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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 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 laws and practices, and has not taken in to account the expected change or amendment to the relevant laws and policies and does not constitute any opinion or advice. The discussion does not deal with all possible tax consequences relating to an investment in the H shares, nor does it take into account the specific circumstances of any particular investor, some of which may be subject to special regulation. Accordingly, you should consult your own tax adviser regarding the tax consequences of an investment in the 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.

This discussion does not address any aspects of PRC taxation other than income tax, VAT, stamp duty and estate duty. Prospective investors should consult their own advisers regarding PRC, Hong Kong and other tax consequences of purchasing, owning and disposing of the H Shares.

Taxation in the PRC

Taxation on Dividends

Individual Investors

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 the Implementation Provisions 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 most recently amended on December 18, 2018 (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 specifically exempted by the tax authority of the State Council or reduced by relevant tax treaty.

Pursuant to the Arrangement between the Mainland of 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》) (the “Arrangement for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income (《對所得避免雙重徵稅和防止偷漏稅的安排》)”) signed by the Mainland of China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region 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 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. The Fifth Protocol to the Arrangement between the Mainland of 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 (《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”) issued by the STA and became 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 PRC (《中華人民共和國企業所得稅法》) issued by NPC on March 16, 2007 and latest amended on December 29, 2018 and the Implementation Provisions of the Enterprise Income Tax Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國企業所得稅法實施條例》) issued by the State Council on December 6, 2007, came into effect on January 1, 2008 latest and amended on December 6, 2024 (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “EIT Law”), 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), if it does not have an establishment or premise in the PRC or has an establishment

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or premise in the PRC but its PRC-sourced income has no real connection with such establishment or premise. The aforesaid 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. Such withholding tax may be reduced or exempted pursuant to an applicable treaty for the avoidance of double taxation.

The Circular of the State Administration of Tax on Issues Relating to the Withholding and Remitting of Enterprise Income Tax by PRC Resident Enterprises on Dividends Distributed to Overseas Non-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》), which was issued and implemented by the STA on November 6, 2008, further clarified that a PRC-resident enterprise must withhold corporate income tax at a rate of 10% on the dividends paid to non-PRC resident enterprise holders of H Shares which are derived out of profit generated since 2008. Non-PRC resident enterprise shareholders who need to enjoy tax treaty benefits, the relevant provisions of such tax treaty shall apply.

Pursuant to the Arrangement for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income (《對所得避免雙重徵稅和防止偷漏稅的安排》), 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. The Fifth Protocol provides that such provisions shall not apply to arrangements or transactions made for one of the primary purposes of obtaining such tax benefits.

Although there may be other provisions under the Arrangement for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income (《對所得避免雙重徵稅和防止偷漏稅的安排》), the treaty benefits under the criteria shall not be granted in the circumstance where relevant gains, after taking into account all relevant facts and conditions, are reasonably deemed to be one of the main purposes for the arrangement or transactions which will bring any direct or indirect benefits under this Arrangement, except when the grant of benefits under such circumstance is consistent with relevant objective and goal under the Arrangement. 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 State Taxation Administration 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》).

Tax Treaties

Non-resident investors residing in jurisdictions which have entered into treaties or adjustments for the avoidance of double taxation with the PRC might be entitled to a reduction of the Chinese corporate income tax imposed on the dividends received from PRC companies. The PRC currently has entered into Avoidance of Double Taxation Treaties or Arrangements with a number of countries and regions including 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 entitled to preferential tax rates in accordance with the relevant taxation treaties or arrangements are required to apply to the Chinese tax authorities for a refund of the corporate income tax in excess of the agreed tax rate, and the refund application is subject to approval by the Chinese tax authorities.

Tax related to equity transfer income

Individual Investors

Under the Individual Income Tax Law and its implementation rules, individuals are subject to individual income tax at a rate of 20% on gains realized on the sale of equity interests in PRC resident enterprises.

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Pursuant to the Circular on Continuing the Temporary Exemption of Individual Income Tax on Gains from Share Transfers by Individuals (《關於個人轉讓股票所得繼續暫免徵收個人所得稅的通知》), which was promulgated by the MOF and the STA and became effective on March 30, 1998, from January 1, 1997, income of individuals from the transfer of shares in listed companies continues to be temporarily exempted from individual income tax. The STA does not specify whether to continue to exempt individuals from personal income tax on the income from the transfer of shares in listed companies in the newly revised EIT Law and Implementation Rules of the EIT Law. According to the Announcement of the MOF and the STA on the Catalog of Continuing Effective Preferential Individual Income Tax Policies (《財政部國家稅務總局關於繼續有效的個人所得稅優惠政策目錄的公告》) issued by the MOF and the STA on December 29, 2018, the Circular on Continuing the Temporary Exemption of Individual Income Tax on Gains from Share Transfers by Individuals (《關於個人轉讓股票所得繼續暫免徵收個人所得稅的通知》) shall continue to be effective.

Although the IIT Law and its implementation rules have not stated whether it will continue exempting individual income tax on income of individuals from transfer of listed shares, 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 (《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》) (“Notice”) promulgated jointly by the MOF, the STA and the CSRC on 31 December 2009 and implemented on the same day, the Notice of State Taxation Administration of the PRC on Issues Relating to Levying and Payment of Individual Income Tax on Income from Transfer of Moratorium Shares (《國家稅務總局關於限售股轉讓所得個人所得稅徵繳有關問題的通知》) promulgated by the STA on 18 January 2010 and effective from 18 January 2010 and 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 (《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》) promulgated by the MOF, the STA and CSRC on 10 November 2010 and effective from 10 November 2010, states that individuals’ income from transfer of listed shares on certain domestic stock exchanges (including Shanghai Stock Exchange and the Shenzhen Stock Exchange) shall continue being exempting from individual income tax, except for the shares subject to sales restriction. As of 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 sale of shares of PRC resident enterprises listed on overseas stock exchanges.

Enterprise Investors

In accordance with the EIT Law and its implementing regulations, a non-resident enterprise is generally subject to a 10% enterprise income tax on PRC-sourced income (including gains from the sale of shares held by a PRC resident enterprise), if such non-resident enterprise does not have an establishment or place in the PRC, or has an establishment or place in the PRC but the PRC-sourced income is not connected with such establishment or place in the PRC. The income tax payable by a non-resident enterprise shall be withheld at source, and the payer shall be the withholding agent. The tax shall be withheld by the withholding agent from the amount paid to the non-resident enterprise when such payment is made or due. The tax may be reduced or exempted pursuant to the applicable tax treaty or arrangement.

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect Taxation Policy

According to the Circular on Tax Policies relating to the Pilot Program of Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect (《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》) issued by the MOF, the STA and the CSRC on October 31, 2014 and effective as of November 17, 2014, gains from the transfer price difference from investments by domestic enterprises in stocks listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect shall be included in their total revenues subject to EIT in accordance with the law. For dividends received by mainland individual investors investing in H-shares listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect, the H-share company shall apply to CSDC, which shall provide the H-share company with the roster of mainland individual investors, and then the H-share company shall withhold the individual income tax according to the tax rate of 20%.

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According to the Announcement on Continued Implementation of Individual Income Tax Policies relating to Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Mutual Recognition of Funds between the Mainland China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (《關於延續實施滬港、深港股票市場交易互聯互通機制和內地與香港基金互認有關個人所得稅政策的公告》) promulgated on August 21, 2023 and implemented on the same day, individual income tax shall be exempted on gains from the transfer price difference from investments by mainland individual investors in stocks listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect to December 31, 2027.

According to the Circular on Tax Policies relating to the Pilot Program of Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect, income from dividends from investments by mainland resident enterprises in stocks listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect shall be included in their total revenue and subject to enterprise income tax in accordance with the law. Dividend income derived by mainland resident enterprises from holding H-shares continuously for 12 months is exempted from enterprise income tax in accordance with the law. The company of such H Shares will not withhold the income tax on dividends for mainland enterprise investors and those investors shall report and pay the relevant tax themselves.

Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect Taxation Policy

According to the Circular on Tax Policies relating to the Pilot Program of Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect (《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》) issued by the MOF, the STA and the CSRC on November 5, 2016 and effective as of December 5, 2016, gains from the transfer price difference from investments by domestic enterprises in stocks listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange through the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect shall be included in their total revenue and subject to EIT in accordance with the law. For dividends received by mainland individual investors investing in H-shares listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange through the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, the H-share company shall apply to CSDC, which shall provide the H-share company with the roster of mainland individual investors, and then the H-share company shall withhold the individual income tax according to the tax rate of 20%.

According to the Announcement on Continuing the Implementation of Individual Income Tax Policies relating to Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Mutual Recognition of Funds between the Mainland China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (《關於繼續執行滬港、深港股票市場交易互聯互通機制和內地與香港基金互認有關個人所得稅政策的公告》) jointly issued by the MOF, the STA, and the CSRC on December 4, 2019 and effective as of December 5, 2019 and the Announcement on Continued Implementation of Individual Income Tax Policies relating to Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Mutual Recognition of Funds between the Mainland China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (《關於延續實施滬港、深港股票市場交易互聯互通機制和內地與香港基金互認有關個人所得稅政策的公告》) promulgated on August 21, 2023 and implemented on the same day, individual income tax shall be exempted on gains from the transfer price difference from investments by mainland individual investors in stocks listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect from December 5, 2019 to December 31, 2027.

According to the Circular on Tax Policies relating to the Pilot Program of Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, income from dividends from investments by mainland enterprise investors in stocks listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange through the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect shall be included in their total revenue and subject to enterprise income tax in accordance with the law. Dividend income derived by mainland resident enterprises from holding H-shares continuously for 12 months shall be exempted from enterprise income tax in accordance with the law. The company of such H Shares will not withhold the income tax on dividends for domestic enterprises and those enterprises shall report and pay the relevant tax themselves.

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Stamp Duty

According to the Stamp Duty Law of the People’s Republic of China (《中華人民共和國印花稅法》), which was promulgated on June 10, 2021 and came into effect on July 1, 2022, the disposal of H Shares by non-mainland China investors outside of the mainland China is not subject to the requirements of the Stamp Duty Law of the People’s Republic of China.

Estate duty

According to the PRC law, no estate duty is currently levied in the mainland China.

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, within the territory of the PRC, the enterprises and other organizations (the “enterprises”) that have incomes are taxpayers of enterprise income tax and shall pay enterprise income tax in accordance with this law.

Enterprises are classified into resident and non-resident enterprises. Where non-resident enterprises do not have an establishment or place in the PRC, or have an establishment or place in the PRC but the PRC-sourced income is not connected with such establishment or place in the PRC, they shall be subject to enterprise income tax on PRC-sourced income. The income tax payable by a non-resident enterprise shall be withheld at source, and the payer shall be the withholding agent. The tax shall be withheld by the withholding agent from the amount paid to the non-resident enterprise when such payment is made or due. Meanwhile, any gains realized on the transfer of shares by such investors are subject to enterprise income tax by way of withholding if such gains are regarded as income derived from the transfer of property within the PRC.

VAT

According to the Value-Added Tax Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國增值稅法》) (“VAT Law”) promulgated by the SCNPC on December 25, 2024 and became effective on January 1, 2026, any entity or individual who sells goods, services, intangible assets, and real estate within the territory of the PRC is subject to pay VAT, the applicable VAT rates for general taxpayers are 13%, 9% and 6% respectively.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATION IN THE PRC

The lawful currency of the PRC 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 Foreign Exchange Administrative Regulations of the PRC (《中華人民共和國外匯管理條例》) promulgated by the State Council on January 29, 1996, effective on April 1, 1996 and last amended on August 5, 2008, and the Administrative Regulations on Foreign Exchange Settlement, Sales and Payment (《結匯、售匯及付匯管理規定》) promulgated by the PBOC on June 20, 1996 and effective on July 1, 1996, Renminbi is freely convertible for payments of current account items such as trade and service-related foreign exchange transactions and dividend payments after the relevant financial institutions have reasonably examined the authenticity of the transaction documents and their consistency with foreign exchange receipts and payments, but are not freely convertible for capital expenditure items such as direct investment, loans or investments in securities outside the PRC unless the approval of the SAFE or its local counterparts is obtained in advance.

According to the Notice on Issues concerning the Foreign Exchange Administration of Overseas Listing (《關於境外上市外匯管理有關問題的通知》) promulgated by the SAFE on December 26, 2014, a domestic company shall, within 15 working days after the completion of its overseas listing, go through the registration of overseas listing with the foreign exchange bureau at its place of registration.

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According to the Guidance on Foreign Exchange Business for Capital Account (2024 Edition) (《資本項目外匯業務指引(2024年版)》), proceeds raised by domestic companies through overseas listings shall, in principle, be repatriated to China in a timely manner, either in RMB or foreign currency. The use of proceeds must be consistent with the relevant content disclosed in public documents such as prospectuses, corporate bond offering circulars, shareholders' circulars, board of directors or shareholders' meeting resolutions. Where domestic companies use proceeds raised from overseas listings to engage in activities such as outbound direct investment, overseas securities investment, or overseas lending, they must comply with the relevant foreign exchange regulations.

According to the Circular of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Reforming and Regulating Policies for the Administration over Foreign Exchange Settlement of Capital Accounts (《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》) announced by SAFE which became effective on June 9, 2016, and was last amended on December 4, 2023, the Notice of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Further Deepening Reform to Promote Cross-border Trade and Investment Facilitation (《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》) announced by SAFE which became effective on December 4, 2023, and the Circular of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Matters Concerning Deepening the Reform of Foreign Exchange Administration for Cross-Border Investment and Financing (《國家外匯管理局關於深化跨境投融資外匯管理改革有關事宜的通知》) announced by SAFE which became effective on September 12, 2025, the foreign exchange receipts under capital accounts of domestic institutions are subject to discretionary settlement policies. The foreign exchange receipts under capital accounts (including foreign exchange capital, foreign debts, and repatriated funds raised through overseas listing) subject to discretionary settlement as expressly prescribed in the relevant policies may be settled with banks according to the actual need of the domestic institutions for business operation. Domestic institutions may, at their discretion, settle up to 100% of foreign exchange receipts under capital accounts for the time being, SAFE may adjust the above proportion in due time according to the balance of payments. While eligible for the discretionary settlement of foreign exchange receipts under capital accounts, domestic institutions may also opt to use their foreign exchange receipts according to the payment-based settlement system. A bank shall, in handling each transaction of foreign exchange settlement for a domestic institution according to the principle of payment-based settlement, review the authenticity and compliance of the use of the funds settled in the previous foreign exchange settlement (including discretionary settlement and payment-based settlement) of such domestic institution. Domestic institutions' foreign exchange receipts under the capital account and the RMB funds obtained from the settlement thereof shall not directly or indirectly, be used for expenditure beyond the enterprise's business scope or expenditure prohibited by laws and regulations of the state, shall not directly or indirectly, be used for investments in securities or other investments or wealth management unless otherwise expressly specified (excluding financial products with a risk rating no higher than level II and structured deposits), and shall not be used for the granting of loans to non-affiliated enterprises (except where it is expressly permitted in the business scope).

According to the Circular on Optimizing Administration of Foreign Exchange to Support the Development of Foreign-related Business by the State Administration of Foreign Exchange (《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》) issued by the SAFE on April 10, 2020, eligible enterprises are allowed to make domestic payments by using receipts under capital accounts, such as their capital funds, foreign credits and the income from overseas listing, without need to provide the evidentiary materials concerning authenticity on a transaction-by-transaction basis to banks in advance, provided that their capital use shall be authentic and in line with provisions, and conform to the prevailing administrative regulations on the use of receipts under capital accounts. Local foreign exchange authorities shall strengthen monitoring analysis and interim and post regulation.

According to the Circular of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Further Simplifying and Improving the Policies for the Administration of Foreign Exchange in 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》) promulgated on February 13, 2015 and effective on June 1, 2015, the SAFE has canceled the requirement for the foreign exchange registration approval for domestic and overseas direct investments. Instead, the banks are directly responsible for the review and handling of foreign exchange registration for domestic and overseas direct investments, and the SAFE and its branches exercise indirect supervision over foreign exchange registration for direct investment via the banks.