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TAXATION OF SECURITY HOLDERS

The taxation of income and capital gains of holders of H Shares is subject to the laws and practices of the PRC and of jurisdictions in which holders of H Shares are resident or otherwise subject to tax. The following summary of certain relevant taxation provisions based on current laws and practices is subject to change and does not constitute legal or tax advice. The discussion has no intention to cover all possible tax consequences resulting from the investment in H Shares, nor does it take into account the specific circumstances of any particular investor, some of which may be subject to special regulations. Accordingly, you should consult your own tax advisor regarding the tax consequences of an investment in H Shares. The discussion is based upon laws and relevant interpretations in effect as of the Latest Practicable Date, all of which are subject to change and may have retrospective effect.

No issues on PRC or Hong Kong taxation other than income tax, capital gain and profit tax, business tax/value-added tax, stamp duty and estate duty was referred in the discussion. Prospective investors are urged to consult their financial advisors regarding the PRC, Hong Kong and other tax consequences of owning and disposing of H Shares.

THE PRC TAXATION

Taxation on Dividends

Individual Investor

Pursuant to the Individual Income Tax Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國個人所得稅法》), which was most recently amended on August 31, 2018 and came into effect on January 1, 2019 and the Implementation Rules of the Individual Income Tax Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國個人所得稅法實施條例》), which was last amended on December 18, 2018 and came into effect on January 1, 2019 (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “**IIT Law**”), dividends distributed by PRC enterprises are subject to individual income tax levied at a flat rate of 20%. For a foreign individual who is not a resident of the PRC, the receipt of dividends from an enterprise in the PRC is normally subject to individual income tax of 20% unless a reduction is approved by the Ministry of Finance (the “**MOF**”) or exempted by an international convention or agreement to which the PRC government is a party.

Pursuant to the Circular on Some Policy Questions Concerning Individual Income Tax (《關於個人所得稅若干政策問題的通知》) (Cai Shui [1994] No. 20), which was issued by MOF and State Taxation Administration (the “**STA**”) on May 13, 1994 and came into effect on the same date, the incomes gained by individual foreigners from dividends and bonuses of enterprise with foreign investment are exempt from individual income tax for the time being.

Pursuant to the Arrangement between the Mainland and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on 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》) (the “**Arrangement on the Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion**”), which was 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 the 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.

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The Fifth Protocol of the Arrangement between the Mainland of China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion issued by the STA (《國家稅務總局關於<內地和香港特別行政區關於對所得避免雙重徵稅和防止偷漏稅的安排>第五議定書》) (the “**Fifth Protocol**”), which came into effect on December 6, 2019, states that such provisions shall not apply to arrangement made for the primary purpose of gaining such tax benefit.

Enterprise Investors

The Enterprise Income Tax Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國企業所得稅法》), promulgated by the National People’s Congress (the “NPC”) on March 16, 2007, most recently amended on December 29, 2018, and the Implementation Rules of the EIT Law (《中華人民共和國企業所得稅法實施條例》), promulgated by the State Council on December 6, 2007, most recently amended on December 6, 2024 and became effective on January 20, 2025 (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “**EIT Law**”), are the principal law and regulation governing enterprise income tax in the PRC. According to the EIT Law and its Implementation Rules, enterprises are classified into resident enterprises and non-resident enterprises. Resident enterprises refer to enterprises that are legally established in the PRC, or are established under foreign laws but whose actual management bodies are located in the PRC. Non-resident enterprises refer to enterprises that are legally established under foreign laws and have set up institutions or sites in the PRC but with no actual management body in the PRC, or enterprises that have not set up institutions or sites in the PRC but have derived incomes from the PRC. A uniform income tax rate of 25% applies to all resident enterprises and non-resident enterprises that have set up institutions or sites in the PRC to the extent that such incomes are derived from their set-up institutions or sites in the PRC, or such income are obtained outside the PRC but have an actual connection with the set-up institutions or sites. Non-resident enterprises that have not set up institutions or sites in the PRC, or have set up institutions or sites but the incomes obtained by the said enterprises have no actual connection with the set-up institutions or sites, shall pay enterprise income tax at the rate of 10% in relation to their income sources from the PRC.

Pursuant to the Circular on Issues Relating to the Withholding of Enterprise Income Tax by Mainland China Resident Enterprises on Dividends Paid to Overseas Non-mainland China Resident Enterprise Shareholders of H Shares (《國家稅務總局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稅有關問題的通知》), issued by the STA on November 6, 2008, a PRC resident enterprise distributing dividends to its overseas non-resident enterprise shareholders holding H-shares for fiscal years commencing in or after 2008 is required to withhold Enterprise Income Tax at a uniform rate of 10%.

Pursuant to the Arrangement on the Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion and Fifth Protocol, 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 equity interest 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. However, such provisions shall not apply to arrangements or transactions made for one of the primary purposes of obtaining such tax benefits.

In addition, the application of the dividend clause of tax agreements is subject to the requirements of PRC tax laws and regulations, such as the Notice of the STA on the Issues Concerning the Application of the Dividend Clauses of Tax Agreements (《國家稅務總局關於執行稅收協定股息條款有關問題的通知》) (Guo Shui Han [2009] No. 81), which came into effect on February 20, 2009. While determining the taxation applicable to dividends under certain tax agreements, investors shall comply with such provisions.

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Tax Treaties

Non-PRC resident investors residing in countries which have entered into treaties for the avoidance of double taxation with the PRC or residing in Hong Kong or Macau are entitled to a reduction of the withholding taxes imposed on the dividends received from PRC companies. The PRC currently has entered into Avoidance of Double Taxation Treaties/Arrangements with a number of countries and regions including 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 agreements 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 tax authorities.

Taxation on Gains from Share Transfer

Individual Investors

According to the IIT Law, gains realized on the sale of equity interests in the PRC resident enterprises are subject to individual income tax at a rate of 20%.

Pursuant to the Circular of Declaring that Individual Income Tax Continues to be Exempted over Income of Individuals from the Transfer of Shares (《關於個人轉讓股票所得繼續暫免徵收個人所得稅的通知》) (Cai Shui Zi [1998] No. 61) issued by the MOF and the STA 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.

As of the Latest Practicable Date, no aforesaid provisions have expressly provided that whether individual income tax shall be levied from non-Chinese resident individuals on the transfer of shares in PRC resident enterprises listed on overseas stock exchanges, and to our knowledge, no such individual income tax was levied by PRC tax authorities in practice. However, there is no assurance that the PRC tax authorities will not change these practices which could result in levying income tax on non-PRC resident individuals on gains from the sale of H shares.

Enterprise Investors

In accordance with the EIT Law and the Implementation Rules of the EIT Law (《中華人民共和國企業所得稅法實施條例》), a non-resident enterprise is generally subject to corporate income tax at the rate of 10% on PRC-sourced income, including gains derived from the disposal of equity interests in a PRC resident enterprise, if it does not have an establishment or premise in the PRC or has an establishment or premise in the PRC but its PRC-sourced income has no real connection with such establishment or premise. Such income tax payable for non-resident enterprises are deducted at source, where the payer of the income is required to withhold the income tax from the amount to be paid to the non-resident enterprise when such payment is made or due. Such tax may be reduced or exempted pursuant to relevant tax treaties or agreements on avoidance of double taxation.

Pursuant to the Stamp Duty Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國印花稅法》), which was amended on June 10, 2021 and came into effect on July 1, 2022, PRC stamp duty only applies to all kinds of documents having legally binding force in the PRC and protected under the PRC laws. Therefore, PRC stamp duty shall not apply to the acquisition and disposal of H Shares by non-PRC investors outside of the PRC.

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PRINCIPAL TAXATION OF OUR COMPANY IN THE PRC

Enterprise Income Tax

According to the EIT Law and the Implementing Rules, resident enterprises are subject to a standard enterprise income tax rate of 25% on their global income. Key advanced and new technology enterprises supported by the State are eligible for a preferential enterprise income tax rate of 15%.

According to the Administrative Measures for Determination of High and New Tech Enterprises (《高新技術企業認定管理辦法》), which was promulgated by the Ministry of Science and Technology on January 29, 2016 and became effective on January 1, 2016, an enterprise which is recognized as a high and new technology enterprise may apply for a preferential enterprise income tax rate of 15% pursuant to the EIT Law, its implementation regulation and relevant PRC law.

Value-added Tax (“VAT”)

According to the Notice of the Ministry of Finance and the State Taxation Administration on the Adjusting Value-added Tax Rates (《財政部、稅務總局關於調整增值稅稅率的通知》) effective on May 1 2018, the VAT rates of 17% and 11% on sales, imported goods shall be adjusted to 16% and 10%, respectively.

According to the Announcement of the Ministry of Finance, the State Taxation Administration and the General Administration of Customs on Relevant Policies for Deepening the Value-Added Tax Reform (《財政部、稅務總局、海關總署關於深化增值稅改革有關政策的公告》) promulgated on March 20, 2019 and effective from April 1, 2019, the VAT rates of 16% and 10% on sales, imported goods shall be adjusted to 13% and 9%, respectively.

Pursuant to the Value-added Tax Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國增值稅法》) (the “**VAT Law**”), promulgated by the Standing Committee of NPC on December 25, 2024, and became effective on January 1, 2026, and the Regulations for the Implementation of the Value-added Tax Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國增值稅法實施條例》), promulgated by the State Council on December 25, 2025, and became effective on January 1, 2026, entities and individuals (including individual industrial and commercial proprietors) selling goods, services, intangible assets, real estate and importing goods within the territory of the PRC are taxpayers of VAT and shall pay VAT in accordance with the provisions of the law. Unless stated otherwise, for payers who sell goods, and provide processing, repairs and replacement services and rental services of tangible movable assets as well as import goods, the tax rate shall be 13%, and be, in certain specified circumstances, 9%, 6% and 0%.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

The principal regulations governing foreign currency exchange in China are the Foreign Exchange Administration Regulations of the PRC (《中華人民共和國外匯管理條例》), most recently amended in August 2008. Under the PRC foreign exchange regulations, payments of current account items, such as profit distributions, interest payments and trade and service-related foreign exchange transactions, can be made in foreign currencies without prior approval from the State Administration of Foreign Exchange (the “**SAFE**”), by complying with certain procedural requirements. By contrast, approval from or registration with appropriate government authorities is required where Renminbi is to be converted into foreign currency and remitted out of China to pay capital account items, such as direct investments, repayment of foreign currency-denominated loans, repatriation of investments and investments in securities outside of China.

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According to the Notice on Relevant Issue Concerning the Administration of Foreign Exchange for Overseas Listing (《關於境外上市外匯管理有關問題的通知》) issued by the SAFE on December 26, 2014, domestic companies shall complete foreign exchange registration for their overseas listing with the foreign exchange authority at their place of SAFE Circular 19 registration within 15 working days after the completion of the overseas listing and issuance. Funds raised may be repatriated to China or retained overseas, provided their use aligns with disclosures in the document or other offering documents.

The Circular on Further Simplifying and Improving the Direct Investment-related Foreign Exchange Administration Policies (《關於進一步簡化和改進直接投資外匯管理政策的通知》) (the “**SAFE Circular 13**”) promulgated by SAFE on February 13, 2015 and amended on December 30, 2019, cancels the administrative approval requirements for foreign exchange registration of domestic direct investment and overseas direct investment, and simplifies foreign exchange-related registration procedures. Pursuant to SAFE Circular 13, investors shall complete registration with qualified banks for both domestic direct investment and overseas direct investment.

The Circular on the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Reforming and Standardizing the Foreign Exchange Settlement Management Policy of Capital Account (《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》) (the “**SAFE Circular 16**”), which, among other things, amends certain provisions of the Circular on the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Reforming the Mode of Management of Settlement of Foreign Exchange Capital of Foreign-Funded Enterprises (《國家外匯管理局關於改革外商投資企業外匯資本金結匯管理方式的通知》) (the “**SAFE Circular 19**”). Pursuant to SAFE Circular 19 and SAFE Circular 16, the flow and use of the Renminbi capital converted from foreign currency denominated registered capital of a foreign-invested company is regulated such that Renminbi capital may not be used for business beyond its business scope or to provide loans to persons other than affiliates unless otherwise permitted under its business scope.

According to the Circular on Optimizing Administration of Foreign Exchange to Support the Development of Foreign-related Business (《國家外匯管理局關於優化外匯管理支持涉外業務發展的通知》) (the “**SAFE Circular 8**”), issued by SAFE in April 2020, under the prerequisite of ensuring true and compliant use of funds and compliance with the prevailing administrative provisions on use of income under the capital account, eligible enterprises are allowed to make domestic payments by using their capital funds, foreign credits and the income under capital accounts of overseas listing, without prior provision of the evidentiary materials concerning authenticity to the bank for each transaction. The handling banks shall conduct spot checks afterwards in accordance with the relevant requirements.

Pursuant to the Circular on Issues Concerning the Foreign Exchange Administration for Domestic Individuals Participating in Stock Incentive Plan of Overseas Publicly Listed Company (《國家外匯管理局關於境內個人參與境外上市公司股權激勵計劃外匯管理有關問題的通知》) (the “**SAFE Circular 7**”), promulgated by SAFE in February 2012, employees, directors, supervisors, and other senior management participating in any share incentive plan of an overseas publicly-listed company who are PRC citizens or who are non-PRC citizens residing in China for a continuous period of not less than one year, subject to a few exceptions, are required to register with SAFE through a domestic agency. Moreover, an overseas-entrusted institution must be retained to handle matters in connection with the exercise or sale of stock options and the purchase or sale of shares and interests. The income of foreign exchange PRC residents by selling out the shares according to the equity incentive plan and the dividend distributed by the overseas-listed company shall be distributed to the PRC residents after being remitted to the bank account in China opened by the domestic institutions.

On September 12, 2025, the SAFE issued the Circular of the State Administration for Foreign Exchange on Deepening of Reform in the Administration of Foreign Exchange for Cross-border Investment and Financing (《關於深化跨境投融資外匯管理改革有關事宜的通知》) (the “**SAFE Circular 43**”), cancels the registration requirements for domestic reinvestment by foreign-invested

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enterprises stipulated by the Circular on Further Deepening the Reform to Facilitate Cross-border Trade and Investment (《國家外匯管理局關於進一步深化改革 促進跨境貿易投資便利化的通知》) (the “**SAFE Circular 28**”). Additionally, it further narrows the negative list governing the use of capital account income originally stipulated under the SAFE Circular 28. Pursuant to the SAFE Circular 43, the restriction about funds “shall not be used to purchase residential properties for non-self-use purposes (except for enterprises engaged in real estate development or leasing operations)” has been removed from the negative list. The remaining three categories of restrictions on the use of capital account income continue to apply: (i) funds shall not be directly or indirectly used for expenditures prohibited by laws and regulations; (ii) unless otherwise specified, funds shall not be directly or indirectly used for securities investment or other investment and wealth management (except for wealth management products and structured deposits with risk rating results of not higher than Grade II); and (iii) funds shall not be used for granting loans to non-affiliated enterprises (except in the four Pilot Free Trade Zones of Shanghai, Guangzhou, Hainan, and Ningbo).

On December 26, 2025, the People’s Bank of China (中國人民銀行) (the “**PBOC**”) and the SAFE jointly promulgated the Circular on Issues Concerning the Administration of Funds for Overseas Listing of Domestic Enterprises (《關於境內企業境外上市資金管理有關問題的通知》), which will become effective on April 1, 2026. Pursuant to this circular, a domestic enterprise shall complete the registration with the competent banks within 30 working days after the date of its initial overseas listing or the completion of the over-allotment. The proceeds raised may be remitted to the PRC or deposited overseas, provided that the use of funds shall be consistent with the relevant disclosure documents, Domestic shareholders increasing or decreasing their overseas shareholdings are also required to comply with the relevant registration and account management requirements.