

WAIVERS FROM STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE LISTING RULES

In preparation for the [REDACTED], our Company has sought and [has been granted] the following waivers from strict compliance with the relevant provisions of the Listing Rules.

WAIVER IN RELATION TO MANAGEMENT PRESENCE IN HONG KONG

Pursuant to Rule 8.12 and Rule 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.

Our management, business operations and assets are primarily located outside Hong Kong. The principal management headquarters of our Group are primarily based in the PRC. Our Company considers that our Group’s management is best able to attend to its functions by being based in the PRC. None of our executive Directors is or will be ordinarily resident in Hong Kong after the [REDACTED] of our Company. Our Directors consider that relocation of our executive Directors to Hong Kong will be burdensome and costly for our Company, and it may not be in the best interests of our Company and our Shareholders as a whole to appoint additional executive Directors who are ordinarily resident in Hong Kong. As such, we do not have, and for the foreseeable future will not have, sufficient management presence in Hong Kong for the purpose of satisfying the requirements under Rule 8.12 and Rule 19A.15 of the Listing Rules.

Accordingly, we have applied to the Stock Exchange for, and the Stock Exchange [has granted] us, a waiver from strict compliance with the requirements under Rule 8.12 and Rule 19A.15 of the Listing Rules, provided that our Company implements the following arrangements:

- (1) 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 appointed are Mr. Li Chengbin (厲成賓), our chairman of the Board and executive Director, and Dr. Guo Mingbo (郭明波), our executive Director and chief executive officer of the Company. Each of our authorized representatives will be available to meet with the Stock Exchange in Hong Kong within a reasonable time frame upon the request of the Stock Exchange and will be readily contactable by telephone facsimile and email;
- (2) as and when the Stock Exchange wishes to contact our Directors on any matters, each of our authorized representatives has the means to contact all of our Directors (including the independent non-executive Directors) promptly at all times;
- (3) although our executive Directors are not ordinary residents in Hong Kong, each of our Directors possesses or can apply for valid travel documents to visit Hong Kong and is able to meet with the Stock Exchange within a reasonable period of time, when required;
- (4) we have appointed Altus Capital Limited as our compliance adviser, pursuant to Rule 3A.19 of the Listing Rules, who will have access at all times to our authorized representatives, Directors and senior management, and will act as an additional channel of communication between the Stock Exchange and us; and
- (5) we have provided the Stock Exchange with the contact details of each Director.

Our Company will inform the Stock Exchange as soon as practicable in respect of any change in the authorized representatives, the Directors and/or the compliance adviser in accordance with the Listing Rules.

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JOINT COMPANY SECRETARIES

Pursuant to Rules 3.28 and 8.17 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. Note 1 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules provides that 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 Hong Kong 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/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.

Our Company has appointed Ms. Dong Fangjie (董芳杰) (“**Ms. Dong**”), our vice president, chief financial officer and Board secretary, as one of our joint company secretaries, considering her past working experiences within our Group and her thorough understanding of our internal administration, business operations and corporate culture. As such, although Ms. Dong does not possess the specified qualifications strictly required by Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules, our Directors believe that Ms. Dong is capable of discharging the functions of a joint company secretary with the assistance of Ms. Mak Sin Ki (麥善琪) (“**Ms. Mak**”), who meets the requirements under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules and has been appointed to act as the other joint company secretary and to assist Ms. Dong in the compliance matters for the [REDACTED] as well as other Hong Kong regulatory requirements for an initial period of three years from the [REDACTED]. Over such period, we will implement the following measures to assist Ms. Dong to satisfy the requisite qualifications as prescribed in Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules:

- (a) Ms. Mak will assist Ms. Dong so as to enable her to discharge her duties and responsibilities as a joint company secretary. Given Ms. Mak’s relevant experiences, she will be able to advise both Ms. Dong and us on the relevant requirements of the Listing Rules as well as other applicable laws and regulations of Hong Kong;
- (b) Ms. Dong will be assisted by Ms. Mak for an initial period of three years commencing from the [REDACTED], which should be sufficient for her to acquire the requisite knowledge and experience under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules;
- (c) we will ensure that Ms. Dong has access to the relevant trainings and support to enable her to familiarize herself with the Listing Rules and the duties required of a company secretary of an issuer, and Ms. Dong has undertaken to attend such trainings;
- (d) Ms. Mak will communicate with Ms. Dong on a regular basis regarding matters in relation to corporate governance, the Listing Rules as well as other applicable laws and regulations of Hong Kong which are relevant to our operations and affairs. Ms. Mak will work closely with, and provide assistance to Ms. Dong with a view to discharging her duties and responsibilities as a company secretary, including but not limited to organizing the Board meetings and Shareholders’ meetings; and

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- (e) pursuant to Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules, Ms. Mak and Ms. Dong will also attend relevant professional training courses to familiarize themselves with the requirements of the Listing Rules and other legal and regulatory requirements of Hong Kong. Both Ms. Mak and Ms. Dong will be advised by our legal advisers as to Hong Kong laws and our compliance adviser as and when appropriate and required.

Accordingly, we have applied for, and the Stock Exchange [has granted] us, a waiver from strict compliance with the requirements of Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules, for an initial period of three years from the [REDACTED] (the “**Waiver Period**”). Pursuant to paragraph 13 under Chapter 3.10 of the Guide for New Listing Applicants, the waiver is granted on the conditions: (1) our Company appoints Ms. Mak, who meets the requirements under Note 1 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules, as a joint company secretary, to assist Ms. Dong in discharging her functions as a joint company secretary and in gaining the relevant experience as required under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules; and (ii) the waiver will be revoked immediately if Ms. Mak, during the three-year period, ceases to provide assistance to Ms. Dong, or if there are material breaches of the Listing Rules by our Company. Before the end of the three-year period, we will conduct a further evaluation of the qualification and experience of Ms. Dong to determine whether the requirements as stipulated in Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules can be satisfied, and we will demonstrate to and seek the Stock Exchange’s confirmation that Ms. Dong, having had the benefit of Ms. Mak’s assistance for three years, has acquired the relevant experience within the meaning of Note 2 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules so that a further waiver wouldn’t be necessary. For more details of Ms. Mak and Ms. Dong’s biographies, please see the section headed “Directors and Senior Management”.