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In preparation for the [REDACTED], our Company has sought the following waivers from strict compliance with the relevant provisions of the Hong Kong Listing Rules, the SFO and the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance:

WAIVER IN RELATION TO PRESENCE OF MANAGEMENT IN HONG KONG

According to Rule 8.12 of the Listing Rules, a new applicant for a primary listing on the Stock Exchange 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. Rule 19A.15 of the Listing Rules further provides that the requirement in Rule 8.12 of the Listing Rules may be waived by having regard to, among other considerations, our arrangements for maintaining regular communication with the Stock Exchange.

We do not have a sufficient management presence in Hong Kong for the purpose of satisfying the requirement under Rule 8.12 and Rule 19A.15 of the Listing Rules. Our management headquarters, senior management, business operations and assets are primarily based outside Hong Kong. None of our executive Directors ordinarily resides in Hong Kong. The Directors consider that either by means of relocation of our existing executive Directors or appointment of additional executive Directors who will be ordinarily resident in Hong Kong would not be beneficial to, or appropriate for, our Group and therefore would not be in the best interests of our Company or the Shareholders as a whole. As such, we have applied to the Stock Exchange for, and the Stock Exchange [has granted] us a waiver from strict compliance with Rule 8.12 and Rule 19A.15 of the Listing Rules. We will ensure that there is a regular and effective communication between us and the Stock Exchange by way of, among others, the following conditions:

- (a) pursuant to Rules 3.05 of the Listing Rules, we have appointed and will continue to maintain two authorized representatives, who will act as our principal channel of communication with the Stock Exchange and ensure that our Company complies with the Listing Rules at all times. The two authorized representatives appointed are Mr. Sun Yong (孫永) (“**Mr. Sun**”) and Ms. Chan Pui Ching (陳佩貞) (“**Ms. Chan**”) (the “**Authorized Representatives**”). Ms. Chan is situated and based in Hong Kong, and will be available to meet with the Stock Exchange in Hong Kong within a reasonable time frame upon the request of the Stock Exchange. Both of the Authorized Representatives will be readily contactable by telephone and email to deal promptly with enquiries from the Stock Exchange. Our Company has provided contact details of the two Authorized Representatives to the Stock Exchange and will inform the Stock Exchange promptly in respect of any change in the authorized representatives;
- (b) both Authorized Representatives have means to contact all Directors (including the independent non-executive Directors) promptly at all times as and when the Stock Exchange wishes to contact our Directors on any matters. Our Company has implemented a policy whereby (1) each Director has provided their respective valid phone numbers or other means of communication to the Authorized Representatives; (2) in the event that a Director expects to travel or is otherwise out of office, he/she will provide his/her phone number of the place of his/her accommodation to the Authorized Representatives or maintain an open line of communication via his/her mobile phone; and (3) each Director has provided his/her mobile phone number, office phone number, e-mail address and, where available, fax number to the Stock Exchange and will inform the Stock Exchange promptly if there are any changes to the contact details of the Directors;

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- (c) pursuant to Rule 3.20 of the Listing Rules, each Director has provided his/her contact information to the Stock Exchange and to the Authorized Representatives. This will ensure that the Stock Exchange and the Authorized Representatives should have means for contacting all Directors promptly at all times as and when required;
- (d) all our Directors who are not ordinarily resident in Hong Kong have confirmed that they possess or can apply for valid travel documents to visit Hong Kong and will be able to meet with relevant members of the Stock Exchange in Hong Kong within a reasonable time, when required;
- (e) pursuant to Rule 3A.19 of the Listing Rules, we have retained the services of South China Capital Limited as compliance advisor (the “**Compliance Advisor**”) upon [REDACTED] 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], which will act as an additional channel of communication with the Stock Exchange and will be available to respond to enquiries from the Stock Exchange. The contact details of the Compliance Advisor have been provided to the Stock Exchange;
- (f) our Authorized Representatives, Directors and other officers of our Company will provide promptly such information and assistance as the Compliance Advisor may reasonably require in connection with the performance of the Compliance Advisor’s duties as set forth in Chapter 3A of the Listing Rules. There will be adequate and efficient means of communication between our Company, Authorized Representatives, Directors and other officers of our Company and the Compliance Advisor, and, to the extent reasonably practicable and legally permissible, we will keep the Compliance Advisor informed of all communications and dealings between the Stock Exchange and us; meetings between the Stock Exchange and our Directors could be arranged through our Authorized Representatives or the Compliance Advisor, or directly with our Directors within a reasonable time frame. We will inform the Stock Exchange as soon as practicable in respect of any change of Authorized Representatives and/or the Compliance Advisor;
- (g) we will appoint other professional advisors (including legal advisors in Hong Kong) after the [REDACTED] to assist us in dealing with any questions which may be raised by the Stock Exchange and to ensure that there will be prompt and effective communication with the Stock Exchange; and
- (h) our Company has designated one of our staff members as the communication officer at our headquarters after the [REDACTED] who will be responsible for maintaining day-to-day communication with the Authorized Representatives and our Company’s professional advisors in Hong Kong, including our legal advisors in Hong Kong and the Compliance Advisor, to keep abreast of any correspondences and/or enquiries from the Stock Exchange and report to our executive Directors to further facilitate communication between the Stock Exchange and our Company.

WAIVER IN RELATION TO JOINT COMPANY SECRETARIES

Pursuant to Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules and Chapter 3.10 of the Guide for New Listing Applicants, a new applicant for listing on the Stock Exchange must appoint a company secretary who, by virtue of his/her academic or professional qualifications or relevant experience, is, in the opinion of the Stock Exchange, capable of discharging the functions of the company secretary.

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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:

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

Note 2 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules further provides that the 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 (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance and the Takeovers Code and Mergers and Share Buy-backs;
- (c) relevant training taken and/or to be taken in addition to be the minimum requirement under Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules; and
- (d) professional qualifications in other jurisdictions.

Our Company has appointed Mr. Sun and Ms. Chan as our joint company secretaries. See “Directors and Senior Management — Joint Company Secretaries” for their biographical details.

Mr. Sun has extensive experience in areas of finance and operations management. The Company believes that it would be in the best interests of the Company and the corporate governance of the Group to have as its joint company secretary a person such as Mr. Sun, who is our executive Director, secretary of the Board and chief financial officer and has day-to-day knowledge of the Company’s affairs. Mr. Sun has the necessary nexus to the Board and close working relationship with management of the Company in order to perform the function of a joint company secretary and to take the necessary actions in the most effective and efficient manner. However, Mr. Sun 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. Chan, who is an associate member of The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute and 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 Mr. Sun for an initial period of three years from the [REDACTED] to enable Mr. Sun 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.

Accordingly, 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. Sun 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], and is granted on the condition that Ms. Chan, as a joint company secretary of our Company, will work closely with Mr. Sun to jointly discharge the duties and responsibilities as company secretaries and assist Mr. Sun in acquiring the relevant experience as required under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules. Ms. Chan will also assist Mr. Sun 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. Chan is expected to work closely with Mr. Sun and will maintain regular contact with Mr. Sun, the Directors and the senior management of our Company. In addition, Mr. Sun will comply with the

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annual professional training requirement under Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules and will enhance his knowledge of the Listing Rules during the three-year period from the [REDACTED]. Mr. Sun will also be assisted by (a) the Compliance Advisor, particularly in relation to compliance with the Listing Rules; and (b) the Hong Kong legal advisors of our Company, on matters concerning our Company’s ongoing compliance with the Listing Rules and the applicable laws and regulations.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.10 of the Guide for New Listing Applicants, the waiver will be revoked immediately if Ms. Chan ceases to provide assistance to Mr. Sun as a joint company secretary for the three-year period after the [REDACTED] or where there are material breaches of the Listing Rules by our Company.

Prior to the expiration of the initial three-year period, the qualifications and experience of Mr. Sun 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 must demonstrate and seek the Stock Exchange’s confirmation that Mr. Sun, having benefited from the assistance of Ms. Chan 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.

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