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TAXATION OF SECURITY HOLDERS

Income tax and capital gains tax of holders of the H shares is subject to the laws and practices of the PRC and of jurisdictions in which holders of the H shares are resident or otherwise subject to tax. The following summary of certain relevant taxation provisions is based on current laws and practices, and has not taken in to account the expected change or amendment to the relevant laws or policies and does not constitute any opinion or advice. The discussion does not deal with all possible tax consequences relating to an [REDACTED] in the H shares, nor does it take into account the specific circumstances of any particular investor, some of which may be subject to special regulation. Accordingly, you should consult your own tax advisor regarding the tax consequences of an investment in the H shares. The discussion is based upon laws and relevant interpretations in effect as of the Latest Practicable Date, all of which are subject to change or adjustment and may have retrospective effect.

This discussion does not address any aspects of PRC taxation other than income tax, capital gains tax, value-added tax (the “VAT”), stamp duty and estate duty. Prospective [REDACTED] are urged to consult their financial advisors regarding the PRC and other tax consequences of owning and disposing of the H shares.

TAXATION IN CHINESE MAINLAND

Tax on Dividends Distribution

Individual Investors

According to the Individual Income Tax Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國個人所得稅法》) (the “IIT Law”), which was latest amended on August 31, 2018 and effective on January 1, 2019, and its implementation rules, for individual income including interest, dividend and bonus, individual income tax with applicable proportional tax rate of 20% shall be paid. Unless otherwise provided by the competent financial and taxation authorities under the State Council, all the interest, dividend and bonus are deemed as derived from the PRC whether the payment place is in the PRC. According to the Circular on Certain Issues Concerning the Policies of Individual Income Tax (《關於個人所得稅若干政策問題的通知》) promulgated on May 13, 1994, overseas individuals are exempted from the individual income tax for dividends or bonuses received from foreign-invested enterprises.

Meanwhile, according to the Notice on Issues Concerning Differentiated Individual Income Tax Policies on Dividends and Bonus of Listed Companies (《關於上市公司股息紅利差別化個人所得稅政策有關問題的通知》) issued by the Ministry of Finance (the “MOF”), the State Administration of Taxation (the “SAT”) and the CSRC on September 7, 2015 and effective on September 8, 2015, where an individual acquires the stocks of a listed company from public offering of the company or from the stock market and holds the stocks for more than one year, the income from dividends and bonuses shall be temporarily exempt from individual income tax. Where an individual acquires the stocks of a listed company from public offering of the company or from the stock market and holds the stocks for not more than one month, the income from dividends and bonuses shall be included in the taxable income in full amount; or if the individual holds the stocks for more than one month but not more than one year, the income from dividends and bonuses shall be temporarily included in the taxable income at the reduced rate of 50%. Individual income tax on the aforesaid income shall be calculated and collected at the uniform rate of 20%.

Enterprise Investors

The principal laws, rules and regulations governing dividend distributions by foreign invested enterprises in the PRC are the Company Law and the Foreign Investment Law and its Implementing Regulations. Under these requirements, foreign-invested enterprises may pay dividends only out of their accumulated profit, if any, as determined in accordance with PRC accounting standards and regulations. When the PRC Company distributes the after-tax profits of the current year, it shall allocate 10% of the profits into the statutory reserve fund. If the accumulated amount of the statutory reserve fund reaches 50% of the registered capital, the Company is released from the obligation of withholding statutory reserve fund. Where the statutory common reserve fund of the company is not sufficient to recover its losses in the previous years, the profits of the current year shall be used to make up the loss before the withdrawal of the statutory common reserve fund in accordance with the above provisions. After making allocation to the statutory provident fund of the Company from its after-tax profits, the Company may, subject to resolutions adopted at the general meeting, also allocate funds from the after-tax profits to the discretionary provident fund. The residual after-tax profits after a company has made up its losses and accrued reserve can be

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distributed by the company in proportion to the shares held by its shareholders, except as otherwise provided for in the company's articles of association. The company shall not distribute any profits in respect of the shares held by it.

In accordance with the EIT Law and its implementation rules, a uniform enterprise income tax rate of 25% is imposed on all resident enterprises in China, including foreign invested enterprises; a non-PRC resident enterprise is generally subject to enterprise income tax at a rate of 10% on PRC-sourced income (including dividends received from a PRC resident enterprise that issues shares in Hong Kong), if it does not have an establishment or premise in the PRC or has an establishment or premise in the PRC but its PRC-sourced income has no real connection with such establishment or premise. The aforesaid income tax payable for non-PRC resident enterprises is deducted at source, where the payer of the income is required to withhold the income tax from the amount to be paid to the non-resident enterprise when such payment is made or due.

The Circular on Issues relating to the Withholding of Enterprise Income Tax by PRC Resident Enterprises on Dividends Paid to Overseas Non-PRC Resident Enterprise Shareholders of H Shares (《關於中國居民企業向境外H股非居民企業股東派發股息代扣代繳企業所得稅有關問題的通知》), which was issued by the SAT on November 6, 2008, further clarifies that a PRC resident enterprise must withhold enterprise income tax at a rate of 10% on the dividends distributed to overseas non-PRC resident enterprise shareholders of H Shares in 2008 and any subsequent year. In addition, the Response to Questions on Levying Enterprise Income Tax on Dividends Derived by Non-PRC Resident Enterprise from Holding Stock such as B Shares (《國家稅務總局關於非居民企業取得B股等股票股息徵收企業所得稅問題的批覆》), which was issued by the SAT on July 24, 2009, further provides that any PRC resident enterprise whose shares are listed on overseas stock exchanges must withhold and remit enterprise income tax at a rate of 10% on dividends distributed to overseas non-PRC resident enterprise shareholders of H Shares in 2008 and any subsequent year. Such tax rates may be further modified pursuant to the tax treaty or agreement that China has entered into with a relevant country or area, where applicable.

Pursuant to the Arrangement between the Mainland and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion (《內地和香港特別行政區關於對所得避免雙重徵稅和防止偷漏稅的安排》), which was signed on August 21, 2006, the PRC regulatory authorities may levy taxes on the dividends paid by a Chinese company to Hong Kong residents (including natural persons and legal entities) in an amount not exceeding 10% of the total dividends payable by the Chinese company. If a Hong Kong resident directly holds 25% or more of the equity interest in a Chinese company, then such tax shall not exceed 5% of the total dividends payable by the Chinese company. The Fifth Protocol of the Arrangement between the Mainland of China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion (《內地和香港特別行政區關於對所得避免雙重徵稅和防止偷漏稅的安排》第五議定書), which came into effect on December 6, 2019, added a criterion for the qualification of entitlement to enjoy treaty benefits. Although there may be other provisions under the Arrangement, the treaty benefits under the criteria shall not be granted in the circumstance where the main purposes for the arrangement or transactions which will bring any direct or indirect benefits under this Arrangement, after taking into account all relevant facts and conditions, are reasonably deemed to be obtaining such benefits, except when the grant of such benefits under such circumstance is consistent with relevant objective and goal under the Arrangement. The application of the dividend clause of tax agreements is subject to the statutory requirements of PRC tax law documents, such as the Notice of the SAT on the Issues Concerning the Enforcement of the Dividend Clauses of Tax Treaties (《國家稅務總局關於執行稅收協定股息條款有關問題的通知》).

Non-PRC resident investors residing in jurisdictions which have entered into treaties or adjustments for the avoidance of double taxation with the PRC might be entitled to a reduction of the PRC enterprise income tax imposed on the dividends received from PRC companies. The PRC currently has entered into avoidance of double taxation treaties or arrangements with Hong Kong, Macau, and a number of countries and regions including Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Singapore, the United Kingdom and the United States. Non-PRC resident enterprises entitled to preferential tax rates in accordance with the relevant taxation treaties or arrangements are required to apply to the PRC tax authorities for a refund of the enterprise income tax in excess of the agreed tax rate, and the refund application is subject to approval by the PRC tax authorities.

Tax Treaties

Non-resident investors residing in jurisdictions which have entered into treaties or adjustments for the avoidance of double taxation with the PRC might be entitled to a reduction of the Chinese corporate income tax imposed on the dividends received from PRC resident companies.

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The PRC currently has entered into avoidance of double taxation treaties or arrangements with a number of countries and regions including Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Macau Special Administrative Region, Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Singapore, the United Kingdom, the United States and etc. Non-PRC resident enterprises entitled to preferential tax rates in accordance with the relevant taxation treaties or arrangements are required to apply to the relevant PRC tax authorities for a refund of the corporate income tax in excess of the agreed tax rate, and the refund application is subject to approval by the relevant PRC tax authorities.

Tax on Gains from Share Transfer

Individual Investors

Under the IIT Law and its implementation rules, individuals are subject to individual income tax at a rate of 20% on gains realized on the sale of equity interests in PRC resident enterprises. Pursuant to the Circular Declaring that Individual Income Tax Continues to be Exempted over Income of Individuals from Transfer of Shares (《關於個人轉讓股票所得繼續暫免徵收個人所得稅的通知》), which was promulgated by the MOF and the SAT and became effective on March 30, 1998, from January 1, 1997, income of individuals from the transfer of shares in listed companies continues to be temporarily exempted from individual income tax.

Although the IIT Law and its implementation rules have not stated whether it will continue exempting individual income tax on income of individuals from transfer of listed shares, the Circular on Relevant Issues Concerning the Collection of Individual Income Tax over the Income Received by Individuals from Transfer of Listed Shares Subject to Sales Limitation (《關於個人轉讓上市公司限售股所得徵收個人所得稅有關問題的通知》) (the "Notice") promulgated jointly by the MOF, the SAT and the CSRC on December 31, 2009 and implemented on the same day, the Notice of State Taxation Administration of the PRC on Issues Relating to Levying and Payment of Individual Income Tax on Income from Transfer of Moratorium Shares (《國家稅務總局關於限售股轉讓所得個人所得稅徵繳有關問題的通知》) promulgated by the SAT of the PRC on January 18, 2010 and effective from January 18, 2010 and the Circular on Relevant Issues Concerning the Collection of Individual Income Tax over the Income Received by Individuals from Transfer of Listed Shares Subject to Sales Limitation (《關於個人轉讓上市公司限售股所得徵收個人所得稅有關問題的補充通知》) promulgated by the MOF, the SAT and CSRC on November 10, 2010 and effective from November 10, 2010, states that individuals' income from transfer of listed shares on certain domestic stock exchanges shall continue being exempting from individual income tax, except for the shares subject to sales restriction. As at the date of this document, the aforesaid provision has not expressly provided that individual income tax shall be collected from non-PRC resident individuals on the sale of shares of PRC resident enterprises listed on overseas stock exchanges. In practice, the PRC tax authorities have not collected income tax from non-PRC resident individuals on gains from the sale of shares of the PRC resident enterprises listed on overseas stock exchanges.

Enterprise Investors

Under the Enterprise Income Tax Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國企業所得稅法》) (the "EIT Law") and its implementation rules, where a non-resident enterprise has no establishment or place in China, or it has an establishment or a place in China but the income derived is not effectively connected with the aforesaid establishment or place, it shall pay 10% enterprise income tax on the portion of its income sourced from inside China, including gains derived from the disposal of shares in a PRC resident enterprise. The aforesaid tax payable on the income derived by a non-resident enterprise, shall be withheld at source, with the payer of the income serving as the withholding agent. When making such payment or when such payment is due, the withholding agent shall withhold the income tax from such payment. Such tax may be reduced or exempted pursuant to an applicable treaty for the avoidance of double taxation.

Income tax

According to the IIT Law, gains on the transfer of equity interests in the PRC resident enterprises are subject to individual income tax at a rate of 20%. Pursuant to the Circular on Declaring that Individual Income Tax Continues to be Exempted over Income of Individuals from the Transfer of Shares (《關於個人轉讓股票所得繼續暫免徵收個人所得稅的通知》) issued by the SAT on March 20, 1998, from January 1, 1997, income of individuals from transfer of the shares of listed enterprises continues to be exempted from individual income tax. The SAT has not expressly stated whether it will continue to exempt tax on income of individuals from transfer of the shares of listed enterprises in the latest amended Individual Income Tax Law.

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On December 31, 2009, the Ministry of Finance, the SAT and China Securities Regulatory Commission jointly issued the Circular on Related Issues on Levying Individual Income Tax over the Income Received by Individuals from the Transfer of Listed Shares Subject to Sales Limitation (《關於個人轉讓上市公司限售股所得徵收個人所得稅有關問題的通知》), which came into effect on December 31, 2009, which states that individuals’ income from the transfer of listed shares obtained from the public offering of listed companies and transfer market on the Shanghai Stock Exchange and the Shenzhen Stock Exchange shall continue to be exempted from individual income tax, except for the relevant shares which are subject to sales restriction (as defined in the Supplementary Notice on Issues Concerning the Levy of Individual Income Tax on Individuals’ Income from the Transfer of Restricted Stocks of Listed Companies (《關於個人轉讓上市公司限售股所得徵收個人所得稅有關問題的補充通知》) jointly issued and implemented by such departments on November 10, 2010). As of the Latest Practicable Date, no aforesaid provisions have expressly provided that individual income tax shall be levied from non-PRC resident individuals on the transfer of shares in PRC resident enterprises listed on overseas stock exchanges.

In accordance with the EIT Laws, a non-PRC resident enterprise is generally subject to corporate income tax at the rate of a 10% on PRC-sourced income, including gains derived from the disposal of equity interests in a PRC resident enterprise, if it does not have an establishment or premise in the PRC or has an establishment or premise in the PRC but its PRC-sourced income has no real connection with such establishment or premise. Such income tax payable for non-resident enterprises are deducted at source, where the payer of the income is required to withhold the income tax from the amount to be paid to the non-PRC resident enterprise. Such tax may be reduced or exempted pursuant to relevant tax treaties or agreements on avoidance of double taxation.

Stamp Duty

Pursuant to the Stamp Duty Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國印花稅法》), which was promulgated by the SCNPC on June 10, 2021 and came into effect on July 1, 2022, PRC stamp duty is applicable to the entities and individuals that conclude taxable vouchers or conduct securities trading within the territory of the PRC, and the entities and individuals outside the territory of the PRC that conclude taxable vouchers that are used inside China. Therefore, the requirements of the stamp duty imposed on the transfer of shares of PRC listed companies shall not apply to the acquisition and disposal of H Shares by non-PRC investors outside of the PRC.

Estate Duty

As of the date of this document, no estate duty has been levied in the PRC under the PRC laws.

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect Taxation Policy and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect Taxation Policy

On October 31, 2014 and November 5, 2016, the Ministry of Finance, the SAT and the CSRC jointly issued the Circular on the Relevant Taxation Policy regarding the Pilot Inter-connected Mechanism for Trading on the Shanghai Stock Market and the Hong Kong Stock Market (《關於滬港股票市場交易互聯互通機制試點有關稅收政策的通知》) and the Circular on the Relevant Taxation Policy regarding the Pilot Inter-connected Mechanism for Trading on the Shenzhen Stock Market and the Hong Kong Stock Market (《關於深港股票市場交易互聯互通機制試點有關稅收政策的通知》), pursuant to which, the income from transfer differences and dividend and bonus income derived by PRC enterprise investors from investing in stocks listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect or Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect shall be included in their total income and subject to enterprise income tax in accordance with the law. In particular, the dividend and bonus income derived by PRC resident enterprises which hold H shares for at least 12 consecutive months shall be exempted from enterprise income tax according to law. The H-share companies do not need to withhold tax on the income from dividends and bonus obtained by PRC enterprise investors. The tax payable shall be declared and paid by the enterprises themselves.

For dividends and bonuses received by PRC individual investors investing in H shares listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, H-share companies shall submit an application to China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited (the “CSDC”), which shall provide H-share companies with a register of PRC individual investors. H-share companies shall withhold individual income tax at a rate of 20%. Individual investors who have paid withholding tax outside the PRC may apply for tax credits at the competent tax authorities of the CSDC with valid tax deduction

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certificates. Individual income tax is levied on dividend and bonus income derived by PRC security investment funds from investing in stocks listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect or Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect in accordance with the above provisions.

Pursuant to the Announcement on Continuing the Implementation of the Individual Income Tax Policies Concerning the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Mainland-Hong Kong Mutual Recognition of Funds (《關於繼續執行滬港、深港股票市場交易互聯互通機制和內地與香港基金互認有關個人所得稅政策的公告》) promulgated by the MOF, the SAT and the CSRC on December 4, 2019 and effective on December 5, 2019, the Announcement on Extension of the Individual Income Tax Policy With Respect to Shanghai-Hong Kong and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Exchange Connectivity Mechanisms as well as Mutual Recognition of Funds between the Chinese Mainland and Hong Kong (《關於延續實施滬港、深港股票市場交易互聯互通機制和內地與香港基金互認有關個人所得稅政策的公告》) which promulgated and implemented on August 21, 2023, and the Announcement on Continued Implementation of Relevant Preferential Individual Income Tax Policies (《關於延續實施有關個人所得稅優惠政策的公告》) promulgated and effective on January 16, 2023, the income of Chinese mainland individual investors, obtained as price difference of transferring, from investing in stocks listed on the HKSE through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, as well as from trading shares of Hong Kong funds through the Mutual Recognition of Funds, may be temporarily exempt from individual income tax from December 5, 2019 to December 31, 2027.

PRINCIPAL TAXATION OF OUR COMPANY IN THE PRC

Enterprise Income Tax

According to the EIT Law, which was promulgated by the SCNPC and was latest amended on December 29, 2018, and the Regulation on the Implementation of the Enterprise Income Tax Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國企業所得稅法實施條例》), which was promulgated by the State Council and was latest amended in April 2019, collectively referred to as the Enterprise Income Tax Law, a uniform 25% enterprise income tax rate is imposed to both foreign invested enterprises and domestic enterprises, except where tax incentives are granted to special industries and projects. The enterprise income tax rate is reduced to 20% for qualifying small low-profit enterprises. The high-tech enterprises that need full support from the PRC’s government will enjoy a reduced tax rate of 15% for Enterprise Income Tax.

Preferential Tax Policy for the High and New Tech Enterprises

Enterprises that are recognized as high and new technology enterprises in accordance with the Administrative Measures for the Determination of High and New Tech Enterprises (《高新技術企業認定管理辦法》) issued by the MOF and the SAT are entitled to enjoy a preferential enterprise income tax rate of 15%, under which the validity period of the high and new technology enterprise qualification shall be three years from the date of issuance of the certificate. An enterprise can re-apply for such recognition as a high and new technology enterprise before or after the previous certificate expires.

Enterprises are categorized into resident enterprises and non-resident enterprises. Where a non-resident enterprise has no establishment or place in China, or it has an establishment or a place in China, but the income derived is not effectively connected with the aforesaid establishment or place, it shall pay enterprise income tax on the portion of its income sourced from inside China. The aforesaid tax payable on the income derived by a non-resident enterprise, shall be withheld at source, with the payer of the income serving as the withholding agent. When making such payment or when such payment is due, the withholding agent shall withhold the income tax from such payment. Meanwhile, any gains realized on the transfer of shares by such investors are subject to enterprise income tax and shall be withheld at source if such gains are regarded as income derived from the transfer of property within the PRC.

Value-added Tax

Pursuant to the Provisional Regulations of the PRC on Value-added Tax (《中華人民共和國增值稅暫行條例》), which was promulgated by the State Council and was latest amended on November 19, 2017, and the Implementation Rules for the Provisional Regulations the PRC on Value-added Tax (《中華人民共和國增值稅暫行條例實施細則》), which was promulgated by the MOF and was latest amended on October 28, 2011 and effective from November 1, 2011, entities and individuals engaging, within the territory of the PRC, in the sale of goods, supply of labor services in processing, repairing and maintenance (hereinafter referred to as “labor services”), sale

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of services, intangible assets and immovable properties, and importation of goods are taxpayers of VAT and shall be subject to VAT. VAT rate is set at 17% for the sale of goods, supply of labor services, leasing services of tangible movable property and importation of goods, unless otherwise specified in the aforesaid regulations. On December 25, 2024, the SCNPC promulgated the Value-Added Tax Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國增值稅法》), which will become effective on January 1, 2026 and the above interim regulations will be abolished.

According to the Circular of the Ministry of Finance and the State Taxation Administration on the Adjusting Value-added Tax Rates (《財政部、稅務總局關於調整增值稅稅率的通知》) effective in May 2018, the value-added tax rates of 17% and 11% on sales, imported goods shall be adjusted to 16% and 10%, respectively.

According to the Announcement of the Ministry of Finance, the State Taxation Administration and the General Administration of Customs on Relevant Policies for Deepening the Value-Added Tax Reform (《財政部、稅務總局、海關總署關於深化增值稅改革有關政策的公告》) promulgated on March 20, 2019 and effective from April 1, 2019, the value-added tax rates of 16% and 10% on sales, imported goods shall be adjusted to 13% and 9%, respectively.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATION IN THE PRC

The lawful currency of the PRC is Renminbi, which is currently subject to foreign exchange control and cannot be freely converted into foreign currency. The State Administration of Foreign Exchange (the "SAFE"), with the authorization of the People's Bank of China (the "PBOC"), is empowered with the functions of administering all matters relating to foreign exchange, including the enforcement of foreign exchange control regulations.

The Regulations on Foreign Exchange Control of the PRC (《中華人民共和國外匯管理條例》) (the "Foreign Exchange Control Regulations"), which was implemented on April 1, 1996 and latest amended on August 5, 2008, classifies all international payments and transfers into current items and capital items. Most of the current items are not subject to the approval of foreign exchange administration agencies, while capital items are subject to the approval of foreign exchange administration agencies, and pursuant to the latest amendment to the Foreign Exchange Control Regulations, the PRC will not impose any restriction on international current payments and transfers.

The Regulations for the Administration of Settlement, Sale and Payment of Foreign Exchange (《結匯、售匯及付匯管理規定》), which was implemented on July 1, 1996, abolished all other restrictions on convertibility of foreign exchange under current account items, while retaining the existing restrictions on foreign exchange transactions under capital account items.

According to the Announcement on Improving the Reform of the Renminbi Exchange Rate Formation Mechanism (《關於完善人民幣匯率形成機制改革的公告》), which was issued by the PBOC and implemented on July 21, 2005, the PRC has started to implement a managed floating exchange rate system in which the exchange rate would be determined based on market supply and demand and adjusted with reference to a basket of currencies since July 21, 2005. Therefore, the Renminbi exchange rate was no longer pegged to the U.S. dollar. PBOC would publish the closing price of the exchange rate of the Renminbi against trading currencies such as the U.S. dollar in the interbank foreign exchange market after the closing of the market on each working day, as the central parity of the currency against Renminbi transactions on the following working day.

According to relevant PRC laws, PRC enterprises (including foreign-invested enterprises) which need foreign exchange for transactions relating to current account items may, without the approval of SAFE, effect payment for their foreign exchange accounts at the designated foreign exchange banks with the support of valid receipts and proof. Foreign-invested enterprises which need foreign exchange for the distribution of profits to their shareholders and PRC enterprises which, in accordance with regulations, are required to pay dividends to their shareholders in foreign exchange (such as the Company) may, on the strength of resolutions of the board of directors or the shareholders' meeting approving the distribution of profits, effect payment from their foreign exchange accounts or convert and pay dividends at the designated foreign exchange banks.

According to the Decisions on Matters including Canceling and Adjusting a Batch of Administrative Approval Items (《國務院關於取消和調整一批行政審批項目等事項的決定》) which was promulgated by the State Council on October 23, 2014, it canceled the approval requirement by the SAFE and its branches for the repatriation and settlement of foreign exchange of overseas-raised funds through overseas listing.

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According to the Notice of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Issues Concerning the Foreign Exchange Administration of Overseas Listing (《國家外匯管理局關於境外上市外匯管理有關問題的通知》) issued by the SAFE and implemented on December 26, 2014, a domestic company shall, within 15 business days from the date of the end of its overseas listing issuance, register the overseas listing with the local branch office of state administration of foreign exchange at the place of its establishment; the proceeds from an overseas listing of a domestic company may be remitted to the domestic account or deposited in an overseas account, but the use of the proceeds shall be consistent with the content of the prospectus and other disclosure documents. A domestic company (except for bank financial institutions) shall present its certificate of overseas listing to open a special account at a local bank for its initial public offering (or follow-on offering) and repurchase business to handle the exchange, remittance and transfer of funds for the business concerned.

According to the Notice of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Further Simplifying and Improving Policies for the Foreign Exchange Administration of Direct Investment (《國家外匯管理局關於進一步簡化和改進直接投資外匯管理政策的通知》), which was issued by the SAFE and came into effect on June 1, 2015 and partially repealed on December 30, 2019, the confirmation of foreign exchange registration under domestic direct investment and the confirmation of foreign exchange registration under overseas direct investment shall be directly examined and handled by banks. SAFE and its branch offices shall indirectly regulate the foreign exchange registration of direct investment via the banks.

The Administrative Provisions on Foreign Exchange in Domestic Direct Investment by Foreign Investors (《外國投資者境內直接投資外匯管理規定》) (the “SAFE Circular No. 21”), which was effect from May 13, 2013, amended on October 10, 2018 and partially abolished on December 30, 2019, specifies that the confirmation of foreign exchange registration under domestic direct investment and the confirmation of foreign exchange registration under overseas direct investment shall be directly examined and handled by banks. SAFE and its branch offices shall indirectly regulate the foreign exchange registration of direct investment through banks.

According to the SAFE Circular on Further Promoting Cross-border Trade and Investment Facilitation (《國家外匯管理局關於進一步促進跨境貿易投資便利化的通知》) which was promulgated on October 23, 2019, foreign-invested enterprises engaged in non-investment business are permitted to settle foreign exchange capital in RMB and make domestic equity investments with such RMB funds according to law on the condition that the current Special Administrative Measures for Access of Foreign Investment (Negative List) are not violated and the relevant domestic investment projects are genuine and in compliance with laws.

According to the Notice of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange of the PRC on Revolutionize and Regulate Capital Account Settlement Management Policies (《國家外匯管理局關於改革和規範資本項目結匯管理政策的通知》) issued by the SAFE on June 9, 2016 and recently amended with immediate effect on December 4, 2023, the settlement of foreign exchange receipts under the capital account (including the foreign exchange capital, external debts and funds recovered from overseas listing, etc.) that are subject to discretionary settlement may be handled at banks based on the domestic institutions’ actual requirements for business operation. The proportion of discretionary settlement of domestic institutions’ foreign exchange receipts under the capital account is temporarily determined as 100%, subject to adjustment by the SAFE in due time in accordance with international revenue and expenditure situations.