

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

In preparation for the [REDACTED], our Company has 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.

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. 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:

- (i) we have appointed Dr. Wang, being our executive Director, and Ms. Jian Xuegen (“**Ms. Jian**”), being our joint company secretary, 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 our Company within a reasonable period of time;
- (ii) our Authorized Representatives have means contacting all Directors promptly at all times as and when the Stock Exchange proposes to contact a Director with respect to any matter;
- (iii) each Director has provided our Authorized Representatives and the Stock Exchange with the contact details (such as mobile phone number, office phone number and e-mail addresses, if any). In the event that any Director expects to travel or otherwise be out of office, he/she will provide the phone number of the place of his/her accommodation to our Authorized Representatives;
- (iv) 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; and
- (v) we have appointed Rainbow Capital (HK) 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]. The Compliance Advisor will have access at all times to our Authorized Representatives, our Directors and the other senior management and act as the additional channel of communication with the Stock Exchange and answer enquiries from the Stock Exchange.

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### APPOINTMENT OF JOINT COMPANY SECRETARIES

Pursuant to Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules, we must appoint a 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.

Note 1 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules provides that, 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 (Chapter 159 of the Laws of Hong Kong)); and
- (iii) 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, 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. Zhang Yu (“**Mr. Zhang**”) 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. Jian as the other joint company secretary to assist Mr. Zhang in discharging the duties of a company secretary. Ms. Jian is a member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a member of the Chinese Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Ms. Jian 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. See “Directors and Senior Management” for further information regarding the biographies of Mr. Zhang and Ms. Jian.

We have applied to the Stock Exchange for, and the Stock Exchange [has] granted to our Company, a waiver from strict compliance with the requirements of Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules for an initial period of three years from the [REDACTED] on the basis of the following proposed arrangements:

- (i) Mr. Zhang will endeavor to attend relevant training courses, including briefings on the latest changes to the relevant applicable Hong Kong laws and regulations and the Listing Rules, and seminars organized by the Stock Exchange for [REDACTED] issuers from time to time;
- (ii) both Mr. Zhang and Ms. Jian have confirmed that each of them will be attending a total of no less than 15 hours of training courses on the Listing Rules, corporate governance, information disclosure, investor relations, as well as the functions and duties of the company secretary of a Hong Kong [REDACTED] issuer during each financial year as required under Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules;

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- (iii) Ms. Jian will assist Mr. Zhang to enable him to acquire the relevant experience (as required under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules) to discharge the duties and responsibilities as our company secretary;
- (iv) Ms. Jian will communicate regularly with Mr. Zhang on matters relating to corporate governance, the Listing Rules, and any other laws and regulations which are relevant to us and our affairs. Ms. Jian will work closely with, and provide assistance to, Mr. Zhang in the discharge of his duties as a company secretary, including organizing our Board meetings and Shareholders’ general meetings;
- (v) prior to the expiry of Mr. Zhang’s initial term of appointment as the company secretary of our Company, our Company will evaluate his experience in order to determine if he has acquired the qualifications required under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules, and whether ongoing assistance should be arranged so that Mr. Zhang’s appointment as the company secretary of the Company continues to satisfy the requirements under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules;
- (vi) our Company has appointed Rainbow Capital (HK) Limited as its Compliance Advisor pursuant to Rule 3A.19 of the Listing Rules, which will act as the additional communication channel with the Stock Exchange and provide professional guidance and advice to our Company and Mr. Zhang as to compliance with the Listing Rules and all other applicable laws and regulations; and
- (vii) the waiver may be revoked with immediate effect if our Company commits material breaches of Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules.

Before the end of the three-year period, we shall liaise with the Stock Exchange to revisit the situation in the expectation that we should then be able to demonstrate to the Stock Exchange’s satisfaction that Mr. Zhang, having had the benefit of Ms. Jian’s assistance for three years, would then have acquired the relevant experience within the meaning of Note 2 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules so that a further waiver would not be necessary.

### **CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS**

We have applied to the Stock Exchange for, and the Stock Exchange [has] granted, waivers in relation to our partially-exempt continuing connected transaction. For further details, see “Continuing Connected Transactions — Partially-exempt Continuing Connected Transaction”.