

WAIVERS FROM STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE LISTING RULES

In preparation of the [REDACTED], we have sought the following waivers from strict compliance with the relevant provisions of the Listing Rules.

WAIVER IN RESPECT OF MANAGEMENT PRESENCE IN HONG KONG

Pursuant to Rules 8.12 and 19A.15 of the Listing Rules, we 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.

Since our principal business and operations are substantially located, managed and conducted in the PRC, our Directors consider that appointment of additional executive Directors who will be ordinarily resident in Hong Kong would not be beneficial to or appropriate for our Group. As none of our executive Directors are ordinarily based in Hong Kong, we do not contemplate that we will in the foreseeable future, have a sufficient management presence in Hong Kong for the purpose of satisfying the requirements under Rules 8.12 and 19A.15 of the Listing Rules.

Accordingly, we have applied to the Stock Exchange for, and the Stock Exchange [has granted], a waiver from strict compliance with the requirements under Rules 8.12 and 19A.15 of the Listing Rules. We will put in place the following measures in order to ensure that regular communication is maintained between the Stock Exchange and our Company:

- (a) we have appointed two authorized representatives pursuant to Rule 3.05 of the Listing Rules, who will act as our principal channel of communication with the Stock Exchange. The two authorized representatives are Mr. Wu and Ms. Wong Mei Fung Carrie (黃美鳳) (“**Ms. Wong**”). Mr. Wu confirms that he possesses valid travel documents and can readily travel to Hong Kong and Ms. Wong is ordinarily resident in Hong Kong. Each of the authorized representatives will be available to meet with the Stock Exchange in Hong Kong within a reasonable period of time upon the request of the Stock Exchange and will be readily contactable by telephone and email. Each of the authorized representatives is authorized to communicate on behalf of our Company with the Stock Exchange;
- (b) the authorized representatives have means to contact our Directors (including our independent non-executive Directors) promptly at all times as and when the Stock Exchange wishes to contact our Directors for any matter;
- (c) all of our Directors have confirmed that they possess, or can apply for or renew valid travel documents to visit Hong Kong, and would be able to meet with the Stock Exchange upon reasonable notice and within a reasonable period. Each of our Directors will be readily contactable by telephone and email, and is authorized to communicate on behalf of our Company with the Stock Exchange;
- (d) each of our Directors has provided his/her respective contact details, including office phone number, mobile phone number, email address and address, to the Stock Exchange and the authorized representatives. In the event that any Director expects to travel or otherwise be out of office, he/she will provide the contact details and his/her place of accommodation to the authorized representatives;
- (e) our Company has appointed Red Solar Capital Limited as compliance advisor pursuant to Rule 3A.19 of the Listing Rules, who will have access at all times to the authorized representatives, our Directors and other senior management of our Company, and will act as an additional channel of communication with the Stock Exchange for the period commencing on the date of the [REDACTED] of our H Shares on the Main Board and ending on the date when our Company distributes its annual report for the first full financial year in accordance with Rule 13.46 of the Listing Rules; and
- (f) meetings between the Stock Exchange and our Directors can be arranged through the authorized representatives, the compliance advisor of our Company or directly with our Directors within a reasonable time frame. Our Company will inform the Stock Exchange promptly in respect of any change in its authorized representatives and/or its compliance advisor.

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WAIVER IN RESPECT OF APPOINTMENT OF JOINT COMPANY SECRETARIES

Pursuant to Rule 8.17 of the Listing Rules, we must appoint a company secretary who satisfies Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules. According to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules, our company secretary must be an individual who, by virtue of his or her academic or professional qualifications or relevant experience, is, in the opinion of the Stock Exchange, capable of discharging the functions of company secretary.

The 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 Stock Exchange considers the following factors in assessing the “relevant experience” of the individual:

- (a) length of employment with the issuer and other issuers and the roles he or 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 be the minimum requirement under Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules; and
- (d) professional qualifications in other jurisdictions.

Pursuant to paragraph 13 of Chapter 3.10 of the Guide for New Listing Applicants, the Stock Exchange will consider a waiver application by an issuer in relation to Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules based on the specific facts and circumstances. Factors that will be considered by the Stock Exchange include:

- (a) whether the issuer has principal business activities primarily outside Hong Kong;
- (b) whether the issuer is able to demonstrate the need to appoint a person who does not have the Acceptable Qualification (as defined under paragraph 9 of Chapter 3.10 of the Guide for New Listing Applicants) nor Relevant Experience (as defined under paragraph 9 of Chapter 3.10 of the Guide for New Listing Applicants) as a company secretary; and
- (c) why the directors consider the individual to be suitable to act as the issuer’s company secretary.

Further, pursuant to paragraph 11 of Chapter 3.10 of the Guide for New Listing Applicants, such waiver, if granted, will be for a fixed period of time (the “**Waiver Period**”) and on the following conditions:

- (a) 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
- (b) the waiver will be revoked if there are material breaches of the Listing Rules by our Company.

We have appointed Mr. Sun Yushen (孫鈺坤) (“**Mr. Sun**”) as one of our joint company secretaries. Mr. Sun joined our Group in January 2024 and possesses relevant understanding and knowledge relating to the business operations and corporate culture of our Group. In his capacity as representative for securities affairs and senior securities officer of our Company, Mr. Sun has actively participated in the preparation of the application for the [REDACTED] and possesses experience in matters relating to our Board and corporate governance of our

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Company. By virtue of his position and familiarity with our Group, Mr. Sun has worked closely with our Directors and thus possessed a thorough understanding of matters concerning the Board and its operations. Having considered Mr. Sun expertise and backgrounds, our Directors consider that Mr. Sun is capable of discharging the functions of a company secretary and is suitable to perform such role.

As Mr. Sun currently does not possess the requisite qualifications strictly required by Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules, and may not be able to fulfill the requirements of the Listing Rules on her own, our Company has appointed Ms. Wong, who possesses such qualifications, to be a joint company secretary to assist Mr. Sun in the compliance matters for the [REDACTED] as well as other Hong Kong regulatory requirements for a period of three years commencing from the [REDACTED]. For the biographies of our joint company secretaries, see “Directors and Senior Management — Joint Company Secretaries” in this document. Over such three-year period, we will implement measures to assist Mr. Sun to satisfy the requisite qualifications as prescribed in Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules.

Accordingly, we have applied to the Stock Exchange for, and the Stock Exchange [has granted], a waiver from strict compliance with the requirements under Rules 8.17 and 3.28 of the Listing Rules in relation to Mr. Sun’s appointment as a joint company secretary pursuant to Chapter 3.10 of the Guide for New Listing Applicants on the following conditions:

- (a) Mr. Sun must be assisted by Ms. Wong, who possesses the qualification and experience as required under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules and is appointed as a joint company secretary throughout the validity period of the waiver; and
- (b) the waiver is valid for a period of three years from the [REDACTED] and will be revoked immediately if and when Ms. Wong ceases to provide such assistance or if there are material breaches of the Listing Rules by our Company.

It is anticipated that Mr. Sun will gain experience with the assistance of Ms. Wong. Before the end of the initial three-year period, we will evaluate the then experience of Mr. Sun in order to determine whether the requirements as stipulated in Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules can be satisfied at the time and on-going assistance would be needed. We would then endeavor to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Stock Exchange that Mr. Sun, having had the benefit of Ms. Wong’s assistance for three years, would then have acquired the “relevant experience” within the meaning of Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules so that a further waiver would not be necessary.

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CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

We have entered into certain connected transactions which would constitute partially-exempt or non-exempt continuing connected transactions of our Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules following the completion of the [REDACTED] . We have applied for, and the Stock Exchange [has granted] us, waivers from strict compliance with the requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules in relation to such partially-exempt and non-exempt continuing connected transactions. Details of such partially-exempt and non-exempt continuing connected transactions and the waivers are set out in the section headed “Continuing Connected Transactions” in this document.