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TAXATION OF SECURITY HOLDERS

The taxation of income and capital gains of holders of the H shares is subject to the laws and practices of the PRC and of jurisdictions in which holders of the H shares are residents or otherwise subject to tax. The following summary of certain relevant taxation provisions is based on current laws and practices, and no predictions are made about changes or adjustments to relevant laws or policies, and no comments or suggestions will be made accordingly. The discussion has no intention to cover all possible tax consequences resulting from the investment in the H shares, nor does it take the specific circumstances of any particular investor into account, some of which may be subject to special regulation. Accordingly, you should consult your own tax adviser regarding the tax consequences of an [REDACTED] in the H shares. The discussion is based upon laws and relevant interpretations in effect as of the Latest Practicable Date, all of which are subject to change or adjustment and may have retrospective effect.

This discussion does not address any aspects of PRC taxation other than income tax, capital gains tax and profits tax, sales tax, value-added tax (the “VAT”), stamp duty and estate duty. [REDACTED] are urged to consult their financial advisers regarding the PRC and other tax consequences of owning and disposing of the H shares.

Taxation in Mainland China

Tax on Dividends

Individual Investors

According to the Individual Income Tax Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國個人所得稅法》) (the “IIT Law”), latest amended by the SCNPC on August 31, 2018 and effective on January 1, 2019, and the Implementation Rules of the Individual Income Tax Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國個人所得稅法實施條例》) amended by the State Council on December 18, 2018 and effective on January 1, 2019, dividends paid by PRC companies to individual investors are ordinarily subject to a withholding income tax levied at a flat rate of 20%. Meanwhile, according to the Notice on Issues Concerning Differentiated Individual Income Tax Policies on Dividends and Bonus of Listed Companies (《關於上市公司股息紅利差別化個人所得稅政策有關問題的通知》) issued by the Ministry of Finance (the “MOF”), the State Administration of Taxation (the “SAT”) and the CSRC on September 7, 2015 and effective on September 8, 2015, where an individual acquires the stocks of a listed company from public offering of the company or from the stock market and holds the stocks for more than one year, the income from dividends and bonuses shall be temporarily exempt from individual income tax. Where an individual acquires the stocks of a listed company from public offering of the company or from the stock market and holds the stocks for not more than one month, the income from dividends and bonuses shall be included in the taxable income in full amount; or if the individual holds the stocks for more than one month but not more than one year, the income from dividends and bonuses shall be temporarily included in the taxable income at the reduced rate of 50%. Individual income tax on the aforesaid income shall be calculated and collected at the uniform rate of 20%.

Pursuant to the Arrangement between the Mainland China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income (《內地和香港特別行政區關於對所得避免雙重徵稅和防止偷漏稅的安排》) (the “Arrangement for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income”), executed on August 21, 2006, the PRC government may impose tax on dividends paid by a PRC company to a Hong Kong resident (including natural person and legal entity), but such tax shall not exceed 10% of the total amount of dividends payable. If a Hong Kong resident directly holds 25% or more of the equity interests in a PRC company and the Hong Kong resident is the beneficial owner of the dividends and meets other conditions, such tax shall not exceed 5% of the total amount of dividends payable by the PRC company. The Fifth Protocol to the Arrangement between the Mainland China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income

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(《國家稅務總局關於〈內地和香港特別行政區關於對所得避免雙重徵稅和防止偷漏稅的安排〉第五議定書》) (the “**Fifth Protocol**”), issued by the SAT and effective on December 6, 2019 provides that such provisions shall not apply to arrangements or transactions made for one of the primary purposes of obtaining such tax benefits.

Enterprise Investors

Pursuant to the Enterprise Income Tax Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國企業所得稅法》) (the “**EIT Law**”), amended by the SCNPC and effective on December 29, 2018, and the Implementation Rules of the Enterprise Income Tax Law (《中華人民共和國企業所得稅法實施條例》) (the “**Implementation Regulations of the EIT Law**”), last revised on December 6, 2024 and effective on January 20, 2025, where a non-resident enterprise has no establishment or place in China, or it has an establishment or a place in China but the income derived is not effectively connected with the aforesaid establishment or place, it shall pay 10% enterprise income tax on the portion of its income sourced from inside China, including dividends paid by a PRC resident enterprise that issues and lists shares in Hong Kong. The aforesaid tax payable on the income derived by a non-resident enterprise, shall be withheld at source, with the payer of the income serving as the withholding agent. When making such payment or when such payment is due, the withholding agent shall withhold the income tax from such payment. Such tax may be reduced or exempted pursuant to an applicable treaty for the avoidance of double taxation.

Pursuant to the Notice on the Issues Concerning Withholding the Enterprise Income Tax on the Dividends Paid by Chinese Resident Enterprises to H Share Holders Which Are Overseas Non-resident Enterprises (《關於中國居民企業向境外H股非居民企業股東派發股息代扣代繳企業所得稅有關問題的通知》) issued by the SAT and effective on November 6, 2008, where a Chinese resident enterprise pays dividends for the year of 2008 or any year thereafter to its H-share holders which are overseas non-resident enterprises, it shall withhold the enterprise income tax thereon at the uniform rate of 10%. The Reply on the Collection of Enterprise Income Tax on Dividends Received by Non-resident Enterprises from Holding B Shares and Other Shares (《關於非居民企業取得B股等股票股息徵收企業所得稅問題的批覆》) promulgated by the SAT and effective July 24, 2009 further provides that PRC-resident enterprises listed on Chinese and overseas stock exchanges by issuing stocks (including A shares, B shares and overseas shares) must withhold enterprise income tax at a flat rate of 10% on dividends of 2008 and onwards that it distributes to non-resident enterprise shareholders. Such tax rates may be further modified pursuant to the tax treaty or agreement that China has concluded with a relevant jurisdiction, where applicable.

According to the Arrangement for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income (《內地和香港特別行政區關於對所得避免雙重徵稅和防止偷漏稅的安排》), the PRC government may impose tax on dividends paid by a PRC company to a Hong Kong resident (including natural person and legal entity), but such tax shall not exceed 10% of the total dividends payable by the PRC company. If a Hong Kong resident directly holds 25% or more of equity interest in a PRC company and the Hong Kong resident is the beneficial owner of the dividends and meets other conditions, such tax shall not exceed 5% of the total dividends payable by the PRC company. The Fifth Protocol provides that such provisions shall not apply to arrangements or transactions made for one of the primary purposes of obtaining such tax benefits.

Pursuant to applicable regulations, we intend to withhold tax at a rate of 10% from dividends paid to non-PRC resident enterprise holders of our H Shares (including [REDACTED]). Non-PRC resident enterprises that are entitled to be taxed at a reduced rate under an applicable income tax treaty will be required to apply to the PRC tax authorities for a refund of any amount withheld in excess of the applicable treaty rate, and payment of such refund will be subject to the PRC tax authorities’ verification.

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Tax related to equity transfer income

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Under the IIT Law and its implementation rules, individuals are subject to individual income tax at a rate of 20% on gains realized on the sale of equity interests in PRC resident enterprises. Pursuant to the Circular Declaring that Individual Income Tax Continues to be Exempted over Income of Individuals from Transfer of Shares (《關於個人轉讓股票所得繼續暫免徵收個人所得稅的通知》), which was promulgated by the MOF and the SAT and became effective on March 30, 1998, from January 1, 1997, income of individuals from the transfer of shares in listed companies continues to be temporarily exempted from individual income tax. Although the IIT Law and its implementation rules have not stated whether it will continue exempting individual income tax on income of individuals from transfer of listed shares, the Circular on Relevant Issues Concerning the Collection of Individual Income Tax over the Income Received by Individuals from Transfer of Listed Shares Subject to Sales Limitation (《關於個人轉讓上市公司限售股所得徵收個人所得稅有關問題的通知》) (the “**Notice**”) promulgated jointly by the MOF, the SAT and the CSRC on December 31, 2009 and implemented on the same day, the Notice of State Taxation Administration of the PRC on Issues Relating to Levying and Payment of Individual Income Tax on Income from Transfer of Moratorium Shares (《國家稅務總局關於限售股轉讓所得個人所得稅徵繳有關問題的通知》) promulgated by the SAT of the PRC on January 18, 2010 and effective from January 18, 2010 and the Circular on Relevant Issues Concerning the Collection of Individual Income Tax over the Income Received by Individuals from Transfer of Listed Shares Subject to Sales Limitation (《關於個人轉讓上市公司限售股所得徵收個人所得稅有關問題的補充通知》) promulgated by the MOF, the SAT and CSRC on November 10, 2010 and effective from November 10, 2010, states that individuals’ income from transfer of listed shares on certain domestic stock exchanges (including Shenzhen Stock Exchange) shall continue being exempting from individual income tax, except for the shares subject to sales restriction. As at the date of this Document, the aforesaid provision has not expressly provided that individual income tax shall be collected from non-PRC resident individuals on the sale of shares of PRC resident enterprises listed on overseas stock exchanges. In practice, the PRC tax authorities have not collected income tax from non-PRC resident individuals on gains from the sale of shares of the PRC resident enterprises listed on overseas stock exchanges.

Enterprise Investors

Under the EIT Law and its implementation rules, where a non-resident enterprise has no establishment or place in China, or it has an establishment or a place in China but the income derived is not effectively connected with the aforesaid establishment or place, it shall pay 10% enterprise income tax on the portion of its income sourced from inside China, including gains derived from the disposal of shares in a PRC resident enterprise. The aforesaid tax payable on the income derived by a non-resident enterprise, shall be withheld at source, with the payer of the income serving as the withholding agent. When making such payment or when such payment is due, the withholding agent shall withhold the income tax from such payment. Such tax may be reduced or exempted pursuant to an applicable treaty for the avoidance of double taxation.

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect Taxation Policy and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect Taxation Policy

Pursuant to the Notice on the Tax Policies Related to the Pilot Program of the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect (《關於滬港股票市場交易互聯互通機制試點有關稅收政策的通知》) promulgated by the MOF, the SAT and the CSRC on October 31, 2014 and effective on November 17, 2014, and the Notice on the Tax Policies Related to the Pilot Program of the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect (《關於深港股票市場交易互聯互通機制試點有關稅收政策的通知》) promulgated by the MOF, the SAT and the CSRC on November 5, 2016 and effective on December 5, 2016, mainland enterprise investors’ income from the dividends and bonuses of the investment in stocks listed on the HKSE through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect or the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect shall be

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included into the total income and shall be calculated and levied according to the EIT law. In particular, income of mainland resident enterprises obtained from the dividends and bonuses by holding H shares for over twelve months consecutively shall be exempted from enterprise income tax according to the EIT law. Enterprises of H shares shall not withhold income tax of dividends and bonuses for mainland enterprise investors. The taxes payable shall be declared and paid by enterprises on their own.

For dividends and bonuses received by PRC individual investors investing in H shares listed on the HKSE through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, H-share companies shall submit an application to China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited (the “CSDC”), which shall provide H-share companies with a register of PRC individual investors. H-share companies shall withhold individual income tax at a rate of 20%. Individual investors who have paid withholding tax outside the PRC may apply for tax credits at the competent tax authorities of the CSDC with valid tax deduction certificates. Individual income tax is levied on dividend and bonus income derived by PRC security investment funds from investing in stocks listed on the HKSE through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect in accordance with the above provisions.

Pursuant to the Announcement on Continuing the Implementation of the Individual Income Tax Policies Concerning the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Mainland-Hong Kong Mutual Recognition of Funds (《關於繼續執行滬港、深港股票市場交易互聯互通機制和內地與香港基金互認有關個人所得稅政策的公告》) promulgated by the MOF, the SAT and the CSRC on December 4, 2019 and effective on December 5, 2019, the Announcement on Extension of the Individual Income Tax Policy With Respect to Shanghai-Hong Kong and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Exchange Connectivity Mechanisms as well as Mutual Recognition of Funds between the Chinese Mainland and Hong Kong (《關於延續實施滬港、深港股票市場交易互聯互通機制和內地與香港基金互認有關個人所得稅政策的公告》) which promulgated and implemented on August 21, 2023, and the Announcement on Continued Implementation of Relevant Preferential Individual Income Tax Policies (《關於延續實施有關個人所得稅優惠政策的公告》) promulgated and effective on January 16, 2023, the income of Chinese mainland individual investors, obtained as price difference of transferring, from investing in stocks listed on the HKSE through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, as well as from trading shares of Hong Kong funds through the Mutual Recognition of Funds, may be temporarily exempt from individual income tax from December 5, 2019 to December 31, 2027.

Stamp Duty

According to the Stamp Tax Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國印花稅法》) (the “**Stamp Tax Law**”), which was promulgated on June 10, 2021 and came into effect on July 1, 2022, the disposal of H Shares by non-mainland China investors outside of the mainland China is not subject to the requirements of the Stamp Tax Law.

Estate duty

According to PRC law, no estate duty is currently levied in the mainland China.

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MAJOR TAXATION OF OUR COMPANY IN THE PRC

Enterprise Income Tax

According to the EIT Law, within the territory of the PRC, enterprises, and other organizations which derive income (hereinafter referred to collectively as “enterprises”), shall be taxpayers of enterprise income tax and shall pay enterprise income tax in accordance with provisions of the EIT Law. The rate of enterprise income tax shall be 25%.

Enterprises that are recognized as high and new technology enterprises in accordance with the Administrative Measures for the Determination of High and New Tech Enterprises (《高新技術企業認定管理辦法》) issued by the MOF and the SAT are entitled to enjoy a preferential enterprise income tax rate of 15%, under which the validity period of the high and new technology enterprise qualification shall be three years from the date of issuance of the certificate. An enterprise can re-apply for such recognition as a high and new technology enterprise before or after the previous certificate expires.

Enterprises are categorized into resident enterprises and non-resident enterprises. Where a non-resident enterprise has no establishment or place in China, or it has an establishment or a place in China, but the income derived is not effectively connected with the aforesaid establishment or place, it shall pay enterprise income tax on the portion of its income sourced from inside China. The aforesaid tax payable on the income derived by a non-resident enterprise, shall be withheld at source, with the payer of the income serving as the withholding agent. When making such payment or when such payment is due, the withholding agent shall withhold the income tax from such payment. Meanwhile, any gains realized on the transfer of shares by such investors are subject to enterprise income tax and shall be withheld at source if such gains are regarded as income derived from the transfer of property within the PRC.

Value-added tax

On December 25, 2024, the SCNPC promulgated the Value-Added Tax Law of the People’s Republic of China (《中華人民共和國增值稅法》) (the “VAT Law”), which took effect on January 1, 2026, and the Interim Regulation of the People’s Republic of China on Value Added Tax (《中華人民共和國增值稅暫行條例》) was repealed concurrently. Pursuant to the VAT Law, entities and individuals (including individual industrial and commercial proprietors) selling goods, services, intangible assets, real property and the import of goods within the territory of the PRC are taxpayers of VAT and shall pay VAT in accordance with the provisions of the law. Unless stated otherwise, for taxpayers engaged in the sale of goods, provision of processing, repair and replacement services, rental services of tangible movable assets and the import of goods, the tax rate shall be 13%, and be, in certain specified circumstances, 9%, 6% and 0%.

According to Circular on Adjustment of VAT Rate (《關於調整增值稅稅率的通知》) (Cai Shui [2018] No. 32), promulgated by the MOF and the SAT on April 4, 2018, and effective as of May 1, 2018, in the case of VAT taxable sales or goods import by taxpayer, the original tax rates of 17% and 11% shall be adjusted to 16% and 10% respectively.

According to the Announcement on Relevant Policies for Deepening Value-Added Tax Reform (《關於深化增值稅改革有關政策的公告》) (2019 No. 39 of MOF, SAT and General Administration of Customs), promulgated by the MOF, the SAT and the General Administration of Customs on March 20, 2019 and became effective on April 1, 2019, the tax rate of 16% applicable to the VAT taxable sale or import of goods by a general VAT taxpayer shall be adjusted to 13%; and the tax rate of 10% applicable thereto shall be adjusted to 9%.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATION IN THE PRC

The lawful currency of the PRC is the Renminbi, which is currently subject to foreign exchange control and cannot be freely converted into foreign currency. The SAFE, authorized by the PBOC, is empowered with the functions of administering all matters relating to foreign exchange, including the enforcement of foreign exchange regulations.

Pursuant to the Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Foreign Exchange Control (《中華人民共和國外匯管理條例》) amended by the State Council and effective on August 5, 2008, all international payments and transfers are classified into current account items and capital account items. The PRC does not impose restrictions on international payments and transfers under current account items. The foreign exchange income under the current items may be reserved or sold to financial institutions operating the foreign exchange sale or settlement business. Before reserving the foreign exchange income under the capital items or selling it to any financial institution operating the foreign exchange sale or settlement business, the approval of the competent foreign exchange administrative organ shall be obtained, unless it is otherwise provided by the state.

Pursuant to the Regulations for the Administration of Settlement, Sale and Payment of Foreign Exchange (《結匯、售匯及付匯管理規定》) promulgated by the PBOC on June 20, 1996 and effective on July 1, 1996, the remaining restrictions on convertibility of foreign exchange in respect of current account items are abolished while the existing restrictions on foreign exchange transactions in respect of capital account items are retained.

According to relevant laws and regulations of the PRC, PRC enterprises (including foreign-invested enterprises) which require foreign exchange for transactions relating to current account items, may, without the approval of SAFE, effect payment from their foreign exchange accounts at the designated foreign exchange banks, on the strength of valid receipts and proof of transactions. Foreign-invested enterprise that need to distribute profits to their shareholders in foreign exchange and Chinese enterprise that need to pay fixed dividends in foreign exchange in accordance with the requirements shall pay from its foreign exchange account or pay at the designated foreign exchange bank by a resolution of the board of directors on the distribution of profits.

According to the Decision of the State Council on Canceling and Adjusting a Group of Administrative Approval Items and Other Matters (《國務院關於取消和調整一批行政審批項目等事項的決定》) promulgated by the State Council and effective on October 23, 2014, the administrative approval of the SAFE and its branches on matters concerning the repatriation and settlement of foreign exchange of overseas-raised funds through overseas listing has been canceled.

The Notice on Issues Concerning Capital Management for Overseas Listing of Domestic Enterprises (《關於境內企業境外上市資金管理有關問題的通知》) (the "Notice") was jointly issued by the People's Bank of China and the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on December 26, 2025, aiming to further facilitate efficient fund raising of domestic enterprises in overseas financial markets. Key elements of the Notice include: (1) Proceeds from overseas listing, share reduction, or share transfers can be repatriated in foreign currency or RMB, while dividends paid by listed entities participating in the "full circulation" of H-shares to domestic shareholders shall be distributed in RMB within China. (2) Funds raised from overseas listings, as well as proceeds from share reductions or transfers, shall in principle be repatriated to China. Any remaining funds from capital outflows for share purchases by shareholders or funds from transactions that are not completed shall be promptly repatriated. Enterprises meeting certain conditions are allowed to retain raised funds for use overseas.

According to the Notice on Issues Concerning Capital Management for Overseas Listing of Domestic Enterprises (《關於境內企業境外上市資金管理有關問題的通知》) (the "Notice") jointly issued by the PBOC and the SAFE on December 26, 2025, the relevant provisions on the administration of funds related to the overseas listings of domestic enterprises are as follows:

- (i) The PBC, the SAFE, and their branch offices shall oversee, regulate, and inspect domestic enterprises regarding their business registration, opening and use of

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accounts, cross-border payments and receipts, exchange of funds and other conduct involved in overseas listing.

- (ii) A domestic enterprise that makes an overseas listing shall, within 30 working days from the first trading day of the overseas listing or from the completion of an over-allotment, apply for overseas listing registration to a bank within the provincial area or city under separate state planning where it is registered (“**local bank**”). After verifying the above materials, the bank shall make registration for the domestic enterprise through the capital account-related module of the bank version of the Digital Foreign Exchange Administration Platform of the SAFE (“**System**”), print an overseas listing business registration certificate, affix its banking business seal thereto, and deliver it to the domestic enterprise.
- (iii) Where a domestic enterprise repurchases its overseas shares, it may use its overseas and domestic funds. Where it uses its domestic funds, it shall, within 20 working days prior to the proposed repurchase, apply for modification registration to the SAFE branch at its place of registration by submitting a written application accompanied by an Overseas Listing Registration Form and materials proving the authenticity of the repurchase transaction, among others.
- (iv) Where a domestic shareholder increases its holdings of overseas shares of a domestic enterprise, it shall, within 20 working days prior to the proposed increase, apply for shareholding increase registration to the SAFE local branch.
- (v) Funds related to the H-share full circulation business shall be transferred through the relevant accounts of CSDC. CSDC shall open a dedicated foreign exchange account for the H-share full circulation business with a domestic bank (account code 2417). CSDC’s Hong Kong subsidiary (“**CSDC Hong Kong**”) may open a dedicated overseas foreign exchange account for fund transfers related to the H-share full circulation business. Dividends payable by listed companies participating in the H-share full circulation program to domestic shareholders shall be distributed directly in RMB within the territory through CSDC.

According to the Notice of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Further Simplifying and Improving Policies for the Foreign Exchange Administration of Direct Investment (《國家外匯管理局關於進一步簡化和改進直接投資外匯管理政策的通知》) issued on February 13, 2015 and recently amended with immediate effect on December 30, 2019, the SAFE has cancelled the confirmation of foreign exchange registration under domestic direct investment and confirmation of foreign exchange registration under overseas direct investment, instead, banks shall directly examine and handle foreign exchange registration under domestic direct investment and foreign exchange registration under overseas direct investment (hereinafter collectively referred to as “**foreign exchange registration of direct investment**”) pursuant to this Notice and Operating Guidelines for Foreign Exchange Business in Direct Investment, and the SAFE and its branch offices shall indirectly regulate the foreign exchange registration of direct investment through banks.

According to the Notice of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange of the PRC on Revolutionize and Regulate Capital Account Settlement Management Policies (《國家外匯管理局關於改革和規範資本項目結匯管理政策的通知》) issued by the SAFE on June 9, 2016 and recently amended with immediate effect on December 4, 2023, the settlement of foreign exchange receipts under the capital account (including the foreign exchange capital, external debts and funds recovered from overseas listing, etc.) that are subject to discretionary settlement may be handled at banks based on the domestic institutions’ actual requirements for business operation. The proportion of discretionary settlement of domestic institutions’ foreign exchange receipts under the capital account is temporarily determined as 100%, subject to adjustment by the SAFE in due time in accordance with international revenue and expenditure situations.

HONG KONG TAXATION

Tax on Dividends

Under the current practice of the Inland Revenue Department of Hong Kong, no tax is payable in Hong Kong in respect of dividends paid by us.

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Capital Gains and Profit Tax

No tax is imposed in Hong Kong in respect of capital gains from the sale of H Shares. However, trading gains from the sale of H Shares by persons carrying on a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong, where such gains are derived from or arise in Hong Kong from such trade, profession or business will be subject to Hong Kong profits tax, which is currently imposed at the maximum rate of 16.5% on corporations and at the maximum rate of 15% on unincorporated businesses. Certain categories of taxpayers (for example, financial institutions, insurance companies and securities dealers) are likely to be regarded as deriving trading gains rather than capital gains unless these taxpayers can prove that the investment securities are held for long-term investment purposes.

Trading gains from sales of H Shares effected on the Stock Exchange will be considered to be derived from or arise in Hong Kong. Liability for Hong Kong profits tax would thus arise in respect of trading gains from sales of H Shares effected on the Stock Exchange realized by persons carrying on a business of trading or dealing in securities in Hong Kong.

Taxes for Securities Holders

The income tax and the capital gains tax for holders of H Shares shall be subject to the laws and practices of PRC and the jurisdictions in which the holders of H Shares are residents or subject to taxes for other reasons. The following summary of relevant tax provisions is based on current laws and practices, and does not take into account anticipated changes in or amendments to the relevant laws and policies or constitute any opinions or suggestions. The discussion does not address all of the possible tax consequences associated with H-Shares, nor does it take into account the particular circumstances of any individual investor, some of which may be subject to special rules. Accordingly, you should consult your own tax adviser as to the tax implications of the H Shares. The discussion is based on the laws and the relevant interpretations in force as of the Latest Practicable Date. All the laws and relevant interpretations are subject to changes and may have retrospective effect.

The discussion does not address any PRC tax issues other than income tax, capital gains tax, value-added tax, stamp duty and estate duty. Prospective investors should consult their tax advisers regarding the Chinese and other tax implications of holding and disposing of H-shares.