

WAIVERS FROM STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE LISTING RULES

In preparation for the [REDACTED], we have applied for the following waivers from strict compliance with the relevant provisions of the Listing Rules.

MANAGEMENT PRESENCE IN HONG KONG

Pursuant to Rule 8.12 of the Listing Rules, we must have sufficient management presence in Hong Kong, which normally means that at least two of our executive Directors must be ordinarily resident in Hong Kong. As of the Latest Practicable Date, none of our executive Directors resided in Hong Kong. Pursuant to Rule 19A.15 of the Listing Rules, the requirement in Rule 8.12 may be waived by having regard to, among other considerations, our arrangements for maintaining regular communication with the Stock Exchange. Since our principal business and operations are in the PRC, all of our executive Directors are based in China as the Board believes it would be more effective and efficient for its executive Directors to be based in a location where our operations are conducted. It would be practically difficult and commercially unnecessary for us to relocate two of our executive Directors to Hong Kong for the purpose of satisfying the requirements under Rule 8.12 of the Listing Rules. Therefore, we do not and, for the foreseeable future, will not have executive Directors who are ordinarily resident in Hong Kong for the purposes of satisfying the requirements of Rules 8.12 and 19A.15 of the Listing Rules. Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 19A.15 of the Listing Rules, we have applied for, and the Stock Exchange [has] granted, a waiver from strict compliance with the requirements under Rule 8.12 of the Listing Rules, subject to the following conditions. We will ensure that there is an effective channel of communication between us and the Stock Exchange by way of the following arrangements:

- (i) **Authorized representatives:** we have appointed Mr. Zhang Pengfei and Ms. Liu Shengyun (柳聖雲) (“**Ms. Liu**”) as the authorized representatives (the “**Authorized Representatives**”) for the purpose of Rule 3.05 of the Listing Rules. Our Authorized Representatives will act as our principal channel of communication with the Stock Exchange and would be readily contactable by phone and email to deal promptly with enquiries from the Stock Exchange. Accordingly, our Authorized Representatives will be able to meet with the relevant members of the Stock Exchange to discuss any matters in relation to us within a reasonable period of time. We will also inform the Stock Exchange promptly in respect of any change in our Authorized Representatives. Each of the Authorized Representatives is authorized to communicate on behalf of us with the Stock Exchange;
- (ii) **Joint company secretaries:** in addition to the appointment of the Authorized Representatives, Ms. Liu, one of our joint company secretaries and a Hong Kong resident, will, among other things, act as our additional channel of communication with the Stock Exchange and be able to answer enquiries from the Stock Exchange. Ms. Liu will maintain contact with our Directors, Supervisors and senior management through various means, including regular meetings and telephone discussions whenever necessary;
- (iii) **Directors:** to facilitate communication with the Stock Exchange, we have provided our Authorized Representatives and the Stock Exchange with the contact details (such as mobile phone numbers, office phone numbers and e-mail addresses, to the extent possible) of each of our Directors such that our Authorized Representatives would have the means to contact all our Directors promptly at all times as and when the Stock Exchange wishes to contact our Directors on any matters. In the event that any Director expects to travel or otherwise be out of office, they will provide their phone number of the place of their accommodation to our Authorized Representatives. To the best of our knowledge and information, except for Ms. Gao Wen who ordinarily resides in Hong Kong, each Director who does not ordinarily reside in Hong Kong possesses or can apply for valid travel documents to visit Hong Kong and can meet with the Stock Exchange within a reasonable period upon request of the Stock Exchange;

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- (iv) **Compliance advisor:** we have appointed WRise Capital Limited as our compliance advisor (the “**Compliance Advisor**”) upon [REDACTED] pursuant to Rules 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]. Pursuant to Note to Rule 3A.23 of the Listing Rules, our Compliance Advisor will have access at all times to our Authorized Representatives, our Directors, our Supervisors and the other senior management and act as the additional channel of communication with the Stock Exchange and answer enquiries from the Stock Exchange. The contact details of our Compliance Advisor have been provided to the Stock Exchange. We will also inform the Stock Exchange promptly in respect of any change in our Compliance Advisor;
- (v) meetings between the Stock Exchange and our Directors could be arranged through our Authorized Representatives or our Compliance Advisor, or directly with our Directors within a reasonable time frame;
- (vi) we will also appoint professional advisors (including legal advisors and accountants) after the [REDACTED], if necessary, to assist us in dealing with any questions or queries raised by us and to ensure that there will be efficient communication with the Stock Exchange; and
- (vii) the Compliance Advisor will also advise on the on-going compliance requirements and other issues arising under the Listing Rules and other applicable laws and regulations in Hong Kong after the [REDACTED].

APPOINTMENT OF JOINT COMPANY SECRETARIES

Pursuant to Rule 8.17 of the Listing Rules, we must appoint a company secretary who satisfies the requirements under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules. According to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules, we must appoint an individual as our company secretary, who, by virtue of his or her academic or professional qualifications or relevant experience, is, in the opinion of the Stock Exchange, capable of discharging the functions of company secretary.

Pursuant to Note 1 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules, the Stock Exchange considers the following academic or professional qualifications to be acceptable: (i) a Member of The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute; (ii) a solicitor or barrister (as defined in the Legal Practitioners Ordinance); and (iii) a certified public accountant (as defined in the Professional Accountants Ordinance).

In addition, pursuant to Note 2 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules provides that, in assessing “relevant experience”, the Stock Exchange will consider the individual’s: (i) length of employment with the issuer and other issuers and the roles he/she played; (ii) familiarity with the Listing Rules and other relevant laws and regulations including the SFO, the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance and the Takeovers Code; (iii) relevant training taken and/or to be taken in addition to be the minimum requirement under Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules; and (iv) professional qualifications in other jurisdictions.

We have appointed Mr. Du Xutao (杜旭濤) (“**Mr. Du**”) as one of our joint company secretaries. He has a thorough understanding of the operations of the Board and our Company and has gained experience in handling corporate governance and general administrative matters relating to our Company. Although he presently does not possess the qualifications required under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules, we would like to appoint him as our joint company secretary due to his past experience within our Group and his thorough understanding of the internal administration and business operations of our Group. In addition, we have appointed Ms. Liu as the other joint company secretary to assist Mr. Du in discharging the duties of a company secretary. Ms.

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Liu is an associate member of both The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute and The Chartered Governance Institute in the United Kingdom. Ms. Liu therefore meets the qualification requirements under Note 1 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules and is in compliance with Rule 8.17 of the Listing Rules.

Our joint company secretaries will be jointly discharging the duties and responsibilities of a company secretary. Ms. Liu will be assisting Mr. Du in gaining the relevant experience required under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules. Mr. Du will also be assisted by (i) our Compliance Advisor for the first full financial year starting from the [REDACTED], particularly in relation to Hong Kong corporate governance practice and compliance matters; and (ii) the Hong Kong legal advisor of our Company, on matters regarding our Company’s ongoing compliance with the Listing Rules and the applicable Hong Kong laws and regulations. In addition, Mr. Du will endeavor to attend relevant trainings and familiarize himself with the Listing Rules and duties required of a company secretary of an issuer [REDACTED] on the Stock Exchange. We have applied to the Stock Exchange for, and the 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 Mr. Du may be appointed as a joint company secretary of our Company.

Pursuant to the Chapter 3.10 (Directors, Supervisors and Senior Management) of the Guide, the waiver will be for a fixed period of time not exceeding three years (the “**Waiver Period**”) and on the following conditions: (i) 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 (ii) the waiver can be revoked if there are material breaches of the Listing Rules by the issuer. The waiver is valid for an initial three-year period on the condition that Ms. Liu, as a joint company secretary of our Company, will work closely with, and provide assistance to, Mr. Du in the discharge of his duties as a joint company secretary and in gaining the relevant experience as required under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules and to become familiar with the requirements of the Listing Rules and other applicable Hong Kong laws and regulations. The waiver will be revoked immediately if Ms. Liu ceases to provide assistance to Mr. Du as the joint company secretary for the three-year period after [REDACTED].

We will further ensure that Mr. Du has access to the relevant training and support that would enhance his understanding of the Listing Rules and the duties of a company secretary of an issuer [REDACTED] on the Stock Exchange, and to receive updates on the latest changes to the applicable Hong Kong laws, regulations and the Listing Rules. Prior to the end of the three-year period, the qualifications and experience of Mr. Du and the need for on-going assistance of Ms. Liu will be further evaluated by us. We will liaise with the Stock Exchange to enable it to assess whether Mr. Du, having benefited from the assistance of Ms. Liu for the preceding three years, will have acquired the skills necessary to carry out the duties of 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.

See “Directors, Supervisors and Senior Management” for further information regarding the qualifications of Mr. Du and Ms. Liu.