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

WAIVER IN RELATION TO MANAGEMENT PRESENCE IN HONG KONG

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

The headquarters, senior management and business operations of our Group are primarily based, managed and conducted outside Hong Kong. None of our executive Directors ordinarily resides in Hong Kong. As our executive Directors and senior management play very important roles in our business operations, we consider that it is in the best interest of our Company for them to be based in the place where our Group has significant operations. As such, our Company does not, and will not for the foreseeable future, have a sufficient management presence in Hong Kong for the purpose of satisfying the requirement under Rules 8.12 and 19A.15 of the Listing Rules.

Accordingly, we have applied to the Stock Exchange for, and the Stock Exchange [has] granted us, a waiver from strict compliance with Rules 8.12 and 19A.15 of the Listing Rules. We will ensure that there is an effective channel of communication between us and the Stock Exchange by way of the following arrangements:

- (a) we have appointed Ms. Huang Qiong (黃瓊) (“**Ms. Huang**”), our executive Director, and Ko Pui Yu (高貝茹) (“**Ms. Ko**”), our joint company secretary, as our authorized representatives pursuant to Rule 3.05 of the Listing Rules. Our authorized representatives will act as our principal channel of communication with the Stock Exchange. They will be readily contactable by phone, email, and/or facsimile to promptly deal with enquiries from the Stock Exchange, and will also be available to meet with the Stock Exchange to discuss any matter within a reasonable period of time upon request of the Stock Exchange. Our Company will also inform the Stock Exchange promptly in respect of any change in our authorized representatives;
- (b) when the Stock Exchange wishes to contact our Directors on any matter, our authorized representatives will have all necessary means to contact all of our Directors (including our independent non-executive Directors) promptly at all times. We have provided the Stock Exchange with contact details of all Directors to facilitate communication with the Stock Exchange. Furthermore, to the best of our knowledge and information, 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 Stock Exchange within a reasonable period upon request of the Stock Exchange; and
- (c) we have appointed Rainbow Capital (HK) Limited as our Compliance Advisor upon the [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 our authorized representatives, Directors and senior management, and will act as an additional channel of communication with the Stock Exchange when our authorized representatives are not available.

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WAIVER IN RELATION TO APPOINTMENT OF JOINT COMPANY SECRETARY

Pursuant to Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules, the company secretary of an issuer must be an individual 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.

Note 1 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules further provides that 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 (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 sets out the factors that the Stock Exchange will consider in assessing an individual’s “relevant experience”:

- (a) length of employment with the issuer and other issuers and the roles he or she played;
- (b) familiarity with the Listing Rules and other relevant law 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.

Our Company was established in the PRC, and we primarily conduct business activities in the PRC. All our Directors and senior management who are familiar with our activities and have extensive experience in board and corporate management matters presently do not possess any of the qualifications under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules, and may not be able to solely fulfill the requirements of the Listing Rules.

We have appointed Ms. Huang and Ms. Ko, as our joint company secretaries. Although Ms. Huang does not possess the qualifications set out in Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules, we would like to appoint her as a joint company secretary due to her extensive experience in corporate governance matters and her familiarity with our operations and management. For the biographical information of Ms. Huang and Ms. Ko, see “Directors and Senior Management.”

Accordingly, we have applied to the Stock Exchange for, and the Stock Exchange [has] granted us, a waiver from strict compliance with the requirements under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules in relation to the appointment of Ms. Huang as our joint company secretary. Pursuant to Chapter 3.10 of the Guide, the waiver will be for a three-year period from the [REDACTED] (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 required under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules (the “**Qualified Person**”) and is appointed as a joint company secretary throughout the Waiver Period, and (ii) the waiver will be revoked if there are material breaches of the Listing Rules by the issuer.

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We have appointed Ms. Ko, a Qualified Person, as a joint company secretary to provide assistance to Ms. Huang during the Waiver Period so as to enable Ms. Huang to acquire the relevant experience as required under Note 2 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules to duly discharge her duties. Given Ms. Ko's professional qualifications and experience, she will be able to explain to both Ms. Huang and our Company the relevant requirements under the Listing Rules. Ms. Ko will also assist Ms. Huang in organizing Board meetings and Shareholders' meetings as well as other matters of our Company which are incidental to the duties of a company secretary. Ms. Ko is expected to work closely with Ms. Huang, and will maintain regular contact with Ms. Huang, our Directors and senior management. In addition, Ms. Huang will comply with the annual professional training requirement under Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules and will enhance her knowledge of the Listing Rules during the Waiver Period. Ms. Huang will also be assisted by (i) the Compliance Advisor, particularly in relation to compliance with the Listing Rules; and (ii) the Hong Kong legal advisor of our Company on matters concerning our Company's ongoing compliance with the Listing Rules and the applicable laws and regulations. The waiver will be revoked with immediate effect if Ms. Ko ceases to provide assistance to Ms. Huang during the Waiver Period or there are material breaches of the Listing Rules by our Company. If Ms. Ko ceases to be a joint company secretary before the end of the Waiver Period, our Company will seek another waiver from the Stock Exchange in relation to appointing another Qualified Person as a replacement.

We will liaise with the Stock Exchange before the end of the Waiver Period to enable it to assess whether Ms. Huang, having had the benefit of Ms. Ko's and, if applicable, another Qualified Person's assistance for three years, has acquired relevant experience within the meaning of Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules so that a further waiver will not be necessary.