

WAIVERS FROM STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE LISTING RULES

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

WAIVER IN RELATION TO MANAGEMENT PRESENCE IN HONG KONG

Pursuant to Rule 8.12 of the Listing Rules, our Company must have sufficient management presence in Hong Kong, which normally means that at least two 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 may be waived by having regard to, among other considerations, the applicant’s arrangements for maintaining regular communication with the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

Given that (i) our core business operations are principally located, managed and conducted in the PRC under the supervision of executive Directors and senior management; and (ii) our executive Directors and senior management principally reside in the PRC, our Company considers that it would be more practical for the executive Directors and senior management of our Company to remain ordinarily resident in the PRC where our Group has substantial operations. For the above reasons, we do not have, and do not contemplate in the foreseeable future that we will have sufficient management presence in Hong Kong for the purpose of satisfying the requirement under Rule 8.12 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 Rule 8.12 of the Listing Rules. We will ensure that there are adequate and efficient arrangements to achieve regular and effective communication between us and the Stock Exchange as well as compliance with the Listing Rules by way of the following arrangements:

- (a) We have appointed Mr. Zhou Shengfu (周盛夫) (“**Mr. Zhou**”) and Mr. Matthew Mo Kan Tsui (崔慕勤) (“**Mr. Tsui**”) as the authorized representatives (the “**Authorized Representatives**”) for the purpose of Rule 3.05 of the Listing Rules. The 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. Mr. Zhou ordinarily resides in Chinese mainland, and possesses valid travel documents and is able to renew such travel documents when they expire in order to visit Hong Kong, and Mr. Tsui ordinarily resides in Hong Kong. Accordingly, the 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;
- (b) To facilitate communication with the Stock Exchange, we have provided the Authorized Representatives and the Stock Exchange with the contact details of our Directors (i.e. mobile phone number, office phone number, email address and fax number (as applicable)). In the event that any Director expects to travel or otherwise be out of office, he or she will provide the phone number of the place of his/her accommodation to the Authorized Representatives, so that the Authorized Representatives would be able to contact all our Directors (including the proposed independent non-executive Directors) promptly at all times if and when the Hong Kong Stock Exchange wishes to contact our Directors. To the best of our knowledge and information, each Director who is not ordinarily resident 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 after requested by the Stock Exchange; and

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- (c) we have appointed Somerley Capital Limited as our Compliance Adviser in compliance with Rules 3A.19 of the Listing Rules. The Compliance Adviser will, among other things and in addition to the Authorized Representatives, provide us with professional advice on continuing obligations under the Listing Rules and act as additional channel of communication of our Company with the Stock Exchange during the period from the [REDACTED] to the date on which our Company complies with Rule 13.46 of the Listing Rules in respect of its financial results for the first full financial year immediately after the [REDACTED]. The Compliance Adviser will be available to answer enquiries from the Stock Exchange and will act as an additional channel of communication with the Stock Exchange when the Authorized Representatives are not available.

WAIVER IN RELATION TO JOINT COMPANY SECRETARIES

Rule 8.17 of the Listing Rules provides that our Company 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, our Company must appoint an individual, 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 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:

- (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)).

In addition, pursuant to Note 2 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules, in assessing “relevant experience”, the Stock Exchange will consider the individual’s:

- (a) length of employment with the issuer and other issuers and the roles they played;
- (b) familiarity with the Listing Rules and other relevant laws and regulations including the Securities and Futures Ordinance, Companies Ordinance, 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.

We have appointed Dr. Liu Yicheng (劉意成) (“**Dr. Liu**”) as one of the joint company secretaries of our Company. Dr. Liu currently serves as the Board Secretary and has substantial experience in handling corporate, investor relationship management and administrative matters but personally 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, our Company has appointed Mr. Tsui, who fully meets the requirements stipulated under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules to act as one of our joint company secretaries and to provide assistance to Dr. Liu for an initial period of three years from the [REDACTED] to enable Dr. Liu 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. See “Directors and Senior Management” in this document for further biographical details of Dr. Liu and Mr. Tsui. The

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following arrangements have been, or will be, put in place to assist Dr. Liu in acquiring the qualifications and experience as the company secretary of our Company required under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules:

- (a) Dr. Liu will attend relevant training courses, including briefings on the latest changes to the relevant applicable Hong Kong laws and regulations and the Listing Rules which will be organized by our Company's Hong Kong legal advisers on an invitation basis and seminars organized by the Stock Exchange for [REDACTED] from time to time;
- (b) Both Dr. Liu and Mr. Tsui 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, investors relation as well as the functions and duties of the company secretary of a Hong Kong [REDACTED] during each financial year as required under Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules;
- (c) Mr. Tsui will assist Dr. Liu 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 the company secretary of our Company;
- (d) Mr. Tsui will communicate regularly with Dr. Liu on matters relating to corporate governance, the Listing Rules and any other laws and regulations which are relevant to our Company and its affairs. Mr. Tsui will work closely with, and provide assistance to, Dr. Liu in the discharge of his duties as a company secretary, including organizing our Company's Board meetings and Shareholders' general meetings;
- (e) Prior to the expiry of Dr. Liu's initial term of appointment as the company secretary of our Company, we will evaluate his experience in order to determine if he has acquired the qualifications required under Rules 3.28 of the Listing Rules, and whether on-going assistance should be arranged so that Dr. Liu's appointment as the company secretary of our Company continues to satisfy the requirements under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules; and
- (f) Our Company has appointed Somerley Capital Limited as its Compliance Adviser pursuant to Rules 3A.19 of the Listing Rules which will act as the additional communication channel with the Stock Exchange (for a period commencing on the [REDACTED] and ending on the date on which the Company complies with Rule 13.46 of the Listing Rules in respect of its financial results for the first full financial year after the [REDACTED], or until the engagement is terminated, whichever is earlier) and provide professional guidance and advice to the Company (including Dr. Liu) as to the compliance with the Listing Rules and all other applicable laws and regulations.

Accordingly, we have applied to the Stock Exchange for, and the Stock Exchange [has granted] us, a waiver from strict compliance with Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules. Such waiver will be revoked immediately if and when (i) Dr. Liu ceases to be assisted by a person with qualifications under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules, or (ii) if there are material breaches of the Listing Rules by us. We will liaise with the Stock Exchange before the end of the three-year period to enable it to assess whether Dr. Liu, having had the benefit of Mr. Tsui's assistance for three years, will have acquired relevant experience within the meaning of Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules so that a further waiver will not be necessary.