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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 is based on current effective PRC 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 does not deal with all possible tax consequences relating to an [REDACTED] in H Shares, nor does it consider the specific circumstances of any particular [REDACTED], some of which may be subject to special regulations. Accordingly, you should consult your own tax adviser regarding the tax consequences of an [REDACTED] in H Shares. The discussion is based upon PRC laws and relevant interpretations in effect as at the date of this document, all of which are subject to change and may have retrospective effect. Prospective [REDACTED] are urged to consult their financial adviser regarding the PRC and other tax consequences of owning and disposing of H Shares.

PRC TAXATION

Taxation on Dividend

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 last amended on August 31, 2018 and came into effect on January 1, 2019, and the Regulations on Implementation 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 were last amended on December 18, 2018 and came into effect on January 1, 2019 (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "IIT Law"), dividends paid 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 a PRC 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 an applicable tax treaty.

Pursuant to the Notice of the STA on Issues Concerning the Levy and Administration of Individual Income Tax After the Repeal of Guo Shui Fa [1993] No. 45) (《國家稅務總局關於國稅發[1993]045號文件廢止後有關個人所得稅徵管問題的通知》) issued by the STA on June 28, 2011, which came into effect on the same day, domestic non-foreign-invested enterprises issuing shares in Hong Kong may, when distributing dividends, withhold individual income tax at the rate of 10%. For the individual holders of H Shares receiving dividends who are citizens of countries that have entered into a tax treaty with the PRC with tax rate of lower than 10%, non-foreign-invested enterprises listed in Hong Kong may apply on behalf of such holders for enjoying the lower preferential tax treatments, and, upon approval by the tax authorities, the excessive withholding amount will be refunded. For the individual holders of H Shares receiving dividends who are citizens of countries that have entered into a tax treaty with the PRC with tax rate of higher than 10% but lower than 20%, the non-foreign-invested enterprise is required to withhold the tax at the agreed rate under the treaties, and no application procedures will be necessary. For the individual holders of H Shares receiving dividends who are citizens of countries without taxation treaties with the PRC or are under other situations, the non-foreign-invested enterprise is required to withhold the tax at a rate of 20%.

Enterprise Investors

According to the EIT Law, which was latest amended and implemented on December 29, 2018, and the Implementation Rules for the EIT Law (《中華人民共和國企業所得稅法實施條例》) enacted on December 6, 2007 and became effective on 1 January 2008, and amended on December 6, 2024 and became effective on January 20, 2025, a non-resident enterprise is generally subject to a 10% EIT on PRC-sourced income (including dividends received from a PRC resident enterprise that issues shares in Hong Kong), if it does not have an establishment or premise in the PRC or has

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an establishment 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 is 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.

The Circular of the STA on Issues Relating to the Withholding and Remitting of Corporate 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 shall withhold and remit corporate income tax at a unified rate 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 Questions on Levying EIT on Dividends Derived by Non-resident Enterprise from Holding Stock such as B Shares (《關於非居民企業取得B股等股票股息徵收企業所得稅問題的批覆》), which was issued by the STA and came into effect on July 24, 2009, further provides that any PRC-resident enterprise whose shares are listed on overseas stock exchanges must withhold and remit EIT at a rate of 10% on dividends of 2008 and onwards that it distributes to non-resident enterprises. Such tax rates may be further modified pursuant to the tax treaty or agreement that China has entered into with a relevant country or region, where applicable.

Pursuant to the Arrangement between the Mainland 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”), which was signed between the STA and the Hong Kong Government on August 21, 2006, the PRC Government may levy taxes on the dividends paid by a PRC company to Hong Kong residents (including resident individual and resident entities) in an amount not exceeding 10% of the total dividends payable by the PRC company unless a Hong Kong resident directly holds 25% or more of the equity interest in the PRC company, then such tax shall not exceed 5% of the total dividends payable by the PRC company. The Fifth Protocol to the Arrangement between the Mainland 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>第五議定書》), which came into effect on December 6, 2019, added a criteria for the qualification of entitlement to enjoy treaty benefits. Although there may be other provisions under the Arrangement, 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 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》).

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 PRC EIT imposed on the dividends received from PRC enterprises. The PRC currently has entered into Avoidance of Double Taxation Treaties or 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 taxation treaties or arrangements are required to apply to the PRC tax authorities for a refund of the EIT more than the agreed tax rate, and the refund application is subject to approval by the PRC tax authorities.

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Taxation on Shares Transfer

VAT and Local Surcharges

Pursuant to the Notice on Fully Implementing the Pilot Reform for the Transition from Business Tax to VAT (《關於全面推開營業稅改徵增值稅試點的通知》) (hereinafter referred to as “Circular 36”), which was implemented on May 1, 2016 and abrogated/amended in part on July 1, 2017, January 1, 2018, April 1, 2019, December 1, 2024, November 1, 2025 and January 1, 2026, entities and individuals engaged in the services sale in the PRC are subject to VAT and “engaged in the services sale in the PRC” means that the seller or buyer of the taxable services is located in the PRC. Circular 36 also provides that transfer of financial products, including transfer of the ownership of marketable securities, shall be subject to VAT at 6% on the taxable revenue (which is the balance of sales price upon deduction of purchase price), for a general or a foreign VAT taxpayer.

According to the VAT Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國增值稅法》) which was promulgated on December 25, 2024 and came into effect on January 1, 2026, entities and individuals (including individual businesses) engaged in sale of financial products within the territory of the PRC, whether the financial products are issued in China or the seller is an entity or individual in the PRC, are VAT payers and shall pay VAT in accordance with this law.

VAT taxpayers are also subject to urban maintenance and construction tax, education surcharge and local education surcharge (collectively, “local surcharges”), which is usually at 12% of the VAT payable, if any. However, pursuant to the Urban Maintenance and Construction Tax Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國城市維護建設稅法》) which became effective on September 1, 2021, no urban maintenance and construction tax shall be levied on VAT or consumption tax paid for the sale of labor services, other services and intangible assets in China by overseas entities or individuals. Meanwhile, pursuant to Announcement on the Measures for Determining the Tax Basis of Urban Maintenance and Construction Tax and Other Matters (《關於城市維護建設稅計稅依據確定辦法等事項的公告》), the basis for calculating and levying education surcharges and local education surcharges is consistent with the basis for calculating the urban maintenance and construction tax since September 1, 2021. In conclusion, no urban maintenance and construction tax, education surcharges, and local education surcharges will be levied on VAT paid for the sale of intangible assets in PRC by overseas entities or individuals since September 1, 2021.

Income Tax

Individual Investors

According to the IIT Law, gains on the transfer of equity interests in the PRC resident enterprises are subject to individual income tax at a rate of 20%. Pursuant to the Circular on 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》) issued by the STA on March 20, 1998, from January 1, 1997, income of individuals from transfer of the shares of listed enterprises continues to be exempted from individual income tax. The STA has not expressly stated whether it will continue to exempt tax on income of individuals from transfer of the shares of listed enterprises in the latest amended IIT Law.

However, on December 31, 2009, the Ministry of Finance, the STA and CSRC jointly issued the Circular on Related Issues on Levying Individual Income Tax over the Income Received by Individuals from the 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》), which came into effect on December 31, 2009, which states that individuals’ income from the transfer of listed shares obtained from the public offering of listed companies and transfer market on the Shanghai Stock Exchange and the Shenzhen Stock Exchange shall continue to be exempted from individual income tax, except for the relevant restricted shares as defined in the Supplementary Notice on Issues Concerning the Levy of

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Individual Income Tax on Individuals’ Income from the Transfer of Restricted Stocks of Listed Companies (《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》) jointly issued and implemented by the abovementioned departments on November 10, 2010. As of the Latest Practicable Date, no aforesaid provisions have expressly provided that individual income tax shall be levied from non-PRC resident individuals on the transfer of shares in PRC resident enterprises listed on overseas stock exchanges.

Enterprise Investors

In accordance with the EIT Law, a non-resident enterprise is generally subject to corporate income tax at the rate of a 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. Such tax may be reduced or exempted pursuant to relevant tax treaties or agreements on avoidance of double taxation.

Stamp Duty

Pursuant to the Stamp Duty Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國印花稅法》) promulgated on June 10, 2021 and came into effect on July 1, 2022, PRC stamp duty only applies to specific taxable document executed or received within the PRC, having legally binding force in the PRC and protected under the PRC laws, thus the requirements of the stamp duty imposed on the transfer of shares of PRC listed companies shall not apply to the acquisition and disposal of H Shares by non-PRC investors outside of the PRC.

Estate Duty

As of the Latest Practicable Date, no estate duty has been levied in the PRC under the PRC laws.

PRINCIPAL TAXATION OF OUR COMPANY IN THE PRC

EIT

Pursuant to the EIT Law promulgated by the NPCSC on March 16, 2007, which became effective from January 1, 2008, and last amended on December 29, 2018, enterprises shall be classified into resident enterprises and non-resident enterprises. The income tax rate of resident enterprises is 25%, while the income tax rate of non-resident enterprises is 20%. According to the EIT Law and the Implementation Regulations for 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》) (the “Implementation Regulations for EIT Law”) issued by the State Council on December 6, 2007, which became effective from January 1, 2008, and last amended on April 23, 2019, enterprise income tax shall be payable by a resident enterprise for the income derived from or accruing in or outside the PRC.

VAT

The major PRC Law governing VAT are the VAT Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國增值稅法》) which was promulgated on December 25, 2024 and came into effect on January 1, 2026. Any entities and individuals (including individual businesses) engaged in the sale of goods, services, intangible assets and immovables (hereinafter referred to as the “taxable transactions”) and importation of goods within the territory of the PRC are VAT payers and shall pay VAT in accordance with this law. The rate of VAT for sale of goods is 13% unless otherwise specified.

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With the VAT reforms in the PRC, the rate of VAT has been changed several times. The MOF and the STA issued the Notice of the MOF and the STA on Adjusting VAT Rates (《財政部、國家稅務總局關於調整增值稅稅率的通知》) on April 4, 2018 to adjust the VAT rates of 17% and 11% applicable to any taxpayer's taxable sale or import of goods to 16% and 10%, respectively. Such adjustment became effective on May 1, 2018. Subsequently, the MOF, the STA and the General Administration of Customs jointly issued the Announcement of the MOF and the STA on Relevant Policies for Deepening the VAT Reform (《財政部、國家稅務總局關於深化增值稅改革有關政策的公告》) on March 20, 2019 to make further adjustments, which came into effect on April 1, 2019. The VAT rate of 16% applicable to the taxable sale or import of goods shall be adjusted to 13%, and the tax rate of 10% applicable thereto shall be adjusted to 9%.

TAXATION IN HONG KONG

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 us.

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 ten 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.

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Estate Duty

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

PRC FOREIGN EXCHANGE

The principal law governing foreign currency exchange in the PRC is the Foreign Exchange Administration Regulations of the PRC (《中華人民共和國外匯管理條例》) (the “Foreign Exchange Administration Regulations”). The Foreign Exchange Administration Regulations were enacted by the State Council on January 29, 1996 and implemented on April 1, 1996. On January 14, 1997 and August 5, 2008, the State Council amended the Foreign Exchange Administration Regulations. According to the Foreign Exchange Administration Regulations, international payments in foreign currencies and transfer of foreign currencies under current items shall not be restricted. Foreign currency transactions under the capital account are still subject to limitations and require approvals from, or registration with, the SAFE or its local counterpart and other relevant PRC governmental authorities.

According to the Notice of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Issues Concerning the Foreign Exchange Administration of Overseas Listing (《國家外匯管理局關於境外上市外匯管理有關問題的通知》) issued by the SAFE and implemented on December 26, 2014, a domestic company shall, within 15 business days from the date of the end of its overseas listing issuance, register the overseas listing with the local Foreign Exchange Administration at the place of its establishment. The proceeds from an overseas listing of a domestic company may be remitted to the domestic account or deposited in an overseas account, but the use of the proceeds shall be consistent with the content of the prospectus or company securities offering documents, circulars of the shareholders, resolutions from the Board of Directors or at the shareholders’ meetings, and other disclosure documents.

According to the Circular of SAFE on Reforming and Regulating Policies on the Control 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》) (the “SAFE Circular 16”) promulgated on June 9, 2016, and revised on December 4, 2023, by the SAFE, the Discretionary Foreign Exchange Settlement shall be unified for all the domestic institutions, while the use of foreign exchange incomes of capital projects by domestic institutions shall follow the principles of authenticity and self-use within the business scope of enterprises. The SAFE Circular 16 stipulates that the foreign exchange proceeds under the capital account of and the Renminbi funds obtained from foreign exchange settlement by a domestic institution may be used for expenditures under the current account within its business scope or the expenditures under the capital account permitted by the laws and regulations. The foreign exchange proceeds under the capital account of and the Renminbi funds obtained from foreign exchange settlement by a domestic institution (i) shall not be used directly or indirectly for expenditures beyond the business scope of the domestic institution or as prohibited by the laws and regulations; (ii) unless otherwise provided, shall not be used directly or indirectly for securities investments or other investments (except for wealth management products and structured deposits with risk rating not higher than level 2); (iii) shall not be used for offering loans to non-affiliated enterprises, unless expressly permitted by the business scope; (iv) shall not be used for the purchase of residential real estate not for self-use (except for enterprises engaged in real estate development and real estate leasing).

According to the Circular of SAFE on Optimizing Foreign Exchange Administration 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》) promulgated by the SAFE on April 10, 2020, the reform of facilitating the payments of incomes under the capital projects shall be promoted nationwide. Under the prerequisite of ensuring true and compliant use of funds and complying with the prevailing administrative provisions on use of income from capital projects, enterprises which satisfy the criteria are allowed to use income under the capital account, including capital funds, foreign debt and overseas listing, for domestic payment, without the need to provide proof materials for veracity to the bank beforehand for each transaction.

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On December 24, 2025, the PBOC and the SAFE jointly issued the Notice on Issues Concerning the Fund Management for Overseas Listings of Domestic Enterprises (《中國人民銀行國家外匯管理局關於境內企業境外上市資金管理有關問題的通知》), which took effect on April 1, 2026, to further facilitate domestic enterprises in efficiently raising funds in overseas financial markets. According to the aforementioned Notice, the proceeds from overseas listings, such as funds raised and income from share reductions or transfers, may be repatriated in either foreign currency or Renminbi, and the listing entities participating in the Full Circulation of H shares shall distribute dividends to domestic shareholders domestically in Renminbi. Additionally, the Notice specifies that funds raised from overseas listings and repatriated in foreign currency may be independently converted and used, and listing entities may autonomously choose their approaches to managing exchange rate risks within China. Furthermore, pursuant to the Notice, banks can directly handle the registration for overseas listings by domestic enterprises. Meanwhile, the Notice clarifies that (i) funds raised from overseas listings and proceeds from share reductions or transfers shall, in principle, be remitted back to China; (ii) any remaining funds remitted abroad by shareholders for the purpose of share purchases, or funds from unconsummated transactions, shall be promptly repatriated; (iii) enterprises meeting certain conditions are permitted to retain and use raised funds overseas. Upon the formal implementation of such Notice, the Notice of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Issues Concerning the Foreign Exchange Administration of Overseas Listing (《國家外匯管理局關於境外上市外匯管理有關問題的通知》) issued by the SAFE was repealed.