1. TAXATION OF SECURITY HOLDERS

Income tax and capital gains tax for holders of H Shares are provided for under the laws and practices of Chinese Mainland and the jurisdictions in which the holders of H Shares are resident or otherwise subject to tax. The following summary of certain relevant tax provisions is based on current laws and practices and does not take into account anticipated changes or modifications in relevant laws or policies and does not constitute any opinion or recommendation. The discussion does not address all of the possible tax implications relating to the H Shares, nor does it consider the specific circumstances of any particular **[REDACTED]**, some of which may be subject to special rules. Accordingly, you should consult your tax advisers as to the tax implications of the H Shares. This discussion is based on the laws and relevant interpretations in force as at the Latest Practicable Date, all of which are subject to change or adjustment and may have retrospective effect.

This discussion does not cover any aspects of PRC taxes other than income tax, capital gains tax and profits tax, value-added tax, stamp duty and estate tax. Prospective **[REDACTED]** should consult their financial advisers regarding Chinese Mainland and other tax implications of owning and disposing of the H shares.

The PRC Taxation

Taxation on Dividends

Individual Investors

According to the Individual Income Tax Law of the People's Republic of China (《中華人民共和國個人所得稅法》), or the Individual Income Tax Law, amended by the SCNPC on August 31, 2018 and effective on January 1, 2019, and the Implementation Rules of the Individual Income Tax Law of the People's Republic of China (《中華人民共和國個人所得稅法實施條例》) amended by the State Council on December 18, 2018 and effective on January 1, 2019, dividends paid by PRC companies to individual investors are ordinarily subject to a withholding income tax levied at a flat rate of 20%. Meanwhile, according to the Notice on Issues Concerning Differentiated Individual Income Tax Policies on Dividends and Bonus of Listed Companies (《關於上市公司股息紅利差別化個人所得稅政策有關問題的通知》) issued by the Ministry of Finance, the State Administration of Taxation and the CSRC on September 7, 2015 and effective on September 8, 2015, where an individual holds the shares of a listed company obtained from the public offering for more than one year and transfers the stock of the listed company on the stock market, the dividend and bonus income shall be temporarily exempted from individual income tax. Where an individual acquires shares of a listed company from the public offering and transfers the stock of the listed company on the stock market, if the holding period is within one month (inclusive), the dividend income shall be included in the taxable income in full; if the holding period is more than one month but less than one year (inclusive), the dividend income shall be included in the taxable income at the rate of 50%; the aforesaid income shall be subject to individual income tax at a uniform rate of 20%.

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

Mainland China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income (《內地和香港特別行政區關於對所得避免雙重徵税和防止偷漏税的安排》第五議定書), or the Fifth Protocol, issued by The State Administration of Taxation and effective on December 6, 2019 provides that such provisions shall not apply to arrangements or transactions made for one of the primary purposes of obtaining such tax benefits.

Enterprise Investors

In accordance with the Enterprise Income Tax Law of the People's Republic of China (《中華人民共和國企業所得税法》) (the "**EIT Law**") effective as at December 29, 2018 and the Implementation Provisions for the Enterprise Income Tax Law of the People's Republic of China (《中華人民共和國企業所得税法實施條例》) last amended on December 6, 2024 and came into effect on January 20, 2025, a non-resident enterprise is generally subject to a 10% enterprise income tax on PRC-sourced income (including dividends received from a PRC resident enterprise that issues shares in Hong Kong), if such non-resident enterprise does not have an establishment or place in Chinese Mainland or has an establishment or place in Chinese Mainland but the PRC-sourced income is not connected with such establishment or place in Chinese Mainland. The withholding tax may be reduced pursuant to applicable treaties for the avoidance of double taxation. Such income tax for non-resident enterprises are deducted at source, where the payer of the income are required to withhold the income tax from the amount to be paid to the non-resident enterprise when such payment is made or due.

The Circular on Issues Relating to the Withholding of Enterprise Income Tax by PRC Resident Enterprises on Dividends Paid to Overseas Non-PRC Resident Enterprise Shareholders of H Shares (Guo Shui Han [2008] No. 897) (《關於中國居民企業向境外H股非居民企業股東派發股息代扣代繳企業所得税有關問題的通知》國税函[2008]897號) which was issued by the SAT on November 6, 2008, further clarified that a PRC-resident enterprise must withhold corporate income tax at a rate of 10% on dividends paid to non-PRC resident enterprise shareholders of H Shares with respect to the dividends of 2008 and onwards. In addition, the Response to Questions on Levying Enterprise Income Tax on Dividends Derived by Non-resident Enterprise from Holding Stock such as B-shares (Guo Shui Han [2009] No. 394) (《國家税務總局關於非居民企業取得B股等股票股息徵收企業所得税問題的批覆》國税函[2009]394號) which was issued by the SAT on July 24, 2009 and effective on the same date, further provides that any PRC-resident enterprise that is listed on overseas stock exchanges must withhold enterprise income tax at a rate of 10% on dividends of 2008 and onwards that it distributes to non-resident enterprises. Such tax rates may be further modified pursuant to the tax treaty or agreement that China has concluded with a relevant jurisdiction, where applicable.

Pursuant to the Arrangement between the Mainland and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income (《內地和香港特別行政區關於對所得避免雙重徵税和防止偷漏税的安排》) signed on August 21, 2006, the PRC Government may levy taxes on the dividends paid by a PRC company to Hong Kong residents (including natural persons and legal entities) in an amount not exceeding 10% of total dividends payable by the PRC company. If a Hong Kong resident directly holds 25% or more of the equity interest in a PRC company, then such tax shall not exceed 5% of the total dividends payable by the PRC company. Pursuant to the Fourth Protocol of the SAT to the Arrangement between the Mainland and Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income (《國家税務總局關於<內地和香港特別行政區關於對所得避免雙重徵税和防止偷漏税的安排>第四議定書》) effective as at December 29, 2015, the abovementioned provisions are not applicable to any arrangement which is primarily made for the purpose of obtaining the above taxation benefits. The application of the dividend clause of tax agreements is subject to the requirements of PRC tax law and regulation, such as the Notice of the SAT on the Issues Concerning the Application of the Dividend Clauses of Tax Agreements (《國家税務總局關於執行税收協定股息條款有關問題的通知》) (Guo Shui Han [2009] No. 81).

Tax Treaties

Investors who are not PRC residents and reside in countries which have entered into avoidance of double taxation treaties with the People's Republic of China are entitled to a reduction of the withholding taxes imposed on the dividends received from PRC companies. The PRC has entered into arrangements for the avoidance of double taxation with a number of countries and regions including but not limited to Hong Kong, Macau, Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Singapore, the United Kingdom and the United States. Non-PRC resident enterprises entitled to preferential tax rates in accordance with the relevant income tax treaties or arrangements are required to apply to the PRC tax authorities for a refund of the withholding tax in excess of the agreed tax rate, and the refund payment is subject to approval by the PRC tax authorities.

Taxation on Share Transfer

VAT and Local Additional Tax

Pursuant to the Notice on Fully Implementing the Pilot Reform for the Transition from Business Tax to Value-added Tax (《關於全面推開營業税改徵增值税試點的通知》) (Cai Shui [2016] No. 36) (hereinafter referred to as "**Notice 36**"), which was implemented on May 1, 2016, entities and individuals engaged in the services sale in Chinese Mainland are subject to VAT and "engaged in the services sale in Chinese Mainland" means that the seller or buyer of the taxable services is located in Chinese Mainland. Circular 36 also provides that transfer of financial products, including transfer of the ownership of marketable securities, shall be subject to VAT at 6% on the taxable revenue (which is the balance of sales price upon deduction of purchase price), for a general or a foreign VAT taxpayer. However, individuals who transfer financial products are exempt from VAT.

According to these regulations, if the holder is a nonresident individual, the PRC VAT is exempted from the sale or disposal of H shares; if the holder is a nonresident enterprise and the H-share buyer is an individual or entity located outside China, the holder is not necessarily required to pay the PRC VAT, but if the H-share buyer is an individual or entity located in China, the holder may be required to pay the PRC VAT. However, in view of no clear regulations, whether the non-Chinese resident enterprises are required to pay the PRC VAT for the disposal of H shares, there is still uncertainty in the interpretation and application of the above provisions.

At the same time, VAT payers are also required to pay urban maintenance and construction tax, education surtax and local education surcharge (hereinafter collectively referred to as "**Local Additional Tax**"), which shall usually equal to 12% of the VAT payable (if any).

Income tax

Individual Investors

According to the IIT Law and its implementation provisions, gains realised on the sale of equity interests in PRC resident enterprises are subject to the income tax at a rate of 20%.

Pursuant to the Circular of the MOF and SAT on Declaring that Individual Income Tax Continues to be Exempted over Income of Individuals from the Transfer of Shares (《財政部、國家税務總局關於個人轉讓股票所得繼續暫免徵收個人所得税的通知》) (Cai Shui Zi [1998] No. 61) issued by the MOF and SAT on March 30, 1998, from January 1, 1997, income of individuals from transfer of the shares of listed enterprises continues to be exempted from individual income tax. SAT has not expressly stated whether it will continue to exempt tax on income of individuals from transfer of the shares of listed enterprises in the latest amended IIT Law and its implementation provisions.

However, on December 31, 2009, the MOF, SAT and the CSRC jointly issued the Circular on Relevant Issues Concerning the Collection of Individual Income Tax over the Income Received by Individuals from Transfer of Listed Shares Subject to Sales Limitation (Cai Shui [2009] No. 167) (《關於個人轉讓上市公司限售股所得徵收個人所得稅有關問題的通知》) (財稅[2009]167號), which provides that individuals' income from transferring listed shares on certain domestic exchanges shall continue to be exempted from individual income tax, except for certain shares which are subject to sales limitations as defined in the Supplementary Circular on Relevant Issues Concerning the Collection of Individual Income Tax over the Income Received by Individuals from Transfer of Listed Shares Subject to Sales Limitation (Cai Shui [2010] No. 70) (《關於個人轉讓上市公司限售股所得徵收個人所得稅有關問題的補充通知》) (財稅[2010]70號). As at the Latest Practicable Date, the aforesaid provision has not expressly provided that individual income tax shall be collected from non-PRC resident individuals on the transfer of shares of PRC resident enterprises listed on overseas stock exchanges. To the knowledge of the Company, in practice, the PRC tax authorities have not collected income tax from non-PRC resident individuals on gains from the transfer of shares of PRC resident enterprises listed on overseas stock exchanges.

Enterprise Investors

Under the EIT Law and its implementation rules, a non-PRC resident enterprise is subject to enterprise income tax at the rate of 10% with respect to PRC-sourced income, including gains derived from the disposal of shares in a PRC resident enterprise, if it does not have an establishment or premises in Chinese Mainland or has an establishment or premises in Chinese Mainland but the PRC-sourced income is not actually connected with such establishment or premises in Chinese Mainland. The aforementioned income tax payable by non-PRC resident enterprises is subject to source withholding, and the payer is the withholding agent. The tax shall be withheld by the withholding agent from the payment or due payment every time it is paid or due. Such tax may be reduced or exempted under applicable tax treaties or arrangements.

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

On October 31, 2014 and November 5, 2016, the MOF, the SAT and the CSRC jointly issued the Circular on the Relevant Taxation Policy regarding the Pilot Inter-connected Mechanism for Trading on the Shanghai Stock Market and the Hong Kong Stock Market (《關於滬港股票市場交易互聯互通機制試點有關稅收政策的通知》) and the Circular on the Relevant Taxation Policy regarding the Pilot Inter-connected Mechanism for Trading on the Shenzhen Stock Market and the Hong Kong Stock Market (《關於深港股票市場交易互聯互通機制試點有關稅收政策的通知》), pursuant to which, the income from transfer differences and dividend and bonus income derived by PRC enterprise investors from investing in stocks listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect or Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect shall be included in their total income and subject to enterprise income tax in accordance with the law. In particular, the dividend and bonus income derived by PRC resident enterprises which hold H shares for at least 12 consecutive months shall be exempted from enterprise income tax according to law. The H-share companies do not need to withhold tax on the income from dividends and bonus obtained by PRC enterprise investors. The tax payable shall be declared and paid by the enterprises themselves.

For dividends and bonuses received by PRC individual investors investing in H shares listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, H-share companies shall submit an application to China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited (the "**CSDC**"), which shall provide H-share companies with a register of PRC individual investors. H-share companies shall withhold individual income tax at a rate of 20%. Individual investors who have paid withholding tax outside Chinese Mainland may apply for tax credits at the competent tax authorities of the CSDC with valid tax deduction certificates. Individual income

tax is levied on dividend and bonus income derived by PRC security investment funds from investing in stocks listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect or Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect in accordance with the above provisions.

Stamp Duty

According to the Stamp Tax Law of the People's Republic of China (《中華人民共和國印花税法》) promulgated on June 10, 2021 and became effective on July 1, 2022, non-Chinese investors shall not be subject to the provisions of the Stamp Tax Law of the People's Republic of China when disposing of H shares overseas.

Estate Duty

As of the date of this document, no estate duty has been levied in Chinese Mainland under the PRC laws.

2. MAJOR TAXATION OF OUR COMPANY IN THE PRC

Enterprise Income Tax

According to the Enterprise Income Tax Law of the People's Republic of China (《中華人民共和國企業所得税法》), enterprises and other income-generating organizations (hereinafter collectively referred to as "**enterprises**") within the territory of the People's Republic of China are the taxpayers of enterprise income tax and shall pay enterprise income tax in accordance with the provisions of the EIT Law. The Enterprise Income Tax rate is 25%.

Enterprises are classified into resident enterprises and non-resident enterprises. A non-resident enterprise that does not have an establishment or place of business in Chinese Mainland, or has an establishment or place of business in Chinese Mainland but the income has no actual connection to such establishment or place of business, shall pay enterprise income tax on its income within Chinese Mainland and withhold at source, where the payer is the withholding agent. The tax shall be withheld by the withholding agent from the payment or due payment every time it is paid or due. Meanwhile, any gains realized on the transfer of shares by such investors are subject to enterprise income tax and shall be withheld at source if such gains are regarded as income derived from the transfer of property within Chinese Mainland.

VAT

According to the Interim Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Value-Added Tax (《中華人民共和國增值税暫行條例》) which was promulgated by the State Council on December 13, 1993, and latest amended on November 19, 2017, and the Detailed Rules for the Implementation of the Provisional Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Value-added Tax (《中華人民共和國增值税暫行條例實施細則》) which was promulgated by the MOF on December 25, 1993 and latest amended on October 28, 2011, all enterprises and individuals that engage in the sale of goods, the provision of processing, repair and replacement services, sales of service, intangible assets and real estate and the importation of goods within the territory of Chinese Mainland shall pay value-added tax. The tax rate for taxpayers engaging in sale of services shall be 6% and the tax rate for taxpayers engaging in sale of goods shall be 17%, unless otherwise stipulated. With the VAT reforms in Chinese Mainland, the rate of VAT has been changed several times.

Pursuant to the Implementation Rules of Pilot Reform for Transition from Business Tax to VAT (《營業税改徵增值税試點實施辦法》) which was promulgated on March 23, 2016, and latest amended on March 20, 2019, unless otherwise provided in the implementation rules, taxpayers incurring taxable

activities are generally subject to a 6% VAT. The Notice on the Adjustment to VAT Rates (《關於調整增值税税率的通知》) (Cai Shui [2018] No. 32), promulgated by the MOF and SAT on April 4, 2018 and became effective as of May 1, 2018 adjusted the applicative rate of VAT, and the deduction rates of 17% and 11% applicable to the taxpayers who have VAT taxable sales activities or imported goods are adjusted to 16% and 10%, respectively. According to the Announcement on Relevant Policies for Deepening Value-Added Tax Reform (《關於深化增值税改革有關政策的公告》) (Announcement [2019] No. 14 of the MOF, SAT and General Administration of Customs), promulgated by MOF, SAT and General Administration of Customs on March 20, 2019 and became effective on April 1, 2019, the VAT rates of 16% and 10% applicable to the taxpayers who have VAT taxable sales activities or imported goods are adjusted to 13% and 9%, respectively.

3. FOREIGN EXCHANGE

The lawful currency of the People's Republic of China is the Renminbi. The SAFE, authorized by the PBOC, is empowered with the functions of administering all matters relating to foreign exchange, including the enforcement of foreign exchange regulations.

Pursuant to the Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Foreign Exchange Control (《中華人民共和國外匯管理條例》) amended by the State Council and became effective on August 5, 2008, all international payments and transfers are classified into current account items and capital account items. Chinese Mainland does not impose restrictions on international payments and transfers under current account items. Foreign exchange income from the current account of PRC enterprises may be retained or sold to financial institutions engaged in the settlement and sale of foreign exchange in accordance with relevant provisions of the State. The retention or sale of foreign exchange receipts under capital accounts to financial institutions engaging in settlement and sale of foreign exchange shall be subject to the approval of foreign exchange administrative authorities, unless otherwise stipulated by the State. Pursuant to the Regulations for the Administration of Settlement, Sale and Payment of Foreign Exchange (《結匯、售匯及付匯管理規定》) promulgated by the PBOC on June 20, 1996 and became effective on July 1, 1996, the remaining restrictions on convertibility of foreign exchange in respect of current account items are abolished while the existing restrictions on foreign exchange transactions in respect of capital account items are retained. According to relevant laws and regulations of the People's Republic of China, PRC enterprises (including foreign-invested enterprises) which require foreign exchange for transactions relating to current account items, may, without the approval of SAFE, effect payment from their foreign exchange accounts at the designated foreign exchange banks, on the strength of valid receipts and proof of transactions. Foreign-invested enterprise that need to distribute profits to their shareholders in foreign exchange and Chinese enterprise that need to pay fixed dividends in foreign exchange in accordance with the requirements shall pay from its foreign exchange account or pay at the designated foreign exchange bank by a resolution of the board of directors on the distribution of profits.

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

According to the Circular of the SAFE on Relevant Issues Concerning the Foreign Exchange Administration of Overseas Listing (《國家外匯管理局關於境外上市外匯管理有關問題的通知》) promulgated by the SAFE and became effective on December 26, 2014, the relevant provisions on foreign exchange administration of domestic joint stock companies (hereinafter referred to as "**domestic companies**") listed overseas are as follows:

(i) The SAFE and its branches and the Foreign Exchange Management Department, or the Foreign Exchange Bureau, supervise, manage and inspect the business registration, account opening and use, cross-border income and expenditure, and capital exchange involved in the overseas listing of domestic companies.

(ii) A domestic company shall, within 15 working days after the completion of the overseas listing and issuance, register the overseas listing with the Foreign Exchange Bureau at the place where it is registered with relevant material.

(iii) After the overseas listing of a domestic company, its domestic shareholders who intend to increase or reduce their shareholding in an overseas listed company according to relevant regulations shall register the overseas shareholding with the local foreign exchange bureau at the place where the domestic shareholders are located within 20 working days prior to the proposed increase or reduction of shareholding with relevant materials.

(iv) A domestic company (other than banking financial institutions) shall, by virtue of its registration certificate for overseas listing business, open a "special foreign exchange account for overseas listing of domestic companies" with a domestic bank for its initial offering (or additional offering) and repurchase business to handle the remittance and transfer of funds for the relevant business.

According to the Notice of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Further Simplifying and Improving Policies for the Foreign Exchange Administration of Direct Investment (《國家外匯管理局關於進一步簡化和改進直接投資外匯管理政策的通知》) issued on February 13, 2015 and came into effect on June 1, 2015, the SAFE has cancelled the confirmation of foreign exchange registration under domestic direct investment and the confirmation of foreign exchange registration under overseas direct investment, instead, banks shall directly examine and handle foreign exchange registration under domestic direct investment and foreign exchange registration under overseas direct investment, and the SAFE and its branch offices shall indirectly regulate the foreign exchange registration of direct investment through banks.

According to the Notice of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange of the People's Republic of China on Revolutionize and Regulate Capital Account Settlement Management Policies (《國家外匯管理局關於改革和規範資本項目結匯管理政策的通知》) issued and implemented by the SAFE on June 9, 2016, foreign currency earnings in capital account that relevant policies of willingness exchange settlement have been clearly implemented on (including the recalling of raised capital by overseas listing) may undertake foreign exchange settlement in the banks according to actual business needs of the domestic institutions. The tentative percentage of foreign exchange settlement for foreign currency earnings in capital account of domestic institutions is 100%, subject to adjustment by the SAFE in due time in accordance with international revenue and expenditure situations.