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In preparation for the [REDACTED], our Company has sought the following waivers from strict compliance with the relevant provisions of the Listing Rules and exemptions from strict compliance with the Companies (Winding up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance.

WAIVER IN RESPECT OF MANAGEMENT PRESENCE IN HONG KONG

Pursuant to Rule 8.12 of the Listing Rules, our Company must have a sufficient management presence in Hong Kong. This normally means that at least two of our executive Directors must be ordinarily resident in Hong Kong. Rule 19A.15 of the Listing Rules further provides that the requirement in Rule 8.12 of the Listing Rules may be waived by having regard to, among other considerations, our arrangements for maintaining regular communication with the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

Our headquarters are based, and most of the business operations of our Group, are managed and conducted in the PRC. Our executive Directors ordinarily reside in the PRC and they play very important roles in our Company’s business operations. It is in our best interests for them to be based in places where our Group has significant operations. We consider it practically difficult and commercially unreasonable for us to arrange for executive Directors to ordinarily reside in Hong Kong, either by means of relocation of our existing executive Directors or appointment of additional executive Directors. Therefore, our Company does not have, or does not contemplate in the foreseeable future that we will have sufficient management presence in Hong Kong for the purpose of satisfying the requirements under Rule 8.12 of the Listing Rules.

Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 19A.15 of the Listing Rules, we have applied to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange for, and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange [has granted] us, a waiver from strict compliance with Rule 8.12 of the Listing Rules subject to the following conditions:

- (a) We have appointed Ms. Wang and Ms. Lau Mei Wah (劉美華) (“**Ms. Lau**”) as our authorised representatives (the “**Authorised Representatives**”) pursuant to Rule 3.05 of the Listing Rules. The Authorised Representatives will act as our Company’s principal channel of communication with the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. The Authorised Representatives will be readily contactable by phone, facsimile and email to promptly deal with inquiries from the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, and will also be available to meet with the Hong Kong Stock Exchange to discuss any matter within a reasonable period of time upon request of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange;
- (b) When the Hong Kong Stock Exchange wishes to contact our Directors on any matter, each of the Authorised Representatives will have all necessary means to contact all of our Directors (including our independent non-executive Directors) and our senior management team promptly at all times. Our Company will also inform the Hong Kong Stock Exchange promptly in respect of any changes in the authorised representatives. We have provided the Hong Kong Stock Exchange with the contact details (i.e. mobile phone number, office phone number and email address) of all Directors to facilitate communication with the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. Our Directors will also provide the phone number of the place of his/her accommodation to the Authorised Representatives in the event that any Director expects to travel or otherwise be out of office;
- (c) All Directors who do not ordinarily reside in Hong Kong possess or can apply for valid travel documents to visit Hong Kong and can meet with the Hong Kong Stock Exchange within a reasonable period of time;

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- (d) We have appointed Eddid Capital Limited as our compliance advisor (the “**Compliance Advisor**”) upon the Listing pursuant to Rule 3A.19 of the Listing Rules for a period commencing on the [REDACTED] and ending on the date on which we comply with Rule 13.46 of the Listing Rules in respect of our financial results for the first full financial year commencing after the [REDACTED]. The Compliance Advisor will have access at all times to our Authorised Representatives, Directors and other officers, who will act as the additional channel of communication with the Hong Kong Stock Exchange when the Authorised Representatives are not available. The contact details of the Compliance Advisor has been provided to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and the Company will inform the Hong Kong Stock Exchange promptly in respect of any change in the Compliance Advisor; and
- (e) We have designated staff members as the communication officer at the Company’s headquarters after the [REDACTED] who will be responsible for maintaining day-to-day communication with the Authorised Representatives, and the Company’s professional advisors in Hong Kong, including our legal advisors in Hong Kong and the Compliance Advisor, to keep abreast of any correspondences and/or inquiries from the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and report to the executive Directors to further facilitate communication between the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and the Company.

WAIVER IN RESPECT OF APPOINTMENT OF JOINT COMPANY SECRETARIES

Pursuant to Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules, we must appoint a company secretary who, by virtue of his/her academic or professional qualifications or relevant experience, is, in the opinion of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, capable of discharging the functions of company secretary. Note 1 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules provides that the Hong Kong Stock Exchange considers the following academic or professional qualifications to be acceptable:

- (a) a member of The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute;
- (b) a solicitor or barrister as defined in the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Chapter 159 of the Laws of Hong Kong); and
- (c) a certified public accountant as defined in the Professional Accountants Ordinance (Chapter 50 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

Note 2 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules further provides that the Hong Kong Stock Exchange considers the following factors to be acceptable in assessing the “relevant experience” of the individual’s:

- (a) length of employment with the issuer and other issuers and the roles he/she played;
- (b) familiarity with the Listing Rules and other relevant laws and regulations including the SFO, the Companies Ordinance, the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance and the Takeovers Code;
- (c) relevant training taken and/or to be taken in addition to the minimum requirement under Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules; and
- (d) professional qualifications in other jurisdictions.

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Our Company has appointed Ms. Wang, as one of our joint company secretaries. Ms. Wang has sufficient experience in our business but presently does not possess any of the qualifications under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules, and may not be able to solely fulfill the requirements of the Listing Rules. Therefore, we have appointed Ms. Lau, who is associate member of The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute, who fully meets the requirements stipulated under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules to act as the other joint company secretary. Ms. Lau will provide assistance to Ms. Wang for an initial period of three years from the [REDACTED] to enable Ms. Wang to acquire the “relevant experience” under Note 2 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules so as to fully comply with the requirements set forth under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules.

Since Ms. Wang does not possess the formal qualifications required of a company secretary under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules, we have applied to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange for, and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange [has granted], a waiver from strict compliance with the requirements under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules such that Ms. Wang may be appointed as a joint company secretary of our Company. Pursuant to paragraph 13 of Chapter 3.10 under the Guide for New Listing Applicants published by the Stock Exchange, the waiver will be for a fixed period of time (the “**Waiver Period**”) and on the following conditions: (i) the proposed company secretary must be assisted by a person who possesses the qualifications or experience as required under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules and is appointed as a joint company secretary throughout the Waiver Period; and (ii) the waiver can be revoked if there are material breaches of the Listing Rules by the issuer. The waiver is valid for an initial period of three years from the [REDACTED], and is granted on the condition that Ms. Lau will work closely with Ms. Wang to jointly discharge the duties and responsibilities as company secretary and assist Ms. Wang in acquiring the relevant experience as required under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules. Ms. Lau will also assist Ms. Wang in organizing Board meetings and Shareholders’ meetings of our Company as well as other matters of our Company which are incidental to the duties of a company secretary. Ms. Lau is expected to work closely with Ms. Wang and will maintain regular contact with Ms. Wang, the Directors and the senior management of our Company. The waiver will be revoked immediately if Ms. Lau ceases to provide assistance to Ms. Wang as a joint company secretary for the three-year period after the [REDACTED] or where there are material breaches of the Listing Rules by our Company. In addition, Ms. Wang will comply with the annual professional training requirement under Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules and will enhance her knowledge of the Listing Rules during the three-year period from the [REDACTED]. Ms. Wang will also be assisted by (a) the Compliance Advisor of our Company, particularly in relation to compliance with the Listing Rules; and (b) the Hong Kong legal advisors of our Company, on matters concerning our Company’s ongoing compliance with the Listing Rules and the applicable laws and regulations.

Before the expiration of the initial three-year period, the qualifications of Ms. Wang will be re-evaluated to determine whether the requirements as stipulated in Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules can be satisfied. We will liaise with the Hong Kong Stock Exchange to enable it to assess whether Ms. Wang, having benefited from the assistance of Ms. Lau for the preceding three years, will have acquired the skills necessary to carry out the duties of company secretary and the relevant experience within the meaning of Note 2 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules so that a further waiver will not be necessary.