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THE PRC LEGAL SYSTEM

The PRC legal system is based on the Constitution of the People’s Republic of China (《中華人民共和國憲法》) (the “**Constitution**”), amended and came effect on March 11, 2018 and is made up of 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.

According to the Constitution and the Legislation Law of the People’s Republic of China (《中華人民共和國立法法》) which was last revised on March 13, 2023, and took effect on March 15, 2023 (the “**Legislation Law**”), the NPC and its Standing Committee are empowered to exercise the legislative power of the State as stipulated by the Constitution. The NPC formulates and amend basic laws governing criminal, civil, State organs and other matters. The Standing Committee of the NPC formulates and amends the 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 NPC may authorize its Standing Committee to formulate relevant 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 regulations do not contravene any provision of the Constitution, laws or administrative regulations. The people’s congresses of cities divided into districts and their standing committees may formulate local regulations on aspects such as urban and rural construction and management, ecological civilization construction, historical and cultural protection, primary-level governance, and other relevant aspects based on 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 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 shall examine the legality of local regulations submitted for approval, and such approval shall be granted within four months if they are not in conflict with the Constitution, laws, administrative regulations and local regulations of the relevant 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, a decision should be made 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 and commissions of the State Council, PBOC, the National Audit Office and the subordinate institutions with administrative functions directly under the State Council may formulate departmental rules and regulations within the permissions of their respective departments based on the laws and administrative regulations, and the decisions and orders of the State Council. Provisions of departmental rules should be the matters related to the enforcement of the laws and administrative regulations, and the decisions and orders of the State Council. The people’s governments of the

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provinces, autonomous regions, municipalities and cities or autonomous prefectures divided into districts may formulate rules and regulations based on the laws, administrative regulations and local regulations of such provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities.

Pursuant to the Resolution of the Standing Committee of the NPC 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, in cases where the scope of provisions of laws or decrees needs to be further defined or additional stipulations need to be made, the Standing Committee of the NPC shall provide interpretations or make stipulations by means of decrees. Issues related to the application of laws in a court trial should be interpreted by the Supreme People’s Court, issues related to the application of laws in a prosecution process of the procuratorate should be interpreted by the Supreme People’s Procuratorate, and issues related to laws other than the abovementioned should be interpreted by the State Council and the competent authorities.

THE PRC JUDICIAL SYSTEM

Under the Constitution, the Law of Organization of the People’s Court of the People’s Republic of China (《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 People’s Republic of China (《中華人民共和國人民檢察院組織法》), that last amended on October 26, 2018, and came effect on January 1, 2019, the people’s courts of the PRC are divided into the Supreme People’s Court, the local people’s courts at all levels and special people’s courts. The local people’s courts at all levels are divided into three levels, namely, the basic people’s courts, the intermediate people’s courts and the higher people’s courts. The basic people’s courts may set up certain people’s tribunals based on the status of the region, population and cases. The Supreme People’s Court shall be the highest judicial organ of the state. The Supreme People’s Court shall supervise the administration of justice by the local people’s courts at all levels and by the special people’s courts. The people’s courts at a higher level shall supervise the judicial work of the people’s courts at lower levels. The people’s procuratorates of the PRC are divided into the Supreme People’s Procuratorate, the local people’s procuratorates at all levels, Military Procuratorates and other special people’s procuratorates. The Supreme People’s Procuratorate shall be the highest procuratorial organ. The Supreme People’s Procuratorate shall direct the work of the local people’s procuratorates at all levels and of the special people’s procuratorates; the people’s procuratorates at higher levels shall direct the work of those at lower levels.

The people’s courts employ a two-tier appellate system, i.e., judgments or rulings of the second instance at the people’s courts are final. A party may appeal against the judgment or ruling of the first instance of a local people’s courts. The people’s procuratorate may present a protest to the people’s courts 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 courts 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 and those of the first instance of the Supreme People’s Court are final. However, if the Supreme People’s Court or the people’s courts at the next higher level finds any definite errors in a legally effective final judgment or ruling of the people’s court at a lower level, or if the chief judge of a people’s court at any level finds any definite errors in a legally effective final judgment or ruling of such court, the case can be retried according to judicial supervision procedures.

The Civil Procedure Law of the People’s Republic of China (《中華人民共和國民事訴訟法》) (hereinafter referred to as the “**PRC Civil Procedure Law**”) passed on April 9, 1991 and last amended on September 1, 2023, prescribes the conditions for instituting a civil action, the jurisdiction of the people’s court, the procedures for conducting a civil action, and the procedures for enforcement of a civil judgment or ruling. All parties to a civil action conducted within the PRC must abide by the PRC Civil Procedure Law. A civil case is generally heard by the court located in the defendant’s place of

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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 place where the contract is executed or signed or the place where the object of the action is located. Meanwhile, such choice shall not in any circumstances contravene the regulations of differential jurisdiction and exclusive jurisdiction.

A foreign individual, a person without nationality, a foreign enterprise or a foreign organization is given the same litigation rights and obligations as a citizen, a legal person or other organizations of the PRC when initiating actions or defending against litigations at a people’s court. Should a foreign court limit the litigation rights of PRC citizens or enterprises, the PRC court may apply the same limitations to the citizens or enterprises of such foreign country. A foreign individual, a person without nationality, a foreign enterprise or a foreign 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 a 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 judgment 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 judgment which the court has granted enforcement approval, the court may, upon the application of the other party, mandatorily enforce the judgment against such party.

Where a party requests for enforcement of an effective judgment or ruling made by a people’s court, but the opposite party or his property is not within the territory of the People’s Republic of China, the party may directly apply to the foreign court with jurisdiction for recognition and enforcement of the judgment 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 according to the principle of reciprocity, request for recognition and enforcement by the foreign court. Similarly, for an effective judgment or ruling made by a foreign court that requires recognition and enforcement by a people’s court of the PRC, a party may directly apply to an intermediate people’s court of the PRC with jurisdiction for recognition and enforcement of the judgment or ruling, or the foreign court may, in accordance with the provisions of international treaties to which its country and the PRC are signatories or in which its country is a participant or according to the principle of reciprocity, request for recognition and enforcement by the people’s court, unless the people’s court considers that the recognition or enforcement of such judgment or ruling would violate the basic legal principles of the PRC, its sovereignty or national security or would not be in social and public interest.

The Company Law of the People’s Republic of China, the Trial Administrative Measures of Overseas Securities Offering and Listing by Domestic Companies and the Guidelines for Articles of Association of Listed Companies

The Company Law of the People’s Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as the “**PRC Company Law**”) was passed 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 revised or 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 been implemented since July 1, 2024.

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On February 17, 2023, with the approval of the State Council, the CSRC promulgated the “Trial Administrative Measures of Overseas Securities Offering and Listing by Domestic Companies” (the “**Overseas Listing Trial Measures**”) and five related supporting guidelines, which came in effect on March 31, 2023. The Trial Administrative Measures are designated in accordance with the Securities Law and other laws and are applicable to domestic companies that offer or list their securities for trading overseas. On February 17, 2023, the CSRC promulgated the Guidelines for Application of Regulatory Rules — Overseas Issuance and Listing Category No. 1 (《監管規則適用指引 — 境外發行上市類第1號》), which stipulate that direct overseas offering and listing of securities by domestic companies shall abide by relevant provisions of the Overseas Listing Trial Measures and refer to the Guidelines for the Articles of Association of Listed Companies and other relevant provisions of the CSRC on corporate governance to formulate its articles of association and standardize corporate governance.

Set out below is a summary of the major provisions of the PRC Company Law, Overseas Listing Trial Measures and the Guidelines for Articles of Association of Listed Companies.

General Provisions

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.

The Company must conduct its business in accordance with laws and regulations as well as public and commercial ethics. The Company may invest in other limited liability companies and joint stock limited companies. The liabilities of the Company to such invested enterprises are limited to the amount invested. Unless otherwise provided by laws, the Company cannot be the capital contributor who has the joint liabilities associated with the debts of the invested enterprises.

Incorporation

A joint stock limited company may be established by means of promotion or stock floatation. To establish a joint stock limited company, there shall be not less than 1 but not more than 200 promoters, more than half of whom shall have their domiciles within the territory of the PRC.

Promoters of a joint stock limited company established by means of stock floatation shall, within 30 days after full payment of the share capital has been made, hold an establishment meeting of the Company. The promoters shall notify each subscriber of the date of the meeting or make a public announcement 15 days before the meeting is held. The establishment meeting may not be held unless the subscribers who hold more than half of the voting rights attend the meeting. Where a joint stock limited company is established by means of promotion, the convening and voting procedures for the establishment meeting shall be prescribed by the articles of association of the Company or the agreement of the promoters. The powers exercised by the establishment meeting include, but are not limited to, the approval of the Articles of Association and the election of the Company’s directors and supervisors. The above matters must be approved by more than half of the voting rights held by the subscribers present at the meeting.

Within 30 days after the conclusion of the establishment meeting, the Board shall apply to the registration authority for registration of the incorporation of the joint stock limited company. A company is formally established and has the status of a legal person after the business license has been issued by the relevant registration authority.

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Registered Shares

Under the PRC Company Law, shareholders may make capital contributions in the form of money or appraised non-monetary assets including real objects, intellectual property, land use rights, equity rights or creditor’s rights which can be appraised in money and transferred according to laws.

Overseas Listing Trial Measures provide that domestic enterprises that are listed overseas may raise funds and distribute dividends in foreign currencies or RMB.

Under the PRC Company Law, a joint stock limited company is required to maintain a register of shareholders, detailing the following information: (1) the name and domicile of each shareholder; (2) the class and number of shares subscribed for by each shareholder; (3) the serial number of shares if issued in paper form; and (4) the date on which each shareholder acquired the shares.

Allotment and Issue of Shares

All issues of shares of a joint stock limited company shall be based on the principles of equality and fairness. The same class of shares 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. It may issue shares at par value or at a premium, but it may not issue shares below the par value.

Domestic enterprises issuing and listing overseas shall file with the CSRC in accordance with the Overseas Listing Trial Measures, submit filing reports, legal opinions and other relevant materials, and truthfully, accurately and completely explain shareholder information and other information. Where a domestic enterprise directly issues and is listed overseas, the issuer shall file with the CSRC. If a domestic enterprise is indirectly listed overseas, the issuer shall designate a major domestic operating entity as the domestic responsible person and file with the CSRC.

Increase in Share Capital

Under the PRC Company Law, in the case of a joint stock limited company issuing new shares, resolutions shall be passed at the shareholders’ meeting in respect of the class and number of new shares, the issue price of the new shares, the commencement and end dates for the issuance of new shares and the class and number of the new shares proposed to be issued to existing shareholders, if any. In case of issuing shares with no par value, more than half of the proceeds from the issuance of shares shall be credited to the registered capital. Additionally, if the Company intends to make public offering of shares, it is required to complete the registration with the securities regulatory authority of the State Council and announce the document.

Reduction of Share Capital

The Company may reduce its registered capital in accordance with the following procedures prescribed by the PRC Company Law:

- (1) to prepare a balance sheet and a property list;
- (2) the Company makes a resolution at the shareholders’ meeting to reduce its registered capital;
- (3) the Company shall inform its creditors within 10 days and publish an announcement in newspapers or the National Enterprise Credit Information Publicity System within 30 days after the resolution of reducing registered capital is approved by the shareholders’ meeting;

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- (4) the creditors shall have the right to require the Company to repay its debts or provide corresponding guarantees within 30 days after receiving the notice or within 45 days after the announcement if the creditors have not received the notice;
- (5) when the Company reduces its registered capital, it shall register the change with a company registration authority in accordance with the law.

When the Company reduces its registered capital, it must reduce the amount of capital contribution or shares in proportion to the capital contribution or shares held by the shareholders, unless otherwise prescribed by any law, or agreed upon by all the shareholders of a limited liability company, or as specified in the articles of association of a joint stock limited company.

Repurchase of Shares

Pursuant to the PRC Company Law, the Company may not repurchase its own shares other than for one of the following purposes:

- (1) reducing the Company’s registered capital;
- (2) merging with another company holding Shares in the Company;
- (3) using shares for employee stock ownership plan or equity incentives;
- (4) a shareholder shall have the right to request the Company to purchase the shares held by him/her since he/she objects to a resolution of the shareholders’ meeting on the combination or division of the Company;
- (5) utilizing the shares for conversion of convertible corporate bonds issued by a listed company;
- (6) where it is necessary for a listed company to maintain its corporate value and shareholders’ equity.

A resolution of a shareholders’ meeting is required for the repurchase of the Company’s shares by a company under either of the circumstances stipulated in item (1) or item (2) above; for a company’s repurchase of the Company’s shares under any of the circumstances stipulated in item (3), item (4) or item (5) above, a resolution of a meeting of the Board shall be made by more than two-thirds of directors attending the meeting according to the provisions of the Articles of Association or as authorized by the shareholders’ meeting.

The Company’s shares acquired under the circumstance stipulated in item (1) hereof shall be deregistered within ten days from the date of acquisition; the shares shall be assigned or deregistered within six months if the repurchase is made under the circumstances stipulated in either item (2) or item (4); and the shares of 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 assigned or deregistered within three years.

Transfer of Shares

Shares held by shareholders may be transferred in accordance with law. Under the PRC Company Law, a shareholder of a joint stock limited company should transfer his/her shares on a stock exchange established in accordance with laws or by any other means as required by the State Council. Registered shares may be transferred after the shareholders endorse the back of the share certificates or in any

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other manner specified by the laws or administrative regulations. After the transfer, the transferee’s name and address shall be registered in the share register by the Company. Change of the share register described in the preceding paragraph shall not be registered within 20 days before convening of a shareholders’ meeting or five days prior to the base date on which the Company decides to distribute dividends. However, where the laws, administrative regulations or State Council Securities Regulatory Authority have other provisions on change of the share register of listed companies, such provisions shall prevail.

Under the PRC Company Law, shares of the Company issued prior to the public issuance of shares may not be transferred within one year of the date of the shares of the Company are listed and traded on a stock exchange. The directors, supervisors and senior management of the Company shall report to the Company their shareholdings and changes thereof, and shall not transfer more than 25% of the total shares held by them in the Company per annum during their terms of office; the shares they hold in the Company shall not be transferred within one year from the date on which the shares of the Company are listed and traded on a stock exchange. The shares they hold in the Company cannot be transferred within half a year after such persons have left office.

Where the shares are pledged within the time limit for transfer prescribed by laws or administrative regulations, the pledgee may not exercise the pledge right within the time limit for transfer.

Shareholders

Under the PRC Company Law and Guidelines for Articles of Association the rights of a shareholder of the Company include:

- (1) to receive dividends and other forms of interest distribution according to the number of shares held;
- (2) to legally require, convene, preside over, participate in or authorize proxies of shareholders to attend the shareholders’ meeting and exercise corresponding voting rights;
- (3) to supervise operations of the Company, provide suggestions or submit queries;
- (4) to transfer, grant or pledge the Company’s shares held according to the provisions of the laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association;
- (5) to read and copy the Articles of Association, the register of shareholders, counterfoils of corporate bonds, shareholders’ meeting minutes, resolutions of meetings of the Board, resolutions of meetings of the supervisory committee and financial and accounting reports;
- (6) shareholders who hold more than 3% of the Company’s shares individually or collectively for more than 180 consecutive days may inspect the Company’s accounting books and accounting vouchers as required by laws;
- (7) to participate in the distribution of the remaining assets of the Company based on the number of shares held in the event of the Company’s dissolution or liquidation;
- (8) to require the Company to acquire the shares from shareholders voting against any resolutions adopted at the shareholders’ meeting concerning the merger and division of the Company;

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- (9) other rights provided for in laws, administrative regulations, other regulatory documents or the Articles of Association.

The obligations of a shareholder of the Company include:

- (1) to abide by laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association;
- (2) to pay the share price according to the shares subscribed for and share participation methods;
- (3) not to withdraw shares unless prescribed otherwise in laws and administrative regulations;
- (4) not to abuse shareholders’ rights to infringe upon the interests of the Company or other shareholders; not to abuse the Company’s status as an independent legal entity or the limited liability of shareholders to damage the interests of the Company’s creditors;
- (5) to perform other duties prescribed in laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association.

Shareholders’ Meeting

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

- (1) to elect and replace directors and supervisors and to decide on the remuneration of the relevant directors and supervisors;
- (2) to review and approve reports made by the Board;
- (3) to review and approve the reports of the supervisory committee;
- (4) to review and approve the Company’s profit distribution proposals 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) other functions and powers the Article of Association.

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

Pursuant to the PRC Company Law and the Guidelines for Articles of Association of Listed Companies, the shareholders’ meeting is convened once a year and held within six months after the end of the previous accounting year. The Company shall convene an extraordinary shareholders’ meeting within two months of the occurrence of any one of the following events: (1) when the number of directors is less than the number prescribed by laws or less than two-third of the number required by

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the Articles of Association; (2) when the amount of the losses that the Company has left unrecouped reaches one-third of the total share capital; (3) when a shareholder individually holding, or the shareholders together holding, more than 10% of the Company’s shares request(s) to convene such a meeting; (4) when the Board deems it necessary; (5) when the supervisory committee proposes to convene such a meeting; or (6) when other situations stipulated by the Articles of Association occur.

The shareholders’ meeting shall be convened by the Board and presided over by the chairman. According to the PRC Company Law, when convening a shareholders’ meeting, each shareholder shall be notified of the time, place and matters to be considered 20 days before the meeting. The convening of extraordinary shareholders’ meeting shall be notified to all shareholders 15 days before the meeting.

Pursuant to the PRC Company Law, shareholders have one voting right for each share they hold when they attend the shareholders’ meeting. However, the shares of the Company held by the Company do not have voting power.

An accumulative voting system may be adopted for the election of directors and supervisors at the general meeting pursuant to the provisions of the articles of association or a resolution of the general meeting. Under the accumulative voting system, each share shall be entitled to the number of votes equivalent to the number of directors or supervisors to be elected at the general meeting, and shareholders may consolidate their votes for one or more directors or supervisors when casting a vote.

Pursuant to the PRC Company Law, resolutions of the general meeting must be passed by more than half of the voting rights held by shareholders present at the meeting, with the exception of resolutions relating to merger, division or dissolution of the company, increase or reduction of registered share capital, change of corporate form or amendments to the articles of association, in each case of which must be passed by more than two-thirds of the voting rights held by the shareholders present at the meeting. Where the PRC Company Law and the articles of association provide that the transfer or acquisition of significant assets or the provision of external guarantees by the company and such other matters must be approved by way of resolution of the general meeting, the board of directors shall convene a shareholders’ general meeting promptly to vote on such matters. A shareholder may entrust a proxy to attend the general meeting on his/her behalf. The proxy shall present the shareholders’ power of attorney to the company and exercise voting rights within the scope of authorization.

Pursuant to the Guidelines for the Articles of Association of Listed Companies, matters such as the purchase or sale of material assets or guarantees in excess of thirty percent of a company’s latest audited total assets within one year and share incentive schemes shall be approved by special resolutions of shareholders in general meetings. Where the PRC Company Law and the articles of association provide that the transfer or acquisition of significant assets or the provision of external guarantees by the company and such other matters must be approved by way of resolution of the general meeting, the board of directors shall summon a shareholders’ general meeting on his/her behalf. The proxy shall present the shareholders’ power of attorney to the company and exercise voting rights within the scope of authorization. Minutes shall be prepared in respect of matters considered at the general meeting and the chair person 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.

Board of Directors

A company shall have a board of directors, which shall consist at least 3 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. The board of directors of a company which has 300 or more employees shall include representatives of the

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employees of the company, unless a board of supervisors has been established in accordance with the law and has representatives of the employees of the company. The term of a director shall be stipulated in the articles of association, provided that no term of office shall last for more than three years. A director may serve consecutive terms if re-elected. 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 reelected 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 director results in the number of directors being less than the quorum.

According to the provisions of the PRC Company Law, the board of directors may exercise the following powers:

- (1) 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 profit distribution proposals and loss recovery proposals;
- (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 or dissolution of the company or change of corporate form;
- (7) to decide on the setup of the company’s internal management organs;
- (8) to appoint or dismiss the company’s manager and decide on his/her remuneration and, based on the manager’s recommendation, to appoint or dismiss any deputy manager and the person responsible for financial matters of the company and to decide on their remunerations;
- (9) to formulate the company’s basic management system; and
- (10) to exercise any other authority as is stipulated in the articles of association or as authorized by the shareholders’ meeting.

Meetings of the board of directors shall be convened at least twice each year. Notices 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 10% of the voting rights, more than one-third of the directors or the supervisory committee. The chairman shall convene the meeting within 10 days of receiving such proposal, and preside over the meeting. The board of directors may otherwise determine the means and the period of notice for convening an interim board meeting. Meetings of the board of directors shall be held only if more than half of the directors are present. Resolutions of the board of directors shall be passed by more than half of all directors. Each director shall have one vote for a resolution to be approved by the board. Directors shall attend board meetings in person. If a director is unable to attend for any reason, he/she may appoint another director to attend the meeting on his/her behalf by a written power of attorney specifying the scope of authorization. Meanwhile, the board of directors shall keep minutes of resolutions passed at board meetings. The minutes shall be signed by the directors present at the meeting.

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If a resolution of the board of directors violates the laws, administrative regulations or the articles of association or resolutions of the general 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.

Pursuant to the PRC Company Law, the following person may not serve as a director in a company: (1) a person who is unable or has limited ability to undertake any civil liabilities; (2) a person who has been convicted of an offense of corruption, bribery, embezzlement, misappropriation of property or destruction of the socialist economic order, or who has been deprived of his political rights due to his crimes, in each case where less than five years have elapsed since the date of completion of the sentence or two years have not elapsed since the expiration of the probation period for suspended sentence; (3) a person who has been a former director, factory manager or manager of a company or an enterprise that has entered into insolvent liquidation and who was personally liable for the insolvency of such company or enterprise, where less than three years have elapsed since the date of the completion of the bankruptcy and liquidation of the company or enterprise; (4) a person who has been a legal representative of a company or an enterprise that has had its business license revoked due to violations of the law or has been ordered to close down by law and the person was personally responsible, where less than three years have elapsed since the date of such revocation or closure; and (5) a person who is listed as a dishonest party subject to the liability for a relatively large amount of debts that are overdue.

Where a company elects or appoints a director to which any of the above circumstances applies, such election or appointment shall be null and void. 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.

In addition, pursuant to the Guidelines for the Articles of Association of Listed Companies, where a director of a company is a natural person who has been subject to a securities market entry prohibition measure imposed by the CSRC, he/she shall not be able to act as a company director until the period of such measure has expired.

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 with approval of more than half of all the directors. 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 jointly elected by more than half of the directors shall perform his/her duties.

Manager and Senior Management

Under the relevant requirements of the PRC Company Law, a company shall have a manager who shall be appointed or removed by the board of directors. Meanwhile, under the relevant requirements of the Guidelines for the Articles of Association of Listed Companies, the manager, who reports to the board of directors, may exercise his/her powers:

- (1) to be in charge of the production, operation and management of the company, to organize the implementation of the resolutions of the board of directors, and to report his/her works to the board of directors;

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- (2) to organize the implementation of the company’s annual business plans and investment plans;
- (3) to formulate proposals for the establishment of the company’s internal management organs;
- (4) to formulate the fundamental management system of the company;
- (5) to formulate the company’s specific rules and regulations;
- (6) to propose to the board of directors the appointment or dismissal of any deputy manager and any financial officer of the company;
- (7) to appoint or dismiss management personnel other than those required to be appointed or dismissed by the board of directors; and
- (8) other functions and powers conferred by the articles of association or the board of directors.

Other provisions in the articles of association on the manager’s powers shall also be complied with. The manager shall be present at meetings of the board of directors. However, the manager shall have no voting rights at meetings of the board of directors unless he/she concurrently serves as a director.

Under the relevant requirements of the PRC Company Law, senior management refers to manager, deputy manager, financial officer, secretary to the board of a listed company and other personnel as stipulated in the articles of association.

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 shall be obliged to be faithful and diligent towards the Company.

Directors, supervisors and management personnel are prohibited from abusing their authority in accepting bribes or other unlawful income and from misappropriating the company’s property.

Furthermore, directors and senior management are prohibited from:

- (1) embezzling company property and misappropriating company funds;
- (2) depositing company funds into accounts under their own names or the names of other individuals;
- (3) loaning company funds to others or providing guarantees in favor of others supported by company’s property in violation of the articles of association or without approval of the general meeting or the board of directors;
- (4) using their position to accept bribe or other illegal income;
- (5) using their position to procure business opportunities for themselves or others that should have otherwise been available to the company or operating businesses similar to that of the company for their own benefits or on behalf of others without approval of the general meeting;

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- (6) accepting for their own benefit commissions from a third party for transactions conducted with the company;
- (7) unauthorized divulgence of confidential information of the company;
- (8) other acts in violation of their duty of loyalty to the company; and
- (9) conduct the same kind of business as the company on his own or for another person, without reporting to the board of directors or the general meeting of shareholders, without approval by resolution of the board of directors or general meeting of shareholders according to the company's articles of association.

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

A director, supervisor or senior management who contravenes law, administrative regulation or the 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 a director, supervisor or senior management is required to attend a shareholders' general meeting, such director, supervisor or senior management shall attend the meeting and answer the inquiries from shareholders. Directors and senior management shall furnish all true information and data to the supervisory committee, without impeding the discharge of duties by the supervisory committee or supervisors.

Where a director or senior management contravenes laws, administrative regulations or the articles of association in the performance of his/her duties resulting in any loss to the company, shareholder(s) holding individually or in aggregate more than 1% of the company's shares consecutively for more than 180 days may request in writing that the supervisory committee institute litigation at the people's court. Where the supervisory committee violates the laws or administrative regulations or the articles of association in the discharge of its duties resulting in any loss to the company, such shareholder(s) may request in writing that the board of directors institute litigation at the people's court on its behalf. If the supervisory committee or the board of directors refuses to institute litigation after receiving this written request from the shareholder(s), or fails to institute litigation within 30 days of the date of receiving the request, or in case of emergency where failure to institute litigation immediately will result in irrecoverable damage to the company's interests, such shareholder(s) shall have the power to institute litigation directly at the people's court in its own name for the company's benefit. For other parties who infringe the lawful interests of the company resulting in loss to the company, such shareholder(s) may institute litigation at the people's court in accordance with the procedure described above. Where a director or senior management contravenes any laws, administrative regulations or the articles of association in infringement of shareholders' interests, a shareholder may also institute litigation at the people's court.

Pursuant to the Guidelines for the Articles of Association of Listed Companies, senior management personnel of a company shall faithfully perform their duties and safe guard the best interests of the company and all its shareholders. Senior management of a company shall be liable for compensation in accordance with the law if they fail to faithfully perform their duties or breach their duty of good faith and cause damage to the interests of the company and holders of public shares.

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Finance and Accounting Affairs

Pursuant 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 competent financial departments under the State Council. At the end of each accounting year, a company shall prepare a financial report which shall be audited by an accounting firm in accordance with laws. The financial and accounting reports shall be prepared in accordance with laws, administrative regulations and the regulations of the financial departments under 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 general meeting. A joint stock limited company that makes public stock offerings shall announce its financial and accounting reports.

When distributing each year's profits after taxation, the company shall set aside 10% of its profits after taxation for the company's statutory common reserve fund until the fund has reached more than 50% of the PRC company's registered capital. 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 good 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 profits after taxation, it may, upon passing a resolution at a shareholders' general meeting, make further allocations from its profits after taxation to the discretionary common reserve fund. After the company has made good its losses and made allocations to its discretionary common reserve fund, the remaining profits after taxation shall be distributed in proportion to the number of shares held by the shareholders, unless otherwise stipulated in the articles of association.

Profits distributed to shareholders by a resolution of a shareholders' general meeting or the board of directors before losses have been made good and allocations have been made to the statutory common reserve fund 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.

The premium over the nominal value per share of the company on issue and other income as required by relevant governmental department to be treated as the capital reserve fund shall be accounted for as the capital reserve fund. The common reserve fund of a company shall be applied to make good the company's losses, expand its business operations or increase its capital. When the company's losses are covered with common reserve fund, the discretionary common reserve fund and the statutory common reserve fund shall be used firstly, if they are insufficient, the capital common reserve fund may be used according to the applicable laws. Upon the transfer of the statutory common reserve fund into 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 funds shall not be deposited in any account opened under the name of an individual.

Appointment and Dismissal of Auditors

Pursuant to the PRC Company Law, the engagement or dismissal of an accounting firm responsible for the company's auditing shall be determined by a shareholders' general meeting or the board of directors in accordance with the articles of association. The accounting firm should be allowed to make representations when the general meeting or the board of directors 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 falsification of data.

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Pursuant to the Guidelines for the Articles of Association of Listed Companies, the company engages an accounting firm that complies with the provisions of the Securities Law to carry out audit of accounting statements, verification of net assets and other related advisory services for a period of one year, which is renewable.

Profit Distribution

Pursuant to the PRC Company Law, a company shall not distribute profits before losses are covered and the statutory common reserve fund is provided.

Amendments to the 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 resolution of the shareholders’ meeting 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 registration 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.

Dissolution and Liquidation

According to the PRC Company Law, a company may dissolve as a result of the following reasons:

- (1) the expiry of term of its operations set out in the articles of association, or the occurrence of other events of dissolution specified in the articles of association;
- (2) it is resolved in a shareholders’ meeting that the company shall resolve;
- (3) the company is dissolved by reason of a merger or division;
- (4) the business license is suspended or the company is ordered to close down or to be dissolved in accordance with the laws; or
- (5) the company is dissolved by a people’s court in response to the request of shareholders holding shares that represent more than 10% of the voting rights of all of the company’s shareholders, on the grounds that the company suffers from significant hardship in its operation and the management that cannot be resolved through other means, and the ongoing existence of the company will bring significant losses to the shareholders.

If the Company falls under the circumstances specified in Paragraphs (1) and (2) above and has not yet distributed its assets to shareholders, it may carry on its existence by amending its articles of association. The amendments to the articles of association 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 should establish a liquidation committee within 15 days of the date on which the dissolution matter occurs. The liquidation committee shall be composed of directors or any other person determined by a shareholders’ meeting. If a liquidation committee is not established within the stipulated period,

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the interest parties can apply to the people’s court for setting up a liquidation committee with designated relevant personnel to conduct the liquidation. The people’s court should accept such application and form a liquidation committee to conduct liquidation in a timely manner.

The liquidation committee may exercise following powers during the liquidation:

- (1) to sort out the company’s assets and to prepare a balance sheet and an inventory of assets;
- (2) to notify the company’s creditors or publish announcements;
- (3) to deal with any outstanding business related to the liquidation;
- (4) to pay any overdue tax together with any tax arising during the liquidation process;
- (5) to settle the company’s claims and liabilities;
- (6) to distribute the company’s remaining assets after its debts have been paid off; and
- (7) to represent the company in any civil procedures.

The liquidation committee shall notify the company’s creditors within 10 days of its establishment, and publish an announcement in newspapers the National Enterprise Credit Information Publicity System within 60 days.

A creditor shall lodge his claim with the liquidation committee within 30 days of the notification or within 45 days of the date of the announcement if he has not received any notification.

A creditor shall report all matters relevant to his claimed creditor’s rights and furnish relevant evidence. The liquidation committee shall register such creditor’s rights. The liquidation committee shall not make any settlement to creditors during the period of the claim.

Upon liquidation of the company’s assets and preparation of the required balance sheet and inventory of assets, the liquidation committee shall draw up a liquidation plan to be submitted to the shareholders’ meeting or the people’s court for verification. The company’s remaining assets, after payment of liquidation expenses, employees’ wages, social insurance expenses and statutory compensation, outstanding taxes and the company’s debts, shall be distributed to shareholders according to the proportion of their shareholding. The company shall continue to exist during the liquidation period, it however cannot commence any operating activities that are not related to the liquidation. The company’s assets shall not be distributed to shareholders before repayments are made in accordance with the requirements described above.

Upon liquidation of the company’s assets and preparation of the required balance sheet and inventory of assets, if the liquidation committee becomes aware that the company does not have sufficient assets to meet its liabilities, it must apply to a people’s court for a declaration of bankruptcy and liquidation in accordance with the laws. Following such declaration by the people’s court, the liquidation committee shall hand over the administration of the liquidation to the bankruptcy administrator designated by the people’s court.

Upon completion of the liquidation, the liquidation committee shall prepare a liquidation report and submit it to the shareholders’ meeting or the people’s court for verification, and to the company registration authority for the cancelation of company. Members of liquidation committee shall perform the duty of liquidation and fulfill the obligations of fidelity and diligence. Members of the liquidation committee shall be prohibited from abusing their authority in accepting bribes or other unlawful income

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and from misappropriating the company’s properties. Members of the liquidation committee shall be liable for compensation for losses caused to the company by his slackness in performing the duty of liquidation, or to creditors with intent or by gross negligence.

Overseas Listing

According to the Overseas Listing Trial Measures, overseas listing of a company shall be filed with CSRC. Where an issuer conducts an overseas initial public offering or listing, it shall file with CSRC within 3 working days after submitting the issuance and listing application documents overseas. The remittance and cross-border flow of funds related to overseas issuance and listing of domestic enterprises shall comply with national regulations on cross-border.

Loss of Share Certificates

A shareholder may, in accordance with the public notice procedures set out in the Civil Procedure Law of the People’s Republic of China, apply to a people’s court if his share certificate(s) in registered form is either stolen, lost or destroyed, for a declaration that such certificate(s) will no longer be valid. After the people’s court declares that such certificate(s) will no longer be valid, the shareholder may apply to the company for the issue of a replacement certificate(s).

Merger and Division

Under the PRC Company Law, a merger agreement shall be signed by merging companies and the involved companies shall prepare respective balance sheets and inventory of assets. The companies shall within 10 days of the date of passing the resolution approving the merger notify their respective creditors and publicly announce the merger in Newspapers or on the National Enterprise Credit Information Publicity System within 30 days. A creditor may, within 30 days from the date of the notification, or within 45 days from the date of the announcement if he has not received such notification, request the company to settle any outstanding debts or provide corresponding guarantees. In case of a merger, the credits and debts of the merging parties shall be assumed by the surviving or the new company. Where a company merges with a company of which it holds 90% or more of shares, the acquired company is not required to obtain approval by resolution of its shareholders’ meeting, but shall notify the other shareholders, who have the right to request the company to buy its equities or shares at a reasonable price. If the price paid for a company’s merger does not exceed 10% of the company’s net assets, approval by resolution of its meeting of shareholders is not required, unless otherwise required by the articles of association. Where a company’s merger is exempt from approval by resolution of the meeting of shareholders in accordance with the above circumstances, it shall be subject to approval by resolution of the board of directors.

In case of a division, the company’s assets shall be divided and a balance sheet and an inventory of assets shall be prepared. When a resolution regarding the company’s division is approved, the company should notify all its creditors within 10 days of the date of passing such resolution and publicly announce the division in newspapers within 30 days. Unless an agreement in writing is reached with creditors before the company’s division in respect of the settlement of debts, the liabilities of the company which have accrued prior to the division shall be jointly borne by the divided companies.

Changes in the registration as a result of the merger or division shall be registered with the relevant administration authority for industry and commerce.

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The Securities Laws of the People’s Republic of China, Regulations and Regulatory Regimes

The PRC has promulgated a series of regulations that relate to the issue and trading of the 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, coordinating and supervising all securities related institutions in the PRC and administering CSRC. CSRC is the regulatory arm 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 Securities Committee and CSRC and reformed CSRC.

On April 22, 1993, the State Council promulgated the Provisional Regulations Concerning the Issue and Trading of Shares (《股票發行與交易管理暫行條例》) govern the application and approval procedures for public offerings of shares, issuing of and trading of shares, the acquisition of listed companies, deposit, clearing and transfer of shares, the disclosure of information, investigation, penalties and dispute resolutions with respect to a listed company.

On December 25, 1995, the State Council promulgated the Regulations of the State Council Concerning Domestic Listed Foreign Shares of Joint Stock Limited Companies (《國務院關於股份有限公司境內上市外資股的規定》). These regulations principally govern the issue, subscription, trading and declaration of dividends and other distributions of domestic listed foreign shares and disclosure of information of joint stock limited companies having domestic listed foreign shares.

The Securities Law of the People’s Republic of China (《中華人民共和國證券法》) (hereinafter referred to as the “**Securities Law**”) took effect on July 1, 1999 and was revised as at August 28, 2004, October 27, 2005, June 29, 2013, August 31, 2014 and December 28, 2019, respectively. The latest Securities Law was implemented on March 1, 2020. It was the first national securities law in the PRC, and is divided into 14 chapters and 226 articles comprehensively regulating activities in the PRC securities market, including the issue and trading of securities, takeovers by listed companies and the duties and responsibilities of the securities exchanges, securities companies, securities clearing institutions and securities regulatory authorities.

Article 224 of the Securities Law of the People’s Republic of China provides that domestic enterprises shall satisfy the relevant requirements of the State Council when it issues shares or lists shares outside the PRC directly or indirectly. Currently, the issue and trading of foreign issued securities (including shares) are principally governed by the regulations and rules promulgated by the State Council and CSRC.

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“Full Circulation” of H Shares

The Guidelines for the Application for “Full Circulation” of Domestic Unlisted Shares of H Share Companies (《H股公司境內未上市股份申請“全流通”業務指引》) issued by the CSRC and came into effect on November 14, 2019 regulates the list and circulation (hereinafter referred to as “**Full Circulation**”) of listed domestic shares of domestic joint stock limited companies (hereinafter referred to as “**H share companies**”) listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (hereinafter referred to as “**Stock Exchange**”) (including unlisted domestic shares held by domestic shareholders prior to overseas listing, listed domestic shares issued in China upon overseas listing and listed shares held by overseas shareholders). The application for “full circulation” by H share companies shall be submitted to the CSRC for approval pursuant to the administrative approval procedures for “overseas public share offering and listing (including additional issuance) of joint stock limited companies”. When applying for overseas refinancing, H share companies may separately or concurrently apply for “full circulation”. A domestic joint stock limited company whose shares are unlisted may simultaneously make an application for “full circulation” at the time of applying for an overseas IPO listing.

Arbitration and Enforcement of Arbitral Awards

The Arbitration Law of the People’s Republic of China (2017 Amendment) (《中華人民共和國仲裁法(2017修正)》) (hereinafter referred to as the “**PRC Arbitration Law**”) was enacted by the Standing Committee of the NPC on August 31, 1994, which became effective on September 1, 1995 and was amended on August 27, 2009 and September 1, 2017. It is applicable to, among other matters, economic disputes involving foreign parties where all parties have 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 provisions in accordance with the PRC Arbitration Law and the PRC Civil Procedure Law. Where the involved 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 has lapsed.

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 one party fails to comply with the arbitral award, the other party to the award may apply to a people’s court for its enforcement. However, the people’s court may refuse to enforce an arbitral award made by an arbitration commission if there is any procedural irregularity (including but not limited to irregularity in the composition of the arbitration tribunal, the jurisdiction of the arbitration commission, or the making of an award on matters beyond the scope of the arbitration agreement or outside the jurisdiction of the arbitration commission).

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

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The PRC acceded to the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (hereinafter referred to as the “New York Convention”) passed on June 10, 1958 pursuant to a resolution passed by the Standing Committee of the NPC 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 recognised and enforced by other parties thereto subject to their rights to refuse enforcement under certain circumstances, 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 Standing Committee of the NPC declared that (1) the PRC will only apply the New York Convention to the recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards made in the territories of other parties based on the principle of reciprocity; and (2) the New York Convention will only apply to disputes deemed under PRC laws to be arising from contractual or non-contractual mercantile legal relations.

An arrangement for mutual enforcement of arbitral awards between Hong Kong and the Supreme People’s Court was reached. The Supreme People’s Court of China adopted the Arrangements on the Mutual Enforcement of Arbitral Awards between the Mainland and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on June 18, 1999, which went into effect on February 1, 2000, which was amended by the Supplemental Arrangement of the Supreme People’s Court for the Mutual Enforcement of Arbitral Awards between the Mainland and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region implemented in November 27, 2020 and the Supplemental Arrangement of the Supreme People’s Court for the Mutual Enforcement of Arbitral Awards between the Mainland and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (2021) implemented in May 19, 2021. The arrangements reflect the spirit of the New York Convention. Under the arrangements, the awards by the Mainland arbitral bodies recognised by Hong Kong may be enforced in Hong Kong and the awards by the Hong Kong arbitral bodies may also be enforced in the Mainland China. If the Mainland court finds that the enforcement of awards made by the Hong Kong arbitral bodies in the Mainland will be against public interests of the Mainland, the awards may not be enforced.

Judicial Judgment and its Enforcement

According to the Arrangement on Mutual Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters by the Courts of the Mainland China and of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Pursuant to Agreed Jurisdiction by Parties Concerned (《最高人民法院關於內地與香港特別行政區法院相互認可和執行民商事案件判決的安排》) promulgated by the Supreme People’s Court on January 25, 2024 and implemented on January 29, 2024, where the court of China and the court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region have rendered legally effective judgments in civil and commercial cases or civil compensation components of criminal cases, any party concerned may apply to the People’s Court of China or the court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for recognition and enforcement based on this arrangement.