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THE PRC LEGAL SYSTEM

The PRC legal system is based on the Constitution of the PRC (the “**Constitution**”) and is made up of written laws, administrative regulations, local regulations, autonomous regulations, separate regulations, rules and regulations of State Council departments, rules and regulations of local governments, laws of special administrative regions and international treaties of which the PRC Government is a signatory, and other regulatory documents. Court judgments do not constitute legally binding precedents, although they are used for the purposes of judicial reference and guidance.

Pursuant to the Constitution and the Legislation Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國立法法》) (the “**Legislation Law**”), the NPC and SCNPC are empowered to exercise the legislative power of the State. The NPC has the power to formulate and amend the basic laws governing criminal and civil matters, State institutions and other matters. The SCNPC formulates and amends laws other than those required to be enacted by the NPC and to supplement and amend parts of the laws enacted by the NPC during the adjournment of the NPC, provided that such supplements and amendments are not in conflict with the basic principles of such laws.

The State Council is the highest organ of state administration and has the power to formulate administrative regulations based on the Constitution and laws. The people’s congresses of the provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities and their standing committees may formulate local regulations based on the specific circumstances and actual needs of their respective administrative areas, provided that such local regulations do not contravene any provision of the Constitution, laws or administrative regulations. The people’s congresses of cities divided into districts and their respective standing committees may formulate local regulations with respect to urban and rural construction and administration, ecological civilization construction, historical and cultural protection, grassroots governance and other aspects according to the specific circumstances and actual needs of such cities, provided that such local regulations do not contravene any provision of the Constitution, laws, administrative regulations and local regulations of their respective provinces or autonomous regions. If the law provides otherwise on the formulation of local regulations by cities divided into districts, those provisions shall prevail. Such local regulations of cities divided into districts will become enforceable after being reported to and approved by the standing committees of the people’s congresses of the relevant provinces or autonomous regions. The standing committees of the people’s congresses of the provinces or autonomous regions examine the legality of local regulations submitted for approval, and such approval should be granted within four months if they are not in conflict with the Constitution, laws, administrative regulations and local regulations of such provinces or autonomous regions. Where, during the examination for approval of local regulations of cities divided into districts by the standing committees of the people’s congresses of the provinces or autonomous regions, conflicts are identified with the rules and regulations of the people’s governments of the provinces or autonomous regions concerned, a decision should be made by the standing committees of the people’s congresses of provinces or autonomous regions to resolve the issue. People’s congresses of national autonomous areas have the power to enact autonomous regulations and separate regulations in light of the political, economic and cultural characteristics of the ethnic groups in the areas concerned.

The ministries, commissions of the State Council, the PBOC, the National Audit Office, institutions with administrative functions directly under the State Council, and other institutions stipulated by law may formulate rules and regulations within the power of their respective departments based on the laws, administrative regulations, decisions and rulings of the State Council. Matters governed by the departmental rules and regulations should be those for the enforcement of the laws, administrative regulations, decisions and rulings of the State Council. The people’s governments of provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities directly under the central government and cities divided into districts and autonomous regions may formulate rules and regulations, in accordance with laws, administrative regulations and relevant local regulations of provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities directly under the central government.

Pursuant to the Resolution of the SCNPC Providing an Improved Interpretation of the Law (《全國人民代表大會常務委員會關於加強法律解釋工作的決議》) passed on June 10, 1981, issues related to the further clarification or supplement of laws or decrees should be interpreted by the SCNPC or provided by with decrees, issues related to the application of laws in a court trial should be

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interpreted by the Supreme People’s Court, issues related to the application of laws in a prosecution process should be interpreted by the Supreme People’s Procuratorate, and the application of other laws and decrees in matters other than those involved in trial or prosecution process should be interpreted by the State Council and the competent authorities. The State Council and its ministries and commissions are also vested with the power to give interpretations of the administrative regulations and departmental rules which they have promulgated. At the regional level, the power to interpret regional laws and regulations is vested in the regional legislative and administrative authorities which promulgate such laws and regulations.

THE PRC JUDICIAL SYSTEM

Under the Constitution, the Law of Organization of the People’s Courts of the PRC (《中華人民共和國人民法院組織法》) and the Law of Organization of the People’s Procuratorate of the PRC (《中華人民共和國人民檢察院組織法》), the people’s courts of the PRC are classified into the Supreme People’s Court, the local people’s courts at various levels, and other special people’s courts. The local people’s courts at various levels are divided into three levels, namely, the primary people’s courts, the intermediate people’s courts and the higher people’s courts. The primary people’s courts may set up a number of people’s tribunals based on the facts of the region, population and cases. The Supreme People’s Court is the highest judicial authority. The Supreme People’s Court shall supervise the judicial work of the local people’s courts at all levels and special people’s courts, and people’s courts at higher levels shall supervise the judicial work of people’s courts at lower levels. The People’s Procuratorates of the PRC are divided into the Supreme People’s Procuratorate, local people’s procuratorates at various levels, and specialized people’s procuratorates such as the Military Procuratorate. The Supreme People’s Procuratorate is the highest procuratorial organ. The Supreme People’s Procuratorate directs the work of the local people’s procuratorates and specialized people’s procuratorates at all levels, and the people’s procuratorates at higher levels direct the work of the people’s procuratorates at lower levels.

The people’s court takes the rule of the second instance as the final rule, that is, the judgments or rulings of the second instance of the people’s court are final. The parties may appeal against the judgment or ruling of the first instance of a local people’s court. The people’s procuratorate may present a protest to the people’s court at the next higher level in accordance with the procedures stipulated by the laws. In the absence of any appeal by the parties and any protest by the people’s procuratorate within the stipulated period, the judgments or rulings of the people’s court are final. Judgments or rulings of the second instance of the intermediate people’s courts, the higher people’s courts and the Supreme People’s Court are final. The first judgments or rulings of the Supreme People’s Court are also final. However, if the Supreme People’s Court or a people’s court at the next higher level discovers an error in the final and binding judgment or ruling which has taken effect in any people’s court at a lower level, or the presiding judge of a people’s court discovers an error in a final and binding judgment or rulings which has taken effect in the court over which he presides, a retrial of the case may be initiated according to the judicial supervision procedures.

The Civil Procedure Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國民事訴訟法》) (the “**PRC Civil Procedure Law**”) prescribes the conditions for instituting a civil action, the jurisdiction of the people’s courts, the procedures for conducting a civil action, and the procedures for enforcement of a civil judgment or ruling. Each party to a civil action conducted within the PRC must comply with the relevant provisions of the PRC Civil Procedure Law. A civil case is generally heard by the court located in the defendant’s place of domicile. The court of jurisdiction in respect of a civil action may also be chosen by explicit agreement among the parties to a contract, provided that the people’s court having jurisdiction should be located at places directly connected with the disputes, such as the plaintiff’s or the defendant’s place of domicile, the places where the contract is executed or signed or the place where the object of the action is located. Meanwhile, such selection cannot violate the stipulations of hierarchical jurisdiction and exclusive jurisdiction in any case.

A foreign individual, a person without nationality, a foreign enterprise and organization is given the same litigation rights and obligations as a citizen, a legal person and other organization of the PRC when initiating actions or defending against litigation at the people’s court. Should a foreign court limit the litigation rights of citizens, a legal person, and other organizations of the PRC, the PRC court may

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apply the same limitations to the civil litigation rights to citizens, enterprises and organizations of such foreign country. A foreign individual, a person without nationality, a foreign enterprise and organization must engage a PRC lawyer in case he or it needs to engage a lawyer for the purpose of initiating actions or defending against litigations at the people’s court. In accordance with the international treaties to which the PRC is a signatory or participant or according to the principle of reciprocity, a people’s court and a foreign court may request each other to serve documents, conduct investigation and collect evidence and conduct other actions on its behalf. A people’s court shall not accommodate any request made by a foreign court which will result in the violation of sovereignty, security or public interests of the PRC.

All parties to a civil action shall perform the legally effective judgments and rulings. If any party to a civil action refuses to abide by a judgement or ruling made by a people’s court or an award made by an arbitration tribunal in the PRC, the other party may apply to the people’s court for the enforcement of the same within two years, subject to application for postponed enforcement or revocation. If a party fails to satisfy within the stipulated period a judgement which the court has granted an enforcement approval, the court may, upon the application of the other party, mandatorily enforce the judgement on the party.

Where a party applies for enforcement of a legally effective judgement or ruling made by a people’s court, and the party subject to enforcement or his property is not within the territory of the PRC, the applicant may directly apply to a foreign court with jurisdiction for recognition and enforcement of the judgement or ruling, or the people’s court may, in accordance with the provisions of international treaties to which the PRC is a signatory or in which the PRC is a participant or the principle of reciprocity, request recognition and enforcement by a foreign court. Similarly, where an effective judgment or ruling made by a foreign court needs to be recognized and enforced by the people’s court of the PRC, unless the people’s court considers that the recognition or enforcement of the judgment or ruling would violate the basic legal principles of the PRC, national sovereignty, national security or social and public interest, the parties involved may directly apply to an intermediate people’s court of the PRC with jurisdiction for recognition and enforcement, or the foreign court may, in accordance with the provisions of international treaties entered into or acceded to by that country and the PRC or according to the principle of reciprocity, request the people’s court to recognize and enforce it.

THE GUIDELINES FOR THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF LISTED COMPANIES

On March 28, 2025, the CSRC Promulgated the latest amended Guidelines for the Articles of Association of Listed Companies” (《上市公司章程指引》) (the “**Guidelines for the Articles of Association**”). According to the Overseas Listing Trial Measures and its supporting guidelines, Guidelines for the Application of Regulatory Rules — Overseas Issuance and Listing Category No. 1, domestic enterprises that are directly listed overseas shall formulate its Articles of Association with reference to the Guidelines for the Articles of Association and other relevant provisions of the CSRC on main provisions of the PRC Company Law, the Overseas Listing Trial Measures and the Guidelines for the Articles of Association.

THE COMPANY LAW OF THE PRC

The Company Law of the People’s Republic of China (the “**PRC Company Law**”) was adopted by the Standing Committee of the Eighth NPC at its Fifth Session on December 29, 1993 and came into effect on July 1, 1994. It was successively amended on December 25, 1999, August 28, 2004, October 27, 2005, December 28, 2013, October 26, 2018 and December 29, 2023. The newly revised PRC Company Law has implemented on July 1, 2024.

A “joint stock limited company” refers to a corporate legal person incorporated in China under the PRC Company Law with independent legal person properties and entitlements to such legal person properties. The liability of the company for its own debts is limited to the total amount of all assets it owns and the liability of its shareholders for the company is limited to the extent of the shares they subscribe for.

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The joint stock limited companies shall carry out business in compliance with the requirements of laws and administrative regulations. They may invest in other limited liability companies and joint stock limited companies, and its liabilities for an invested company are limited to the extent of its investment amount.

(a) Incorporation

A joint stock limited company may be incorporated by promotion or raising. A company shall be incorporated by 1 to 200 promoters, provided that at least more than half of the promoters should reside in the PRC. The registered capital of a joint stock limited company shall be the total amount of share capital of which the shares have been issued, registered with the company registration authority. Before the capital for the shares subscribed by the promoters are paid in full, the company may not offer any share to others. If laws, administrative regulations and decisions of the State Council have separate provisions on the minimum registered capital of a joint stock limited company, the company should follow such provisions.

For companies incorporated by way of promotion, the promoters shall fully subscribe and pay for the shares that shall be issued at the time of formation of the company as specified in the Articles of Association. Procedures relating to the transfer of titles to non-monetary assets shall be duly completed if such assets are to be contributed as capital. Promoters who fail to pay up their capital contributions in accordance with the foregoing provisions shall assume default liabilities in accordance with the covenants set out in the promoters' agreements. After the promoters have confirmed the capital contribution under the Articles of Association, a Board of Directors and a Board of Supervisors shall be elected and the Board of Directors shall authorize a representative to apply to the company registration authority for incorporation within 30 days of conclusion of the company's formation meeting.

Where companies are incorporated by raising, not less than 35% of the total shares that shall be issued at the time of formation of the company as specified in the Articles of Association, unless otherwise provided for by laws or administrative regulations. A document shall be published and a subscription letter shall be prepared when the company offer shares to the public. The subscription letter shall be filled in by the subscriber with the number of shares to be subscribed, amount, address, and signed or sealed. The subscribers shall pay up monies for the shares in full amount according to the number of shares they have subscribed for. Where a company is offering shares to the public, such offer shall be underwritten by security companies established under PRC laws, and an underwriting agreement shall be concluded thereon. A company offering shares to the public shall also enter into agreements with banks in relation to the receipt of subscription monies. After the subscription monies for the share issued have been paid in full, a capital verification institution established under PRC law must be engaged to conduct a capital verification and issue a certificate thereof. The promoters shall convene an formation meeting within 30 days of full payment of the shares that shall be issued at the time of formation of the company. The formation meeting shall be formed by the promoters and subscribers. Within 30 days of the conclusion of the formation meeting, the Board of Directors shall authorize a representative to apply to the company registration authority for registration of the establishment of the company. A company is formally established and has the status of a legal person after approval of registration has been given by the company registration authority and a business license has been issued.

(b) Share Capital

The promoters may make a capital contribution in currencies, or non-monetary assets such as in kind or intellectual property rights or land use rights or equities or claims which can be appraised with monetary value and transferred lawfully, except for assets which are prohibited from being contributed as capital by the laws or administrative regulations. If a capital contribution is made in non-monetary assets, a valuation of the assets contributed must be carried out pursuant to the provisions of the laws or administrative regulations on valuation without any over-valuation or under-valuation.

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The issuance of shares shall be conducted in a fair and equitable manner. Each share of the same class must carry equal rights. Shares issued at the same time and within the same class must be issued on the same conditions and at the same price. The same price per share shall be paid by any share subscriber. The stocks representing par value shares may be issued at a price equal to or at a premium to their par value, but shall not be issued at a price below par value.

(c) Increase In Share Capital

Pursuant to the PRC Company Law, an increase in the capital of a company by means of an issue of new shares should be approved by shareholders’ meeting; or under the articles of association of the company or the authorization of the shareholders’ meeting, the Board of Directors could decide to issue not more than 50% of the shares that have been issued within three years, provided that if the capital contributions are to be made using non-monetary property, they shall be subject to a resolution made by the shareholders’ meeting. In addition, the Securities Law of the PRC (the “**PRC Securities Law**”) also stipulates the following conditions for the company’s public offering of new shares:

- (1) have a sound organizational structure with satisfactory operating;
- (2) have the capability of sustainable operation;
- (3) have been issued with an unqualified opinion audit report by the auditor for the company’s financial accounting documents in the latest three years;
- (4) the issuer and its controlling shareholder(s) and actual controlling party do not have criminal record during the past three years for corruption, bribery, encroachment of assets, misappropriation of assets or disruption of socialist market economy order; and
- (5) other conditions required by the securities administration department of the State Council as approved by the State Council.

(d) Reduction of Share Capital

The company shall reduce the registered capital in accordance with the following procedures as stipulated in the PRC Company Law:

- (1) the company shall prepare a balance sheet and an inventory of properties;
- (2) make a resolution at a shareholders’ meeting to reduce the registered capital;
- (3) the company shall notify its creditors within 10 days after making the resolution to reduce the registered capital and publish the relevant announcement in newspapers or the National Enterprise Credit Information Publicity System within 30 days;
- (4) a creditor may, within 30 days after receipt of the notification, or within 45 days after the date of announcement if he/she has not received the notification, have the right to request the company to repay its debts or provide relevant guarantees; and
- (5) the company must apply to the company registration authority for a change in registration.

(e) Repurchase of Shares

Under the provisions of the PRC Company Law, a company shall not repurchase its own shares except in the following circumstances:

- (1) reduction of the registered capital of the company;
- (2) merger with another company that holds its shares;
- (3) use of its shares for carrying out an employee stock ownership plan or equity incentive;
- (4) request from shareholders who object to a resolution of the shareholders’ meeting on merger or division of the company to acquire their shares by the company;
- (5) use of shares for conversion of convertible corporate bonds issued by the listed company; and

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- (6) it is necessary for a listed company to maintain its company value and protect its shareholders’ equity.

A resolution of the shareholders’ meeting is required for the repurchase of shares by a company under either of the circumstances stipulated in item (1) or item (2) above; for a company’s repurchase of shares under any of the circumstances stipulated in item (3), item (5) or item (6) above, a resolution of a meeting of the Board of Directors shall be made by more than two-thirds of directors attending the meeting according to the provisions of the Company’s Articles of Association or as authorized by the shareholders’ meeting.

The shares acquired by the company according to the above provisions under the circumstance stipulated in item (1) hereof a company shall be deregistered within 10 days from the date of acquisition of shares; the shares shall be transferred or deregistered within six months if the repurchase of shares is made under the circumstances stipulated in either item (2) or item (4); and the shares in the company held in total by the company after the repurchase of shares under any of the circumstances stipulated in item (3), item (5) or item (6) shall not exceed 10% of the Company’s total issued shares, and shall be transferred or deregistered within three years.

A company shall not accept its own shares as the subject matter of a mortgage.

(f) Transfer of Shares

Shares held by shareholders may be transferred legally. Under the PRC Company Law, a shareholder should effect a transfer of his shares on the stock exchange established in accordance with laws or by any other means as required by the State Council. The transfer of shares by a shareholder must be conducted by means of an endorsement or by other means stipulated by laws or by administrative regulations. Following the transfer of shares, the company shall enter the names and domiciles of the transferee into its share register. Change of the register of members described in the preceding paragraph shall not be registered within 20 days before the convening of a shareholders’ meeting or five days prior to the base date on which the company decides to distribute dividends. However, where there are separate provisions by laws, administrative regulations and the securities regulatory authority of the State Council on the alternation of registration in the register of members of listed companies, those provisions shall prevail.

Pursuant to the PRC Company Law, shares of the company issued prior to the public issue of shares may not be transferred within one year from the date of the company’s listing on the stock exchange. Directors, supervisors and the senior management of a company shall declare to the company their shareholdings in it and any changes in such shareholdings. During their terms of office as determined upon assuming their positions, they may transfer no more than 25% of the total number of shares they hold in the company every year. They shall not transfer the shares they hold within one year from the date of the company’s listing on the stock exchange, nor within six months after they leave their positions in the company. The Articles of Association may set out other restrictive provisions in respect of the transfer of shares in the company held by its directors, supervisors and the senior management.

Pursuant to the Overseas Listing Trial Measures, for a domestic company directly offering and listing overseas, the shareholders of its domestic unlisted shares applying to convert its domestic unlisted shares into overseas listed shares and listed and traded on an overseas trading venue shall conform to relevant regulations promulgated by the CSRC, and appoint the domestic company to file with the CSRC.

(g) Shareholders’ Meetings

The shareholders’ meeting is the organ of authority of the company, which exercises its powers in accordance with the PRC Company Law. The shareholders’ meeting may exercise its powers:

- (1) to elect or replace the directors and supervisors and to decide on the matters relating to the remuneration of directors and supervisors;
- (2) to consider and approve the reports of the Board of Directors;

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- (3) to consider and approve the reports of the Board of Supervisors;
- (4) to consider and approve the company’s profit distribution and loss recovery proposals;
- (5) to decide on any increase or reduction of the company’s registered capital;
- (6) to decide on the issue of corporate bonds;
- (7) to decide on merger, division, dissolution and liquidation of the company or change of its corporate form;
- (8) to amend the Articles of Association of the company; and
- (9) to exercise any other authority stipulated in the Articles of Association of the company.

The shareholders’ meeting may authorize the Board of Directors to make resolutions on the issuance of corporate bonds.

Pursuant to the PRC Company Law and the Guidelines for Articles of Association, a shareholders’ meeting is required to be held once a year within six months after the end of the previous accounting year. An extraordinary meeting is required to be held within two months upon the occurrence of any of the following:

- (1) the number of directors is less than the number required by the law or less than two-thirds of the number specified in the Articles of Association of the company;
- (2) the total outstanding losses of the company amounted to one-third of the company’s total share capital;
- (3) shareholders individually or in aggregate holding 10% or more of the company’s shares request to convene an extraordinary meeting;
- (4) the Board of Directors deems necessary;
- (5) the Board of Supervisors so proposes; or
- (6) any other circumstances as provided for in the Articles of Associations of the company.

A shareholders’ meeting is convened by the Board of Directors and presided over by the chairman of the Board of Directors. In the event that the chairman is incapable of performing or is not performing his or her duties, the meeting shall be presided over by the vice chairman. If the vice chairman is incapable of performing or is not performing his or her duties, a director jointly recommended by a majority of directors shall preside over the meeting. If the Board of Directors is unable to or fails to perform its duty of convening the shareholders’ meeting, the Board of Supervisors shall convene and preside over such meeting in a timely manner; if the Board of Supervisors fails to convene and preside over such meeting, shareholders who individually or jointly hold more than 10% of the company’s shares for more than 90 consecutive days may independently convene and preside over such meeting.

In accordance with the PRC Company Law, a notice stating the time and venue of the meeting and the matters to be considered at the meeting shall be given to all shareholders 20 days before the meeting if the shareholders’ meeting is convened. Notice of the extraordinary meeting shall be given to all shareholders 15 days before the meeting. Shareholders who individually or jointly hold more than one percent of the shares of the company may submit an interim proposal in writing to the Board of Directors ten days before the shareholders’ meeting is held. The Board of Directors shall notify other shareholders within two days upon receipt of the proposal, and submit the interim proposal to the meeting for deliberation. Unless the interim proposal violates the provisions of laws, administrative regulations, or the Articles of Association, or does not fall within the purview of the shareholders’ meeting. The company shall not increase the percentage of shares required for shareholders to submit an interim proposal.

The contents of the interim proposal shall fall within the scope of powers of the shareholders’ meeting, and the proposal shall provide clear agenda and specific matters on which resolutions are to be made. A company that publicly offers shares shall issue the notices in the form of announcement.

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According to the PRC Company Law, shareholders present at shareholders' meeting shall have one vote for each share they hold, save that shares held by the company itself are not entitled to any voting rights.

An accumulative voting system may be adopted for the election of directors and supervisors at the shareholders' meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Articles of Association of the company or a resolution of the shareholders' meeting. Under the accumulative voting system, when the shareholders' meeting elect directors or supervisors, each share has the same voting rights as the number of directors or supervisors to be elected, and the voting rights owned by shareholders can be used collectively.

Under the PRC Company Law, the passing of any resolution at the meeting requires affirmative votes of shareholders representing a majority of the voting rights held by the shareholders who attend the meeting except in cases of proposed amendments to the Articles of Association, increase or decrease of registered capital, merger, division or dissolution, or change of corporation form, which require affirmative votes of shareholders representing more than two-thirds of the voting rights held by the shareholders who attend the meeting. Shareholders may entrust a proxy to attend shareholders' meetings on his or her behalf by a power of attorney which sets forth the scope of exercising the voting rights.

Minutes shall be prepared in respect of matters considered at the shareholders' meeting and the chairperson and directors attending the meeting shall endorse such minutes by signature. The minutes shall be kept together with the shareholders' attendance register and the proxy forms.

(h) Board of Directors

A company shall have a Board of Directors, which shall have three or more members. Members of the Board of Directors may include staff representatives, who shall be democratically elected by the Company's staff at a staff representative assembly, general staff meeting or otherwise. In the case of a company with three hundred or more employees, except when a Board of Supervisors has been established including staff representative among its members as required by law, the Board of Directors shall include staff representatives among its members.

The term of office of the directors shall be provided for by the Articles of Association, but each term of office shall not exceed three years. A director may seek reelection upon expiry of the said term. A director shall continue to perform his/her duties as a director in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association until a duly re-elected director takes office, if re-election is not conducted in a timely manner upon the expiry of his/her term of office or if the resignation of directors results in the number of directors being less than the quorum.

Under the PRC Company Law, the Board of Directors may exercise the following powers:

- (1) to convene shareholders' meetings and report on its work to the shareholders' meetings;
- (2) to implement the resolutions passed by the shareholders at the shareholders' meetings;
- (3) to decide on the Company's operational plans and investment proposals;
- (4) to formulate the Company's proposals for profit distribution and for recovery of losses;
- (5) to formulate proposals for the increase or reduction of the Company's registered capital and the issue of corporate bonds;
- (6) to formulate proposals for the merger, division, dissolution of the Company or change in the form of the Company;
- (7) to decide on the setup of the Company's internal management organs;
- (8) to decide on appointment or dismissal the manager of the Company and his/her remuneration matters, and as nominated by the manager, to decide on appointment or dismissal the Company's deputy general manager and financial officer and his/her remuneration matters;
- (9) to formulate the Company's basic management system; and
- (10) other authority stipulated in the Articles of Association or conferred by the shareholders' meeting.

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Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be convened at least twice a year. Notice of meeting shall be given to all Directors and Supervisors 10 days before the meeting. Interim board meetings may be proposed to be convened by shareholders representing more than one-tenth of the voting rights, more than one-third of the Directors or the Board of Supervisors. The chairman shall convene the meeting within 10 days of receiving such proposal, and preside over the board meeting. The Board of Directors may otherwise determine the method of giving notice and notice period for convening an interim meeting of the Board of Directors. Meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held only if more than one half of the Directors are present. Resolutions of the Board of Directors shall be passed by more than one half of all Directors. Resolutions of the Board shall be passed on a one person one vote basis. The Directors shall attend a board meeting in person. If a director is unable to attend for any reasons, he/she may appoint another director by a written power of attorney specifying the scope of the authorization to attend the meeting on his/her behalf. The Board of Directors shall make minutes of the meeting's decisions on the matters discussed at the meeting, and the directors attending the meeting shall sign the minutes.

If a resolution of the Board of Directors violates any laws, administrative regulations or the Articles of Association or resolutions of the meeting, and as a result of which the company sustains serious losses, the directors participating in the resolution are liable to compensate the company. However, if it can be proved that a director expressly objected to the resolution when the resolution was voted on, and that such objection was recorded in the minutes of the meeting, such director shall be relieved from that liability.

Under the PRC Company Law, the following person may not serve as a Director of the company:

- (1) devoid of or with restricted civil conduct ability;
- (2) within five years after serving sentence for embezzlement, bribery, infringement or misappropriation of property, or for jeopardizing socialist market economic order, or within five years after serving sentence and being deprived of political rights for crime, or two years have not elapsed since the expiration of the probation period for suspended sentence, if applicable;
- (3) within three years after insolvency and liquidation of such Company or enterprise where the person acted as a directors, factory manager or business manager and has been held accountable for the insolvency;
- (4) within three years after company or enterprise the person acted as legal representative is revoked business license and ordered to shut down for violating law on which the person is held accountable; and
- (5) liable to large amount of unliquidated mature debts and listed as a dishonest party subject to enforcement by the people's court.

Where a company elects or appoints a director to which any of the above circumstances applies, such election, appointment or designation shall be invalid. A director to which any of the above circumstances applies during his/her term of office shall be released of his/her duties by the Company.

Under the PRC Company Law, the Board shall appoint a chairman and may appoint a vice chairman. The chairman and the vice chairman shall be elected in accordance with the Articles of Association. The chairman shall convene and preside over board meetings and review the implementation of board resolutions. The vice chairman shall assist the chairman to perform his/her duties. Where the chairman is incapable of performing or is not performing his/her duties, the duties shall be performed by the vice chairman. Where the vice chairman is incapable of performing or is not performing his/her duties, a director nominated by a majority of the directors shall perform his/her duties.

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(i) Board of Supervisors

The company shall have a Board of Supervisors composed of not less than three members. A company may, as stipulated in its Articles of Association, establish an audit committee within the Board of Directors composed of directors to exercise the functions and powers prescribed for the Board of Supervisors by the PRC Company Law, without establishing a Board of Supervisors or Supervisor.

The Board of Supervisors shall consist of representatives of the shareholders and an appropriate proportion of representatives of the Company’s staff, of which the proportion of representatives of the company’s staff shall not be less than one-third, and the specific proportion shall be determined in the Articles of Association. Representatives of the Company’s staff at the Board of Supervisors shall be democratically elected by the Company’s staff at the staff representative assembly, general staff meeting or otherwise. The Board of Supervisors shall appoint a chairman and may appoint a vice chairman. The chairman and the vice chairman of the Board of Supervisors shall be elected by a majority of all the supervisors. Directors and senior management shall not act concurrently as supervisors.

The chairman of the Board of Supervisors shall convene and preside over the Board of Supervisors meetings. Where the chairman of the Board of Supervisors is incapable of performing or is not performing his/her duties, the vice chairman of the Board of Supervisors shall convene and preside over the Board of Supervisors meetings. Where the vice chairman of the Board of Supervisors is incapable of performing or is not performing his/her duties, a supervisor elected by a majority of the supervisors shall convene and preside over the Board of Supervisors meetings.

The supervisors serve three-year terms. A supervisor may serve consecutive terms if re-elected upon the expiration of his/her term. A supervisor shall continue to perform his/her duties as a supervisor in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association until a duly re-elected supervisor takes office, if re-election is not conducted in a timely manner upon the expiry of his/her term of office or if the resignation of supervisors results in the number of supervisors being less than the quorum.

The board of supervisors may exercise its powers:

- (1) to review the company’s financial position;
- (2) to supervise the directors and senior management in their performance of their duties and to propose the removal of directors and senior management who have violated laws, regulations, the Articles of Association or resolutions of the shareholders’ meetings;
- (3) when the acts of a director or senior management are detrimental to the company’s interests, to require the director and senior management to correct these relevant acts;
- (4) to propose the convening of extraordinary shareholders’ meetings and to convene and preside over shareholders’ meetings when the board fails to perform the duty of convening and presiding over shareholders’ meetings under the PRC Company Law;
- (5) to submit proposals to the shareholders’ meetings;
- (6) to bring actions against directors and senior management pursuant to the relevant provisions of the PRC Company Law; and
- (7) to exercise any other authority stipulated in the Articles of Association.

Supervisors may be present at board meetings and make inquiries or proposals in respect of the resolutions of the Board of Directors. The Board of Supervisors may investigate any irregularities identified in the operation of the company and, when necessary, may engage an accounting firm to assist its work at the cost of the company.

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(j) Manager and Senior Management

Pursuant to the relevant provisions of the PRC Company Law, a company shall have a manager who shall be appointed or removed by the Board of Directors. The manager, who is responsible to the Board of Directors and exercise his/her functions and powers according to the Articles of Association or the authorization of the Board of Directors. The manager shall be present at meetings of the Board of Directors.

According to the relevant provisions of the PRC Company Law, senior management refers to the manager, deputy manager, financial officer, secretary of the Board of a listed company and other personnel as stipulated in the Articles of Association.

(k) Duties of Directors, Supervisors, and Senior Management

Directors, supervisors and senior management are required under the PRC Company Law to comply with the relevant laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association, and carry out their duties of loyalty and diligence.

In the meantime, directors, supervisors and senior management are prohibited from:

- (1) embezzling company property and misappropriating company’s funds;
- (2) depositing company funds into accounts under their own names or the names of other individuals;
- (3) taking advantage of power to accept bribes or other illegal income;
- (4) accept commissions from transactions between others and the company;
- (5) unauthorized divulgence of confidential information of the company; and
- (6) other acts in violation of their duty of loyalty to the company.

Directors, supervisors, and senior officers, whether directly or indirectly, entering into a contract or engaging in a transaction with the company, shall report matters related to the contract execution or transaction to the board of directors or the shareholders’ meeting and obtain approval in accordance with the company’s articles of association through resolutions of the board of directors or the shareholders’ meeting. Directors, supervisors, and senior officers shall not use their positions to seek any business opportunity available to the company for themselves or others. Directors, supervisors, and senior officers shall not operate businesses, either self-owned or owned by others, similar to those of the company they serve, without reporting to the board of directors or the shareholders’ meeting and obtaining approval in accordance with the company’s articles of association through resolutions of the board of directors or the shareholders’ meeting.

Income generated by directors, supervisors or senior management in violation of aforementioned shall be returned to the company.

A director, supervisor or senior management who contravenes laws, administrative regulations or Articles of Association in the performance of his/her duties resulting in any loss to the company shall be liable to the company for compensation.

Where directors, supervisors or senior management are required to attend a shareholders’ meeting, such directors, supervisors or senior management shall be present at the meeting and answer questions from shareholders. Directors and senior management shall provide the Board of Supervisory with relevant truthful information and materials, and shall not obstruct the Board of Supervisory or supervisors from exercising their powers and functions.

(l) Finance and Accounting

According to the PRC Company Law, a company shall establish its own financial and accounting systems according to the laws, administrative regulations and the regulations of the financial departments of the State Council. A company shall prepare its financial and accounting reports at the end of each accounting year which shall be audited by accounting firm according to law. The financial and accounting reports shall be prepared in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations and the

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regulations of the financial departments of the State Council. The company’s financial and accounting reports shall be made available for shareholders’ inspection at the company within 20 days before the convening of an annual meeting. A joint stock limited company that makes public stock offerings shall announce its financial and accounting reports.

When distributing each year’s after-tax profits, the company shall set aside 10% of its after-tax profits for the company’s statutory common reserve fund. However, when the cumulative amount of the common reserve fund has reached more than 50% of the company’s registered capital, it may no longer be allocated. When the company’s statutory common reserve fund is not sufficient to make up for the company’s losses for the previous years, the current year’s profits shall first be used to make up the losses before any allocation is set aside for the statutory common reserve fund. After the company has made allocations to the statutory common reserve fund from its after-tax profits, it may, upon passing a resolution at a shareholders’ meeting, make further allocations from its after-tax profits to the discretionary common reserve fund. After the company has made up its losses and made allocations to its reserve fund, the remaining after-tax profits shall be distributed to shareholders in proportion to the number of shares held by the shareholders, except for those which are not distributed in a proportionate manner as provided by the Articles of Association.

Profits distributed to shareholders in violation of the requirements described above must be returned to the company. The company shall not be entitled to any distribution of profits in respect of its own shares held by it.

Proceeds from shares issued by a company at a price above their nominal value, proceeds of issuance of no par shares which have not been included in registered capital, and other revenues required by the financial departments of the State Council to be stated as capital reserve shall be accounted for as the capital reserve fund of the company. The common reserve fund of a company shall be applied to make up the company’s losses, expand its production and operations or increase in its registered capital. When the company’s losses are covered with common reserves, the discretionary common reserve and the statutory common reserve shall first be used; if they are insufficient, the capital common reserve may be used according to the applicable provisions. Upon the transfer of the statutory common reserve fund into registered capital, the balance of the fund shall not be less than 25% of the registered capital of the company before such transfer.

The company shall have no accounting books other than the statutory books. The company’s assets shall not be deposited in any account opened under the name of an individual.

(m) Appointment and Dismissal of Accounting Firms

Pursuant to the PRC Company Law, the appointment or dismissal of an accounting firm responsible for the auditing of the company shall be determined by shareholders at a shareholders’ meeting, the Board of Directors or the Board of Supervisors in accordance with the Articles of Association. The accounting firm should be allowed to make representations when the shareholders’ meeting, the Board of Directors or the Board of Supervisors conducts a vote on the dismissal of the accounting firm. The company should provide true and complete accounting evidence, accounting books, financial and accounting reports and other accounting information to the engaged accounting firm without any refusal or withholding or misrepresentation of information.

(n) Profit Distribution

According to PRC Company Law, a company shall not distribute profits before losses are covered and the statutory common reserve fund is provided. At the same time, the Overseas Listing Trial Measures stipulate that domestic enterprises may raise funds and pay dividends in foreign currencies or RMB for overseas listings.

(o) Amendment to Articles of Association

Pursuant to PRC Company Law, the resolution of a shareholders’ meeting regarding any amendment to a company’s Articles of Association requires affirmative votes by at least two-thirds of the votes held by shareholders attending the meeting. According to the Guidelines for the Articles of Association of Listed Companies, if the amendments to the Articles of Association approved by the

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resolution of the meeting of shareholders are subject to approval by the competent authority, they must be reported to the competent authority for approval; if they involve company registration matters, the modification registrations shall be handled according to law. Where the amendments to the Articles of Association belong to information required to be disclosed by laws and regulations, such amendments shall be announced in accordance with the regulations.

(p) Dissolution and Liquidation

Pursuant to PRC Company Law, a company shall be dissolved for any of the following reasons:

- (1) upon expiry of term of business stipulated in the Articles of Association or occurrence of other circumstances of dissolution stipulated in the Articles of Association;
- (2) the shareholders' meeting has resolved to dissolve the company;
- (3) the company is dissolved by reason of its merger or division;
- (4) the business license of the company is revoked or the company is ordered to close down or to be dissolved in accordance with the laws; or
- (5) Where the company encounters serious difficulties in its operations or management that will lead to significant losses to the benefits of the shareholders if the company continues its existence and the situation cannot be resolved by other means, the company is dissolved by a people's court in response to the request of shareholders representing 10% or more of the voting rights of all shareholders of the company.

If the company has a cause of dissolution specified in the preceding paragraph, it shall publicize the cause of dissolution on the National Enterprise Credit Information Publicity System within ten days.

In the event of paragraph (1) or (2) above, when the company has not yet distributed its assets to shareholders, the company may carry on its existence by amending its Articles of Association or resolution of the shareholders' meeting. The amendments to the Articles of Association or the resolution of the shareholders' meeting in accordance with the provisions described above shall require the approval of more than two-thirds of voting rights of shareholders attending a shareholders' meeting.

Where the company is dissolved under the circumstances set forth in paragraph (1), (2), (4) or (5) above, it shall undergo liquidation. Directors as persons with obligations of liquidation of the company should establish a liquidation group within 15 days of the date on which the dissolution matter occurs and commence the liquidation. The liquidation group shall be composed of directors, unless otherwise provided for by the company's Articles of Association or a resolution of the shareholders' meeting to appoint another person. The liquidation group fails to be formed within the time limit or fails to carry out the liquidation after its formation, any interested party may request the people's court to designate relevant persons to form a liquidation group.

Upon liquidation of the company's property and preparation of the required balance sheet and inventory of assets, if the liquidation group becomes aware that the company does not have sufficient assets to meet its liabilities, it must file an application to a people's court for bankruptcy liquidation in accordance with the laws. After the people's court accepts the application for bankruptcy, the liquidation group shall hand over the liquidation matters to the bankruptcy administrator designated by the people's court.

Upon completion of the liquidation of the company, the liquidation group shall prepare a liquidation report and submit it to the shareholders' meeting or a people's court for confirmation and the company registration authority to apply for cancelation of the company's registration, and an announcement of its termination shall be published.

THE SECURITIES LAW OF THE PRC

The PRC has promulgated a series of regulations that relate to the issue and trading of shares and disclosure of information. In October 1992, the State Council established the Securities Committee and CSRC. The Securities Committee is responsible for coordinating the drafting of securities regulations, formulating securities-related policies, planning the development of securities markets, directing,

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coordinating, and supervising all securities related institutions in the PRC, and administering CSRC. The CSRC is the regulatory executive body of the Securities Committee and is responsible for the drafting of regulatory provisions governing securities markets, supervising securities companies, regulating public offerings of securities by PRC companies in the PRC or overseas, regulating the trading of securities, compiling securities-related statistics and undertaking relevant research and analysis. In April 1998, the State Council consolidated the two departments and reformed the CSRC.

The PRC Securities Law took effect on July 1, 1999, and was revised as of August 28, 2004, October 27, 2005, June 29, 2013, August 31, 2014, and December 28, 2019, respectively. The latest revised PRC Securities Law took effect on March 1, 2020. The PRC Securities Law is the first national securities law in the PRC, comprehensively regulating activities in the PRC securities market. It is divided into 14 chapters and 226 articles, including the issue and trading of securities, takeovers by listed companies, securities exchanges, securities companies, and the responsibilities of the securities registration and settlement institutions and securities regulatory authorities. Article 224 of the PRC Securities Law provides that domestic enterprises issuing shares overseas directly or indirectly or listing their shares overseas shall comply with the relevant provisions of the State Council.

THE OVERSEAS LISTING

On February 17, 2023, CSRC promulgated the Overseas Listing Trial Measures of Overseas Securities Offering and Listing by Domestic Companies (《境內企業境外發行證券和上市管理試行辦法》) (the “**Overseas Listing Trial Measures**”), which came into effect on March 31, 2023 and is applicable to direct and indirect overseas share subscription and listing of domestic companies, which also stipulates the filing administrative measures and regulatory requirements for the overseas securities offering and listing by domestic companies.

According to the Overseas Listing Trial Measures, the securities refer to stocks, depositary receipts, and corporate bonds that can be converted into stocks or other securities of an equity nature that are directly or indirectly offered and listed overseas by domestic companies. The direct overseas offering and listing of domestic companies refer to such overseas offering and listing of a joint stock limited company incorporated in the territory of PRC. The indirect overseas offering and listing of domestic companies refer to such overseas offering and listing made in the name of an offshore entity but based on the equity, assets, earnings, or other similar rights of a domestic company that operates its main business domestically.

An overseas offering and listing are prohibited under any of the following circumstances:

- (1) the listing and financing fall under specific prohibiting in the laws, administrative regulations, and relevant national provisions;
- (2) the overseas offering and listing may constitute endangers to national security as reviewed and determined by competent authorities under the State Council in accordance with law;
- (3) the domestic company or its controlling shareholder(s), actual controllers, have a criminal record in recent three years for corruption, bribery, encroachment of assets, misappropriation of assets, or disruption of socialist market economy order;
- (4) the domestic company is under investigation according to law for suspected crimes or major violations of laws and regulations, but no clear conclusions have been reached;
- (5) there are material ownership disputes over the equities held by the controlling shareholders or the shareholders whose actions are controlled by the controlling shareholders or actual controllers.

In addition, under the Overseas Listing Trial Measures, where a PRC domestic company submits an application for initial public offering to competent overseas regulators or overseas stock exchanges, such issuer must file with the CSRC within three working days after such application is submitted.

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In the event of the occurrence of any of the following material events after the overseas offering and listing, the PRC domestic companies shall make a detailed report to the CSRC within three working days after the occurrence and public announcement of the relevant event:

- (1) change in controlling rights;
- (2) being subject to investigation, punishment, or other measures by overseas securities regulatory authorities or the relevant competent authorities;
- (3) changing the listing status or transferring the listing board;
- (4) voluntary or compulsory termination of a listing.

Pursuant to the Provisions on Strengthening Confidentiality and Archives Administration Concerning Overseas Securities Offerings and Listings by Domestic Enterprises (《關於加強境內企業境外發行證券和上市相關保密和檔案管理工作的規定》), which was issued by the CSRC, the Ministry of Finance of the People’s Republic of China, the National Administration of State Secrets Protection and the National Archives Administration on February 24, 2023 and implemented since March 31, 2023, a domestic enterprise that provides or through its overseas listed entity, publicly discloses or provides to relevant individuals or entities including securities companies, securities service providers and overseas regulators, any document and materials that contain state secrets or working secrets of government agencies, shall first obtain approval from competent authorities according to law, and files with the secrecy administrative department at the same level. A domestic enterprise that provides accounting archives or copies of accounting archives to any entities including securities companies, securities service providers and overseas regulators and individuals shall fulfill due procedures in compliance with applicable national regulations.

THE ARBITRATION LAW OF THE PRC

The Arbitration Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國仲裁法》) (the “**PRC Arbitration Law**”) was enacted by the SCNPC on August 31, 1994, which became effective on September 1, 1995, and was amended on August 27, 2009, and September 1, 2017. The PRC Arbitration Law is applicable to, among other matters, economic disputes involving foreign parties where all parties had entered into a written agreement to resolve disputes by arbitration before an arbitration committee constituted in accordance with the PRC Arbitration Law. The PRC Arbitration Law provides that an arbitration committee may, before the promulgation of arbitration regulations by the PRC Arbitration Association, formulate interim arbitration rules in accordance with the PRC Arbitration Law and the PRC Civil Procedure Law. Where the parties have agreed to settle disputes by means of arbitration, a people’s court will refuse to handle a legal proceeding initiated by one of the parties at such people’s court unless the arbitration agreement is invalid.

Under the PRC Arbitration Law and PRC Civil Procedure Law, an arbitral award shall be final and binding on the parties involved in the arbitration. If any party fails to comply with the arbitral award, the other party to the award may apply to a people’s court for its enforcement. A people’s court may refuse to enforce an arbitral award made by an arbitration commission if there is any procedural irregularity (including irregularity in the composition of the arbitration committee, the making of an award on matters beyond the scope of the arbitration agreement, or the jurisdiction of the arbitration commission).

Any party seeking to enforce an award of a foreign affairs arbitral body of the PRC against a party or whose property is not located within the PRC may apply to a foreign court with jurisdiction over the case for recognition and enforcement of the award. Likewise, an arbitral award made by a foreign arbitral body may be recognized and enforced by a PRC court in accordance with the principle of reciprocity or any international treaties concluded or acceded to by the PRC.

The PRC acceded to the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (the “**New York Convention**”) adopted on June 10, 1958, pursuant to a resolution passed by the SCNPC on December 2, 1986. The New York Convention provides that all arbitral awards made in a state which is a party to the New York Convention shall be recognized and enforced by other parties thereto subject to their rights to refuse recognition and enforcement under certain circumstances,

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including where the enforcement of the arbitral award is against the public policy of that state. At the time of the PRC’s accession to the Convention, the SCNPC declared that (I) the PRC would only apply the Convention to the recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards made in the territories of other parties based on the principle of reciprocity; and (II) the New York Convention will only be applied to disputes deemed under PRC laws to be arising from contractual or non-contractual mercantile legal relations.

An agreement has been reached between Hong Kong and the Supreme People’s Court of the PRC for the mutual enforcement of arbitral awards. On June 18, 1999, the Supreme People’s Court of the PRC adopted the Arrangement on Mutual Enforcement of Arbitral Awards between Mainland and Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (《關於內地與香港特別行政區相互執行仲裁裁決的安排》), which became effective on February 1, 2000. The Supreme People’s Court of China issued the Supplementary Arrangements on the Mutual Enforcement of Arbitral Awards between the Mainland and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (《關於內地與香港特別行政區相互執行仲裁裁決的補充安排》) on November 26, 2020, which went into effect on November 27, 2020. The arrangements reflect the spirit of the New York Convention. Pursuant to the arrangements, awards made by PRC arbitral authorities acknowledged by Hong Kong arbitration rules can be enforced in Hong Kong, and Hong Kong arbitration awards are also enforceable in Chinese Mainland. Where a court of Chinese Mainland finds that enforcement in Chinese Mainland of the ruling made by the Hong Kong arbitral authority will violate public interests of Chinese Mainland, execution of the ruling may be ignored.