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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 residents or otherwise subject to tax. The following summary of certain relevant taxation provisions is based on current effective laws and practices, and no predictions are made about changes or adjustments to relevant laws or policies, and no comments or suggestions will be made accordingly. The discussion has no intention to cover all possible tax consequences resulting from the [REDACTED] in H Shares, nor does it take the specific circumstances of any particular [REDACTED] into account, some of which may be subject to special provisions. Accordingly, you should consult your own tax adviser regarding the tax consequences of an [REDACTED] in H Shares. The discussion is based upon laws and relevant interpretations in effect as of the date of this document, which is subject to change or adjustment and may have retrospective effect. No issues on PRC (including Hong Kong) taxation other than income tax, capital appreciation and profits tax, business tax/appreciation tax, stamp duty and estate duty were referred in the discussion. Prospective [REDACTED] are urged to consult their financial advisers regarding the PRC (including Hong Kong) and other tax consequences of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of H Shares.

The PRC taxation

Taxation on Dividends

Individual Investors

Under the provisions of the Individual Income Tax Law of the PRC, last amended on August 31, 2018, and the Regulations on Implementation of the Individual Income Tax Law of the PRC, last amended on December 18, 2018 (collectively referred to as the “**IIT Law**”), dividends disbursed by Chinese enterprises are subject to a flat individual income tax rate of 20%. Meanwhile, according to the Notice on Issues Concerning Differentiated Individual Income Tax Policies on Dividends and Bonus of Listed Companies jointly issued by the MOF, the SAT 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 and market transfer, if the holding period is more than one year, the dividends and bonus income shall be temporarily exempted from individual income tax. Where an individual holds shares of a listed company from the public offering and market transfer, 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%.

According to the Announcement of State Taxation Administration on Promulgation of the Administrative Measures on Non-resident Taxpayers Enjoying Treaty Benefits, which came into effect on 1 January 2020, non-resident taxpayers claiming treaty benefits shall be handled in accordance with the principles of “self-assessment, claiming benefits, retention of the relevant materials for future inspection”. Where a non-resident taxpayer self-assesses and concludes that it satisfies the criteria for claiming treaty benefits, it may enjoy treaty benefits at the time of tax declaration or at the time of withholding through the withholding agent, simultaneously gather and retain the relevant materials pursuant to the provisions of these Measures for future inspection, and accept follow-up administration by the tax authorities. For withholding at source and designated withholding, a non-resident taxpayer asserting that it satisfies the criteria for claiming treaty benefits and need to claim such benefits shall complete an “Information Report on Non-resident Taxpayers Claiming Treaty Benefits” truthfully, submit to the withholding agent voluntarily, gather and retain the relevant materials pursuant to the relevant provisions.

In accordance with the Arrangement between the Mainland and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion, signed on August 21, 2006, the PRC Government has the authority to impose taxes on dividends

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paid by a PRC company to Hong Kong residents, including both natural persons and legal entities. The tax levied shall not exceed 10% of the total dividends payable by the PRC company. However, if a Hong Kong resident directly holds 25% or more of the equity interest in a PRC company and meets certain conditions as the beneficial owner of the equity, the tax imposed shall not exceed 5% of the total dividends payable by the PRC company.

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, in effect since December 6, 2019, introduces specific criteria determining entitlement to treaty benefits. According to this protocol, treaty benefits will not be granted if, upon careful consideration of all relevant facts and conditions, it is reasonably determined that obtaining these benefits was a primary purpose of the arrangement or transactions, thereby providing direct or indirect benefits under the Arrangement. Exceptions are made when such benefits align with the Arrangement's relevant objectives and goals.

Additionally, the application of the dividend clause of tax agreements is bound by the stipulations outlined in the PRC tax laws and regulations, including the guidelines specified in the Notice of the State Taxation Administration on the Issues Concerning the Application of the Dividend Clauses of Tax Agreements (Guo Shui Han [2009] No. 81). Compliance with these regulations is essential in determining the taxation applicable to dividends under the Arrangement.

Enterprise Investors

Pursuant to the provisions outlined in the PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law, enacted by the National People's Congress of the PRC (NPC) on March 16, 2007, and enforced from January 1, 2008, subsequently amended on February 24, 2017, and December 29, 2018, and in alignment with the Implementation Provisions of the Enterprise Income Tax Law of the PRC, promulgated by the State Council on December 6, 2007, and effective from January 1, 2008, last amended on December 6, 2024 and effective on January 20, 2025 (collectively referred to as the "**EIT Law**"), it is established that a non-resident enterprise is generally liable to a 10% enterprise income tax on income sourced within the PRC. Such income includes dividends and bonuses received from a PRC resident enterprise. This taxation applies to non-resident enterprises that lack a physical establishment or premises in the PRC. Alternatively, if an establishment or premise exists within the PRC, but the PRC-sourced income is unrelated to said establishment or premise, it is subject to the aforementioned taxation.

The withholding tax for non-resident enterprises is mandated to be deducted at the source, whereby the entity making the payment assumes the role of the withholding agent. Consequently, the withholding agent is obligated to withhold the income tax from the payment or due payment each time it is disbursed or becomes due.

The Circular of the State Taxation Administration (STA) on Issues Relating to the Withholding and Remitting of Enterprise Income Tax on Dividends Paid by PRC Resident Enterprises to Overseas Non-PRC Resident Enterprise Shareholders of H Shares (Guo Shui Han [2008] No. 897), which was issued by the STA and implemented on November 6, 2008, further clarified that a PRC-resident enterprise must withhold corporate income tax at a rate flat of 10% on the dividends of 2008 and onwards that it distributes to overseas non-resident enterprise shareholders of H Shares. In addition, the Response to Issues 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) which was issued by the STA and implemented on July 24, 2009, 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 changed pursuant to the tax treaty or agreement that China has concluded with relevant jurisdictions, where applicable. Accordingly, dividends paid to non-PRC resident enterprise (including HKSCC Nominees) shall be subject to withholding enterprise income tax at a rate of 10%.

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In accordance with the Arrangement between the Mainland and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion, the PRC Government is authorized to impose taxes on dividends disbursed by a PRC company to Hong Kong residents, including both individuals and legal entities, 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, the tax shall not surpass 5% of the total dividends if the Hong Kong resident qualifies as the beneficial owner of the equity, and specific conditions are met.

Furthermore, 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, introduces additional criteria for qualifying for treaty benefits. While other provisions may exist within the Arrangement, treaty benefits shall not be granted for relevant gains if, based on all relevant facts and conditions, it is reasonably determined that one of the main purposes of the arrangement or transactions, which result in direct or indirect benefits under the Arrangement, is to obtain such treaty benefits. This exception applies unless the grant of benefits aligns with the objectives and goals outlined in the Arrangement.

It is important to note that the application of the dividend clause of tax agreements is contingent upon compliance with PRC tax laws and regulations, including the guidelines provided in the Notice of the State Taxation Administration on the Issues Concerning the Application of the Dividend Clauses of Tax Agreements (Guo Shui Han [2009] No. 81).

Tax Treaties

Non-resident investors residing in jurisdictions that have established treaties or arrangements for the avoidance of double taxation with the PRC may qualify for a reduction in the PRC enterprise income tax levied on dividends received from PRC companies. Currently, the PRC has entered into Avoidance of Double Taxation Treaties or Arrangements with several countries and regions, including the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Macau Special Administrative Region, Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Singapore, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Non-PRC resident enterprises eligible for preferential tax rates under these relevant taxation treaties or arrangements are required to submit an application to the PRC tax authorities for a refund of the enterprise income tax that exceeds the agreed tax rate. The approval of the refund application is subject to the evaluation and decision of the PRC tax authorities.

Taxation on Share Transfer

Value-Added Tax and Local Surcharges

Under the guidelines outlined in the Notice on the Full Implementation of the Pilot Program for Transition from Business Tax to Value-Added Tax (Cai Shui [2016] No. 36) (referred to as "Circular 36"), effective from May 1, 2016, and subsequently amended on July 11, 2017, December 25, 2017, and March 20, 2019, individuals and entities conducting service transactions within the PRC are obligated to pay Value-Added Tax (VAT). "Sales of services within the PRC" are defined as transactions where either the service provider or the recipient is situated within the PRC.

Furthermore, Circular 36 specifies that the transfer of financial products, including the ownership transfer of marketable securities, is subject to a VAT rate of 6% on the taxable income. Taxable income, in this context, refers to the sales price balance after deducting the purchase price. This VAT obligation applies to both general and foreign VAT taxpayers. Notably, individuals are exempt from VAT obligations when engaging in the transfer of financial products.

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As per the aforementioned regulations, non-resident individuals selling or disposing of H shares are exempt from VAT in the PRC. However, if the holders are non-resident enterprises, they may avoid VAT in the PRC only if the buyers of the H shares are individuals or entities located outside of the PRC. Conversely, the holders might be subject to VAT in the PRC if the buyers of the H shares are individuals or entities situated within the PRC.

Income Taxes

Individual investors

Under the IIT Law, gains arising from the transfer of equity interests in PRC resident enterprises are subject to individual income tax at a rate of 20%. However, in accordance with the Circular of the Ministry of Finance (MOF) and the STA on Declaring that Individual Income Tax Continues to be Exempted over Income of Individuals from Transfer of Shares (Cai Shui Zi [1998] No. 61), issued jointly by the MOF and STA on March 30, 1998, gains obtained by individuals from the transfer of shares of listed companies have been temporarily exempted from individual income tax since January 1, 1997.

As of the Latest Practicable Date, there are no provisions expressly stating that individual income tax shall be imposed on non-PRC resident individuals for the transfer of shares in PRC resident enterprises listed on overseas stock exchanges.

Enterprise investors

In accordance with the EIT Law, non-resident enterprises are typically subject to a 10% enterprise income tax on income sourced within the PRC. This includes gains realized from the disposal of equity interests in a PRC resident enterprise. However, this taxation applies only if the non-resident enterprise does not maintain a physical establishment or premises in the PRC, or if it does have such establishments in the PRC, but its PRC-sourced income is not genuinely connected with those establishments.

The withholding of income tax for non-resident enterprises is executed at the source, with the entity making the payment acting as the withholding agent. This withholding agent is obliged to deduct the income tax from each payment or due payment made to the non-resident enterprise. It's important to note that the tax liability may be reduced or exempted in accordance with applicable tax treaties or agreements on the avoidance of double taxation.

Stamp Duty

In compliance with the PRC Stamp Duty Law, as issued by the SCNPC on June 10, 2021, and enforced from July 1, 2022 (referred to as the "**Stamp Duty Law**"), all entities and individuals involved in securities transactions within the PRC are obligated to pay stamp duty as per the regulations outlined in the Stamp Duty Law. Consequently, the stipulations concerning stamp duty applied to the transfer of shares of PRC-listed companies do not extend to the transfer and disposal of H Shares by non-PRC investors outside the PRC.

Estate duty

Under prevailing PRC legislation, there is presently no imposition of estate duty within the jurisdiction.

Major taxes on the Company in the PRC please refer to the section headed "Regulatory Overview" of this Document.

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Tax on dividends

Under the current practice of the Inland Revenue Department of Hong Kong, no tax is payable in Hong Kong in respect of dividends paid by our company.

Profit tax

No profit tax is imposed in Hong Kong in respect of the sale of H shares. However, trading profits from the sale of the H shares by persons carrying on any industry, profession or business in Hong Kong, where such profits are derived from or arise in Hong Kong from such industry, profession or business will be subject to Hong Kong profits tax. Trading profits from sales of the H shares effected on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange will be considered to be derived from or arise in Hong Kong. Liability for Hong Kong profits tax would thus arise in respect of trading profits from sales of H shares effected on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange realized by persons carrying on a business of trading or dealing in securities in Hong Kong. The trading profits from sales of the H shares for certain categories of taxpayers are likely to be regarded as deriving trading profits rather than capital gains (for example, financial institutions, insurance companies and securities dealers) unless these taxpayers can prove that the investment securities are held for long-term investment purposes. Shareholders should take advice from their own professional advisers as to their particular tax position.

Currently, the profit tax rate for the first HK\$2 million of assessable profits of an incorporated company is 8.25%, and profits above such amount is subject to a tax rate of 16.5%. The profit tax rate for the first HK\$2 million of assessable profits of an unincorporated company is 7.5%, and profits above such amount is subject to a tax rate of 15%.

Stamp duty

Hong Kong stamp duty, currently charged at the ad valorem rate of 0.10% on the higher of the consideration for or the market value of the H shares, will be payable by the purchaser on every purchase and by the seller on every sale of any Hong Kong securities, including H shares (in other words, a total of 0.20% is currently payable on a typical sale and purchase transaction involving H Shares). In addition, a fixed duty of HK\$5.00 is currently payable on any instrument of transfer of H Shares. Where one of the parties is a resident outside Hong Kong and does not pay the ad valorem duty due by it, the duty not paid will be assessed on the instrument of transfer (if any) and will be payable by the transferee. If no stamp duty is paid on or before the due date, a penalty of up to 10 times the duty payable may be imposed.

AFRC transaction levy

The AFRC transaction levy was applicable to all sale and purchase of securities at 0.00015% per side with effect from January 1, 2022, which will be regarded as one of the transaction costs.

Estate duty

The Revenue (Abolition of Estate Duty) Ordinance 2005 abolished estate duty in respect of deaths occurring on or after February 11, 2006.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Foreign exchange

The lawful currency of the PRC is Renminbi. SAFE, with the authorization of the People's Bank of China (hereinafter referred to as "PBOC"), is empowered with the functions of administering all matters relating to foreign exchange, including the enforcement of foreign exchange regulations.

The Foreign Exchange Administration Regulations of the PRC (the "**Foreign Exchange Control Regulations**"), which was issued by the State Council on January 29, 1996, implemented on April 1, 1996 and latest amended on August 5, 2008, classifies all international payments and transfers into current items and capital items. Current items are subject to the reasonable examination of the veracity of transaction documents and the consistency of the transaction documents and the foreign exchange receipts and payments by financial institutions engaging in conversion and sale of foreign currencies and supervision and inspection by the foreign exchange control authorities. For capital items, overseas organizations and overseas individuals making direct investments in China shall, upon approval by the relevant authorities in charge, process registration formalities with the foreign exchange control authorities. Foreign exchange income received overseas can be repatriated or deposited overseas, and foreign exchange and foreign exchange settlement funds under the capital account are required to be used only for purposes as approved by the competent authorities and foreign exchange administrative authorities. In the event that international revenues and expenditure occur or may occur a material misbalance, or the national economy encounters or may encounter a severe crisis, the State may adopt necessary safeguard and control measures on international revenues and expenditure.

The Regulations for the Administration of Settlement, Sale and Payment of Foreign Exchange, which was promulgated by the PBOC on June 20, 1996 and implemented on July 1, 1996, removes other restrictions on convertibility of foreign exchange under current items, while imposing existing restrictions on foreign exchange transactions under capital account items.

According to the relevant laws and regulations in the PRC, PRC enterprises (including foreign investment enterprises) which need foreign exchange for current item transactions may, without the approval of the foreign exchange administrative authorities, effect payment through foreign exchange accounts opened at the designated foreign exchange bank, on the strength of valid transaction receipts and proof. Foreign investment enterprises which need foreign exchange for the distribution of profits to their shareholders and PRC enterprises which, in accordance with regulations, are required to pay dividends to their shareholders in foreign exchange (such as our Company) may, on the strength of resolutions of the board of directors or the shareholders' meeting on the distribution of profits, effect payment from foreign exchange accounts at the designated foreign exchange bank, or effect exchange and payment at the designated foreign exchange bank.

According to the Decisions on Matters including Canceling and Adjusting a Batch of Administrative Approval Items which was promulgated by the State Council on October 23, 2014, it decided to cancel the approval requirement of the SAFE and its branches for the remittance and settlement of the proceeds raised from the overseas listing of the foreign shares into RMB domestic accounts.

According to the Circular of the People's Bank of China and the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Related Issues of Fund Management of Domestic Enterprises Listed Overseas, which came into force on April 1, 2026, funds raised by domestic enterprises through overseas listing shall in principle be repatriated to China in a timely manner. Where such funds are retained overseas for outbound direct investment, outbound securities investment, overseas lending and other businesses, the enterprise shall obtain approval or filing documents from the competent authorities prior to the completion of the overseas listing offering or over-allotment, and comply with the relevant provisions on cross-border capital management.

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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, which was issued by the SAFE on February 13, 2015, came into effect on June 1, 2015 and partially repealed on December 30, 2019, the confirmation of foreign exchange registration under domestic direct investment and the confirmation of foreign exchange registration under overseas direct investment shall be directly examined and handled by banks. SAFE and its branch offices shall indirectly regulate the foreign exchange registration of direct investment through banks.

In accordance with the Administrative Provisions on Foreign Exchange in Domestic Direct Investment by Foreign Investors, which was promulgated on 10 May 2013 with effect from 13 May 2013, amended on 10 October 2018 and partially abolished on 30 December 2019. The SAFE Circular 21 specifies that the administration by SAFE or its local branches over direct investment by foreign investors in the PRC must be conducted by way of registration and banks must process foreign exchange business relating to the direct investment in the PRC based on the registration information provided by SAFE and its branches.

According to the Notice of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Reforming the Management Mode of Foreign Exchange Capital Settlement of Foreign Investment Enterprises (the "**SAFE Circular No. 19**"), promulgated on March 30, 2015, coming effective on June 1, 2015 and partially abolished on 30 December 2019, foreign-invested enterprises could settle their foreign exchange capital on a discretionary basis according to the actual needs of their business operations. Whilst, foreign-invested enterprises are prohibited to use the foreign exchange capital settled in RMB (a) for any expenditures beyond the business scope of the foreign-invested enterprises or forbidden by laws and regulations; (b) for direct or indirect securities investment; (c) to provide entrusted loans (unless permitted in the business scope), repay loans between enterprises (including advances by third parties) or repay RMB bank loans that have been onlent to a third party; and (d) to purchase real estates not for self-use purposes (save for real estate enterprises).

According to the Notice of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange of the PRC on Revolutionizing and Regulating Capital Account Settlement Management Policies which was promulgated by the SAFE and implemented 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 adjust of the SAFE in due time in accordance with international revenue and expenditure situations.

According to the Notice on Further Facilitating Cross-Board Trade and Investment (the "**SAFE Circular No. 28**"), which was promulgated on October 23, 2019, and came into effect on the same day and partially amended on December 4, 2023, the restrictions on domestic equity investments made with capital funds by non-investing foreign-funded enterprises was cancelled. In addition, restrictions on the use of funds for foreign exchange settlement of domestic accounts for the realization of assets have been removed and restrictions on the use and foreign exchange settlement of foreign investors' security deposits have been relaxed. Eligible enterprises in the pilot area are also allowed to use revenues under capital accounts, such as capital funds, foreign debts and overseas listing revenues for domestic payments without providing materials to the bank in advance for authenticity verification on an item by item basis, while the use of funds should be true, in compliance with applicable rules and conforming to the current capital revenue management regulations.