company will also inform the Hong Kong Stock Exchange promptly in respect of any changes in the Authorized Representatives. We have provided the Hong Kong Stock Exchange with the contact details (i.e. mobile phone number, office phone number and email address) of all Directors to facilitate communication with the Hong Kong Stock Exchange;
- (c) all Directors who do not ordinarily reside in Hong Kong possess or can apply for valid travel documents to visit Hong Kong and can meet with the Hong Kong Stock Exchange within a reasonable period upon the request of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange;

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- (d) we have appointed South China Capital Limited as our compliance advisor (the “**Compliance Advisor**”) upon [REDACTED] pursuant to Rule 3A.19 of the Listing Rules for a period commencing on the [REDACTED] and ending on the date on which we comply with Rule 13.46 of the Listing Rules in respect of our financial results for the first full financial year commencing after the [REDACTED]. The Compliance Advisor will have access at all times to the Authorized Representatives, our Directors and our senior management as prescribed by Rule 3A.23 of the Listing Rules, who will act as the additional channel of communication with the Hong Kong Stock Exchange when the Authorized Representatives are not available; and
- (e) meetings between the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and our Directors can be arranged through the Authorized Representatives or the Compliance Advisor, or directly with our Directors within a reasonable time frame.

### **WAIVER IN RESPECT OF APPOINTMENT OF JOINT COMPANY SECRETARY**

Pursuant to Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules, we must appoint a company secretary who, by virtue of his/her academic or professional qualifications or relevant experience, is, in the opinion of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, capable of discharging the functions of the company secretary. Note 1 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules provides that the Hong Kong Stock Exchange considers the following academic or professional qualifications to be acceptable:

- (a) a member of The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute;
- (b) a solicitor or barrister as defined in the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Chapter 159 of the Laws of Hong Kong); and
- (c) a certified public accountant as defined in the Professional Accountants Ordinance (Chapter 50 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

Note 2 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules further provides that the Hong Kong Stock Exchange considers the following factors in assessing the “relevant experience” of the individual:

- (a) length of employment with the issuer and other issuers and the roles he/she played;
- (b) familiarity with the Listing Rules and other relevant laws and regulations including the SFO, the Companies Ordinance, the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance and the Takeovers Code;
- (c) relevant training taken and/or to be taken in addition to the minimum requirement under Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules; and
- (d) professional qualifications in other jurisdictions.

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Pursuant to Chapter 3.10 of the Guide, the Hong Kong Stock Exchange will consider a waiver application by an issuer in relation to Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules based on the specific facts and circumstances. Factors that will be considered by the Hong Kong Stock Exchange include:

- (a) whether the issuer has principal business activities primarily outside Hong Kong;
- (b) whether the issuer was able to demonstrate the need to appoint a person who does not have the Acceptable Qualification (as defined under Note 1 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules) nor Relevant Experience (as defined under Note 2 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules) as a company secretary; and
- (c) why the directors consider the individual to be suitable to act as the issuer’s company secretary.

Further, pursuant to Chapter 3.10 of the Guide, such waiver, if granted, will be for a fixed period of time (the “**Waiver Period**”) and on the following conditions:

- (a) the proposed company secretary must be assisted by a person who possesses the qualifications or experience as required under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules and is appointed as a joint company secretary throughout the Waiver Period; and
- (b) the waiver can be revoked if there are material breaches of the Listing Rules by the issuer.

Our Company has appointed Ms. Chen Fang (陳芳) (“**Ms. Chen**”) as one of our joint company secretaries who has extensive experience in board and corporate management matters but presently does not possess any of the qualifications under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules, and may not be able to solely fulfill the requirements of the Listing Rules. Therefore, we have appointed Ms. Wong, a Chartered Secretary, a Chartered Governance Professional and an associate of both The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute and The Chartered Governance Institute in the United Kingdom, who fully meets the requirements stipulated under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules to act as the other joint company secretary and to provide assistance to Ms. Chen for an initial period of three years from the [REDACTED] to enable Ms. Chen to acquire the “relevant experience” under Note 2 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules so as to fully comply with the requirements set forth under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules.

Given Ms. Wong’s professional qualification and experience, Ms. Wong will be able to explain to both Ms. Chen and us the relevant requirements under the Listing Rules and other applicable Hong Kong laws and regulations. Ms. Wong will also assist Ms. Chen in organizing Board meetings and Shareholders’ meetings of our Company as well as other matters of our Company which are incidental to the duties of a company secretary. Ms. Wong is expected to work closely with Ms. Chen and will maintain regular contact with Ms. Chen. In addition, Ms. Chen will comply with the annual professional training requirement under Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules to enhance her knowledge of the Listing Rules during the three-year period from the [REDACTED]. Ms. Chen will also be assisted by our compliance advisor and our legal advisors as to the Hong Kong laws on matters in relation to our ongoing compliance with the Listing Rules and the applicable laws and regulations.

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Since Ms. Chen does not possess the formal qualifications required of a company secretary under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules, we have applied to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange for, and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange [has granted], a waiver from strict compliance with the requirements under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules such that Ms. Chen may be appointed as a joint company secretary of our Company. The waiver is valid for an initial period of three years from the [REDACTED] on the conditions that (a) Ms. Chen must be assisted by Ms. Wong who possesses the qualifications and experience required under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules; and (b) the waiver will be revoked immediately if and when Ms. Wong ceases to provide assistance to Ms. Chen as a joint company secretary or if there are material breaches of the Listing Rules by our Company.

Before the expiration of the initial three-year period, the qualifications of Ms. Chen will be re-evaluated to determine whether the requirements as stipulated in Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules can be satisfied and whether the need for ongoing assistance will continue. We will liaise with the Hong Kong Stock Exchange to enable it to assess whether Ms. Chen, having benefited from the assistance of Ms. Wong for the preceding three years, will have acquired the skills necessary to carry out the duties of a company secretary and the relevant experience within the meaning of Note 2 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules so that a further waiver will not be necessary.

### **CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTION**

We have entered into and will continue to engage in certain transactions which would constitute a continuing connected transaction for our Company under the Listing Rules upon [REDACTED]. We have applied to the Stock Exchange for, and the Stock Exchange [has granted] us, a waiver from strict compliance with certain requirements set out in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules for such continuing connected transaction. For details, see “Continuing Connected Transaction”.