# 常茂生物化學工程股份有限公司 CHANGMAO BIOCHEMICAL ENGINEERING COMPANY LIMITED\*

(A Joint Stock Limited Company Incorporated in the People's Republic of China)

# **Articles of Association**

(In case of discrepancy, the Chinese version of the Articles of Association shall prevail the English one.)

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# ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF Changmao Biochemical Engineering Company Limited\*

#### **CHAPTER 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Article 1. Changmao Biochemical Engineering Company Limited (the "Company") is a joint stock limited company established in accordance with the Company Law of the People's Republic of China (中華人民共和國公司法 or the "Company Law"), the State Council's Special Regulations Regarding the Issue of Shares Overseas and the Listing of Shares Overseas by Companies Limited by Shares (國務院關於股份有限公司境外募集股份 及上市的特別規定 or the "Special Regulations"), the Interim Regulations on Several Issues Regarding the Establishment of Foreign Invested Joint Stock Limited Companies (關於設立外商投資股份有限公司若干問題 的暫行規定), and other relevant laws and regulations of the People's Republic of China (the "PRC").

The Company was approved by the document 外經貿資二函(2001)458 號 (Wai Jing Mao Zi Er Han [2001] No. 458) "About the approval of the conversion of Changmao Biochemical Engineering Company Limited to a foreign investment stock company" (關於常州常茂生物化學工程有限公 司轉制為外商投資股份公司的批復) issued by the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation of the People's Republic of China and has been issued the Certificate of Approval for Establishment of Enterprises with Foreign Investment in the PRC (中華人民共和國外商投資企業批准 證書). The Company was set up by the promotion method and was set up and registered in the Jiangsu Administration for Industry and Commerce under the authorization of the State Administration for Industry and Commerce on 18 June 2001. The registration number of the business license of the Company is: 320000400000567.

The promoters of the Company are:

- Changzhou Shuguang Chemical Factory Corporate representative: Zeng Xianbiao Address: No. 503, Sanbao Road, Changzhou, Jiangsu
- Hong Kong Xinsheng Pioneer Investment Company Limited Corporate representative: Rui Xinsheng Address: Unit 4109, 41/F, Jardine House, 1 Connaught Place, Hong Kong
- 3. Hong Kong Bio-chemical Advanced Technology Investment Company

	Limited Corporate representative: Jiang Junjie Address: Unit 4109, 41/F, Jardine House, 1 Connaught Place, Hong Kong	
4.	JOMO Limited Corporate representative: Yu Xiaoping Address: 1005, Wing On Plaza, No. 62, Mody Road, TST E	
5.	Shanghai Technology and Investment Company Limited Corporate representative: Liu Zhenyuan Address: No. 451, Shangchuan Road, Pudong, Shanghai	
6.	Shanghai Bolian Technology and Investment Company Limited Corporate representative: Xiong Keli Address: No. 868, Changping Road, Jiangan, Shanghai	
7.	Prosper Ideal Limited Corporate representative: Huang Shaokai Address: 25/F, New World Plaza, 16-18 Queen Road, Central, Hong Kong	
8.	Changzhou Xinsheng Biochemical Technology Development Co., Ltd. Corporate representative: Rui Xinsheng Address: Jiangbian Chemical Zone, New district, Changzhou, Jiangsu	
(Mandatory provision 1)		
Th	e Company's registered Chinese name: 常茂生物化学工程股份有限公司	
Th	e Company's registered English name: Changmao Biochemical Engineering Company Limited	
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(Mandatory provision 3)

Article 2.

Article 3.

Article 4. The Company's legal representative is the Chairman of the board of directors of the Company.

(Mandatory provision 4)

Article 5. The Company is a joint stock limited company which has perpetual existence.

(Mandatory provision 5)

Article 6. The Articles of Association shall be effective after the passing of a special resolution in a general meeting, upon the approval of the industry and commerce administrative departments in the People's Republic of China and after the registration at relevant administrative authority. The Articles of Association shall be a legally binding document governing the constitution and actions of the Company, the rights and obligations between the Company and its shareholders and among the shareholders, from its effective date.

(Mandatory provision 6)

Article 7. The Company's Articles of Association are binding on the Company and its shareholders, directors, supervisors, general manager, deputy general manager and other senior management personnel; all of whom may, according to the Company's Articles of Association, assert rights in respect of the affairs of the Company.

A shareholder may take action against the Company pursuant to the Company's Articles of Association, and vice versa. A shareholder may also take action against another shareholder, and may take action against the directors, supervisors, general manager, deputy general manager and other senior officers of the Company pursuant to the Company's Articles of Association.

The actions referred to in the preceding paragraph include court proceedings and arbitration proceedings.

(Mandatory provision 7)

Article 8. The Company may invest in other limited liability companies or joint stock limited companies. The liabilities of the Company thereto is limited to the amount invested in those companies. However, the Company may not be a shareholder with unlimited liabilities of any other organisations operating for profits.

Upon approval of the companies approving department authorized by the State Council, the Company may, according to its operating and management needs, operate as a holding company as prescribed in clause 2 of Article 12 of the Company Law.

(Mandatory provision 8)

- Article 9. The Company is an independent enterprise legal person; all actions of the Company shall be compliant with the laws and regulations of the foreign shares listing place in China or abroad, and shall protect the lawful rights and interests of shareholders as well. All capitals of the Company divided into shares of equal face value, shareholders shall bear the responsibility to the Company by their shares, and the Company shall be responsible for its debts by all assets.
- Article 10. Subject to compliance with PRC laws and regulations, the Company shall have the right to financing and raise funds, including (but not limited to) issuing company bonds, and have the right to charge or pledge part or all of the ownership or use rights of its assets or other rights under laws and administrative rules of the PRC. However, the Company shall not infringe or abolish the rights of any class of shareholders upon exercising the above rights.

# **CHAPTER 2: THE COMPANY'S OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF BUSINESS**

Article 11. The Company's objectives are: Set up and perfect management system and operating mechanism that meet the needs of market economy, depending on scientific and technological progress and management innovation, safeguard the interests of all shareholders, maximize the company's economic and social benefits.

(Mandatory provision 9)

Article 12. The principal business of the Company is: the business scope stated in the business license.

(Mandatory provision 10)

Article 13. The Company may, based on the change in market conditions and business needs in domestic and overseas and its development ability and upon obtaining approval by resolution(s) in general meeting and approval of the relevant governmental authorities, the Company may adjust its scope of business or investment orientation or method.

#### **CHAPTER 3: SHARES AND REGISTERED CAPITAL**

Article 14. There must, at all times, be ordinary shares in the Company. Subject to the approval of the companies approving department authorized by the State Council, the Company may, according to its requirements, create different classes of shares.

(Mandatory provision 11)

Article 15. The shares issued by the Company must have a par value. The par value of each share is Renminbi 0.10.

"Renminbi" referred to in the previous paragraph means the lawful currency of the PRC.

(Mandatory provision 12)

Article 16. Subject to the approval of the securities authority of the State Council, the Company may issue shares to Domestic Investors and Foreign Investors.

"Foreign Investors" referred to in the previous paragraph mean those investors who subscribe for the shares issued by the Company and who are located in foreign countries and in the regions of Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan. "Domestic Investors" mean those investors who subscribe for the shares issued by the Company and who are located within the territory of the PRC.

(Mandatory provision 12)

Article 17. Shares which the Company issues to Domestic Investors for subscription in Renminbi is referred to as "Domestic Shares". Shares which the Company issues to Foreign Investors for subscription in foreign currencies are referred to as "Foreign Shares". Foreign Shares, which are listed overseas, are called "Overseas Listed Foreign Shares".

> "Foreign currencies" means the lawful currencies of countries or districts outside the PRC other than Renminbi which are recognised by the foreign exchange authority of the State and which can be used to pay the share price to the Company.

(Mandatory provision 14)

Article 18. Upon approval of the State Council authorized approving authorities, the total number of ordinary shares permitted to be issued by the Company shall be 683,700,000 shares (upon the full exercise of the over-allotment option, same as below). The Company shall upon its establishment issue 500,000,000 shares to the Promoters, which were fully subscribed by the Promoters. Ordinary shares subscribed by the Promoters consist of 219,000,000 Domestic Shares, representing 32.03 per cent. of the total number of ordinary shares permitted to be issued by the Company; and 281,000,000 foreign shares, representing 41.10 per cent of the total number of ordinary shares permitted to be issued by the Company.

(Mandatory provision 15)

Article 19. The first issued ordinary shares after the establishment of the Company

were Foreign Shares listing abroad which amount to 183,700,000 shares; after the issuance, ordinary shares are 683,700,000 shares, among them, the promoters hold 500,000,000 shares, 73.13% of the total amount of ordinary shares that the company can issue; the shareholders of overseas- listed Foreign Shares hold 183,700,000 shares, 26.87% of the total amount of ordinary shares that the company can issue.

(Mandatory provision 16)

Article 20. The Company's board of directors may exercise arrangement for the issuance of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares and Domestic Shares respectively after obtaining approval from the securities authority of the State Council.

The Company may implement its proposal to issue Overseas Listed Foreign Shares and Domestic Shares pursuant to the preceding paragraph within 15 months from the date of approval by the securities authority of the State Council.

(Mandatory provision 17)

Article 21. Fund raising from the issuance of shares includes Overseas Listed Foreign Shares and Domestic Shares shall be done at once time respectively within the total number of shares stated in the share issuance proposal, If the fund cannot be raised in one time due to special circumstances, the shares may, subject to the approval of the securities authority of the State Council, be issued in several batches.

(Mandatory provision 18)

Article 22. The Company repurchased the 154,000,000 shares held by Changzhou Shuguang Chemical Factory after completion of the allotment of the Overseas Listed Foreign Shares as described in Article 18 above. The number of issued shares of the Company shall be 529,700,000 shares and the registered capital of the Company shall be RMB 52,970,000 after completion of the aforesaid share repurchase.

After completion of the aforesaid share repurchase, Shanghai Technology Investment Company Limited, being one of the promoters, entered into an agreement to sell the 62,500,000 shares held by it to Kehai Venture Capital (Hong Kong) Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong. After completion of the aforesaid share sale, the total number of ordinary shares of the Company shall comprise 2,500,000 Domestic Shares, 343,500,000 foreign shares and 183,700,000 Overseas Listed Foreign Shares, representing approximately 0.47%, 64.85% and 34.68% respectively of the issued ordinary shares of the Company.

(Mandatory provision 19)

Article 23. The Company may, based on its operating and development needs, approve the increase its capital pursuant to the Company's Articles of Association.

The Company may increase its capital in the following ways:

- (1) by offering new shares for subscription by unspecified investors;
- (2) by issuing new shares to its existing shareholders;
- (3) by allotting bonus shares to its existing shareholders;
- (4) by any other means which is permitted by law and administrative regulation.

After the Company's increase of share capital by means of the issuance of new shares has been approved in accordance with the provisions of the Company's Articles of Association, the issuance thereof shall be made in accordance with the procedures set out in the relevant PRC laws and administrative regulations.

(Mandatory provision 20)

Article 24. Except as provided for by other provisions of law and administrative regulations, shares of the Company may be freely transferred without any right of lien.

(Mandatory provision 21)

- Article 25. Subject to the compliance of the Article 28, 46 and 47 of the Articles of Association, and other applicable regulations, once the shares of the Company being transferred, the name of the transferee shall be regarded as the holder of the shares and be registered in the register of shareholders.
- Article 26. All the issuance or transfer of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares shall be registered in the register of Overseas Listed Foreign Shareholders that kept in the listed place according to the Article 44(2).
- Article 27. Any holder of listed Foreign Shares may transfer all or part of shares by any typical form in listing place or any other written transfer document permitted by the Board of directors, or the standard transfer form specified by the stock exchange in which the shares of the Company are listed. Transfer documents shall be signed by hand or in printing by the transferor and transferee.

All transfer documents shall be placed at the legal address of the Company or the address appointed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

Article 28. During any time in the period that the Overseas Listed Foreign shares of the Company are listed in Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock

Exchange of HK"), the Company must ensure that all the ownership documents (including the Overseas Listed Share certificates) of the stocks that listed in the Stock Exchange of HK include the following statements:

- (1) The purchaser(s) of shares agrees with the Company and each shareholder, the Company agrees with each shareholder, that they shall comply with the Company Law, Special Regulations and the provision of the Articles of Association.
- (2) The purchaser(s) of shares agree with each shareholder of the Company, Directors, supervisors, general manager, deputy general manager and senior management, while the company which on behalf of the Company itself, each Director, supervisor, general manager, deputy general manager and the senior management also agree with each shareholder, that the dispute or claim of rights relating to the company business, according to the Articles of Association or the provision of the laws and administrative regulations, shall solve by arbitration according to the Articles of Association, and any submitted arbitration shall be regarded as giving authorisation to the arbitration tribunal to conduct public hearing and publish its decisions. The arbitration is final decision.
- (3) The purchaser(s) of shares agrees with the Company and each shareholder, the holder may transfer the shares of the Company freely.
- (4) The purchaser(s) of shares authorise the Company, on behalf of himself/ herself /themselves, to sign contracts with each Directors and senior management, the Directors and the senior management promise to comply and fulfil their responsibility to the shareholders according to the Articles of Association.

The Company shall instruct the share registrar to refuse registration of any individual holder's name in relation to the subscription, purchase or transfer of shares, unless and until the individual holder submits the signed form in relation to the shares which include the above statement to the share registrar.

Article 29. The Overseas Listed Foreign Shares of the Company may be listed and traded in the Stock Exchange of HK.

#### **CHAPTER 4: REDUCTION OF CAPITAL AND REPURCHASE OF SHARES**

Article 30. According to the provisions of the Company's Articles of Association, the Company may reduce its registered capital

(Mandatory provision 22)

Article 31. The Company must prepare a balance sheet and an inventory of assets when it reduces its registered capital.

The Company shall notify its creditors within 10 days from the date of the Company's resolution for reduction of capital and shall publish an announcement in a newspaper at least 3 times within 30 days of the date of such resolution. A creditor has the right to request the Company to pay its debt or provide a corresponding guarantee to repay the debt within 30 days of receipt of the notice from the Company or, in the case of a creditor who does not receive such notice, within 90 days from the date of the first published announcement.

The Company's registered capital may not, after the reduction in capital, be less than the minimum amount prescribed by law.

(Mandatory provision 23)

- Article 32. The Company may, in accordance with the procedures set out in the Company's Articles of Association and with the approval of the relevant governing authority of the State, repurchase its issued shares under the following circumstances:
  - (1) cancellation of shares for the purposes of reducing its capital;
  - (2) merging with another company that holds shares in the Company;

(3) other circumstances permitted by the laws and administrative regulations.

(Mandatory provision 24)

- Article 33. The Company may repurchase shares in one of the following ways, with the approval of the relevant governing authority of the State:
  - (1) by making a general offer for the repurchase of shares to all its shareholders on a pro rata basis;
  - (2) by repurchasing shares through public dealing on a stock exchange;
  - (3) by repurchasing shares outside of the stock exchange by means of an agreement.

(Mandatory provision 25)

Article 34. The Company must obtain the prior approval of the shareholders in a general meeting (in the manner stipulated in the Company's Articles of Association) before it repurchases shares outside of the stock exchange by means of an agreement. The Company may release, vary waive its rights

under an agreement so entered into by the Company in the aforesaid manner if the prior approval of a general meeting is given in the same manner..

An agreement to repurchase shares referred to in the preceding paragraph includes (but is not limited to) an agreement to assume an obligation to repurchase shares or to acquire rights to repurchase shares.

The Company shall not assign an agreement repurchase of its shares or any of its right under such an agreement.

(Mandatory provision 26)

Article 35. Shares which have been legally repurchased by the Company shall be cancelled within the time limit prescribed by the law and administrative regulations, and the Company shall apply to the original company registration authority for registration of the change in its registered capital.

The aggregate par value of the cancelled shares shall be deducted from the Company's registered share capital.

(Mandatory provision 27)

- Article 36. Unless the Company is in liquidation, it must comply with the following provisions in relation to repurchase of its issued shares:
  - (1) where the Company repurchases its shares at par value, payment shall be made out of the book balance of the distributable profits of the Company or out of proceeds of an issue of new shares made for that purpose;
  - (2) where the Company redeems or repurchases its shares at a premium, payment up to the par value of those shares may be made out of the book balance of distributable profits of the Company or out of the proceeds of an issue of new shares made for that purpose. Payment of the portion in excess of the par value shall be treated as follows:
    - (i) if the shares being repurchased were issued at par value, payment shall be made out of the book balance of the distributable profits of the Company;
    - (ii) if the shares being repurchased were issued at a premium, payment shall be made out of the book balance distributable profits of the Company or out of the proceeds of an issue of new shares made for that purpose, provided that the amount paid out of the said proceeds do not exceed the aggregate amount of premium received by the Company on the issue of the shares repurchased nor shall it exceed the amount of

the Company's share premium account or (where applicable) capital reserve fund account (including the premium on the new shares issued) at the time of the repurchase;

- (3) Payment by the Company for the following purposes shall be made out of the Company's distributable profits:
  - (i) the acquisition of the right to repurchase its own shares;
  - (ii) the variation of any agreement to repurchase its own shares;
  - (iii) the release of any of the Company's obligation(s) under any agreement for the repurchase of its shares;
- (4) after the Company's registered capital has been reduced by the aggregate par value of the cancelled shares in accordance with the relevant provisions, the amount deducted from the distributable profits of the Company for payment of the par value of the repurchased shares be transferred to the Company's premium account or (where applicable) capital reserve fund account.

(Mandatory provision 28)

# **CHAPTER 5: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SHARES**

Article 37. The Company and its subsidiaries shall not, at any time and in any manner, provide financial assistance to a person who is acquires or propose to acquire shares in the Company. This includes any person who directly or indirectly assumes obligations by virtue of such purchase of shares.

The Company and its subsidiaries shall not, at any time and in any manner, provide financial assistance to the aforesaid obligor for the purposes of reducing or discharging the obligations assumed by such obligor.

This Article shall not apply to the circumstances stipulate in Article 39 of this Chapter.

(Mandatory provision 29)

- Article 38. For the purposes of this Chapter, "financial assistance" includes (but not limited to) the following:
  - (1) by way of gift;
  - (2) by way of guarantee (including the provision of an undertaking or property to secure the performance of obligations by the obligor),

indemnity (other than an indemnity given in respect of the Company's own negligence or default), release or waiver;

- (3) by way of a loan or entering into a contract under which the obligations of the Company have to be fulfilled before the obligations of the other party to the contract, or by way of the change of the party to that loan or contract, or the assignment of any arising thereunder;
- (4) in any other form of financial assistance given by the Company when the Company is unable to pay its debt or has no net assets or when its net assets would thereby be reduced to a material extent.

The meaning of "assumed obligation" under this Chapter includes obligations assumed by the obligor as a result of entering into a contract or making any arrangement (whether or not such contract or arrangement is enforceable, and whether or not assumed by him personally or together with any other party) or by any other means whereby his financial position is changed.

(Mandatory provision 30)

- Article 39. The following actions shall not be deemed to be activities prohibited by Article 37 of this Chapter:
  - (1) the provision of financial assistance by the Company where the financial assistance is given in good faith in the interests of the Company, and the principal purpose of the assistance is not for the acquisition of shares in the Company, or that the financial assistance is an incidental part of some larger overall plan of the Company;
  - (2) the lawful distribution of the Company's assets by way of dividend;
  - (3) the distribution of dividend by way of allotment of bonus shares;
  - (4) a reduction of the registered capital, repurchase of shares or reorganisation of the share capital in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association;
  - (5) the lending of money by the Company within its scope of operations and in the ordinary course of its business, provided that the net assets of the Company are not thereby reduced or, to the extent that the assets are thereby reduced, the financial assistance is provided out of distributable profits of the Company;
  - (6) the provision of money by the Company for contribution to employee's share schemes, provided that the net assets of the Company are not thereby reduced or, to the extent that the assets

are thereby reduced, the financial assistance is provided out of distributable profits of the Company.

(Mandatory provision 31)

#### **CHAPTER 6: SHARE CERTIFICATES AND REGISTER OF SHAREHOLDERS**

Article 40. Share certificates of the Company shall be in registered form.

The share certificate of the Company shall contain following major particulars:

- (1) the name of the Company;
- (2) the incorporation date of the Company;
- (3) the class of shares, par value and number of shares it represents;
- (4) the share certificate number;
- (5) other matters required to be stated therein by the the stock exchange(s) on which the Company's shares are listed.

(Mandatory provision 32)

Article 41. Share certificates shall be signed by the Chairman. Where the stock , exchange(s) on which the Company's shares are listed require other senior officer(s) of the Company to sign on the share certificates, the share certificates shall also be signed by such senior officer(s). The share certificates shall take effect after being imprinted with the seal of the Company. The share certificate shall be imprinted with the seal of the Company under the authorization of the board of directors. The signatures of the Chairman or other senior officer(s) of the Company may be printed in mechanical form.

(Mandatory provision 33)

- Article 42. The Company shall keep a register of shareholders and enter therein the following matters:
  - (1) the name (title) and address (residence), the occupation or nature of each shareholder;
  - (2) the class and quantity of shares held by each shareholder;
  - (3) the amount paid or payable on the shares held by each shareholder;
  - (4) the serial number of the shares in respect of each shareholder;

- (5) the date on which each person is entered in the register as a shareholder;
- (6) the date on which the shareholder ceased to be a shareholder.

The register of shareholders shall be sufficient evidence of the holding of shares of the Company by the shareholders unless there is evidence to the contrary.

(Mandatory provision 34)

Article 43. The Company may, in accordance with the mutual understanding and agreements made between the securities authority of the State Council and overseas securities regulatory organisations, maintain the register of shareholders of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares overseas and appoint overseas agent(s) to manage such register of shareholders. A duplicate register of shareholders for the holders of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares shall be maintained at the Company's legal address. The appointed overseas agent(s) shall ensure consistency between the original and the duplicate register of shareholders at all times.

If there is any inconsistency between the original and the duplicate register of shareholders for the holders of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares, the original register of shareholders shall prevail.

The original register for holders of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares listed in Hong Kong shall be maintained in Hong Kong.

(Mandatory provision 35)

- Article 44. The Company shall have a complete register of shareholders which shall comprise of the following parts:
  - (1) a part maintained at the Company's legal address which shall be the register of all shareholders other than those registered in accordance with sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) in this article;
  - (2) a register of holders of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares maintained at the place of listing
  - (3) such part in such other places as the Directors may deem necessary for the purpose of listing the Company's shares

(Mandatory provision 36)

Article 45. Different parts of the register of shareholders shall not overlap. No transfer of any shares registered in one part of the register shall, during the continuance of that registration of those shares, be registered in any other part of the register of shareholders.

The alternation and ratification of each part of the register of shareholders shall be made in accordance with the law of its sites.

(Mandatory provision 37)

If the Company refuses to register the transfer of shares, the Company shall give the transferor and the transferee a notice refusing to register the shares transfer within two months from the date of submitting the application of transfer.

- Article 46. All Overseas Listed Foreign Shares listed in Hong Kong which have been fully paid-up may be freely transferred in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association. However, unless such transfer complies with the following requirements, the board of directors may refuse to recognise any instrument of transfer and would not need to provide any reason therefore:
  - (1) a fee of HK\$2.50 per instrument of transfer or other amount requested by the board of directors but limited to a higher fee agreed from time to time by the Stock Exchange for registration of the instrument of transfer and other documents relating to or which will affect the right of ownership of the shares;
  - (2) the instrument of transfer only relates to Overseas Listed Foreign Shares that listed in the Stock Exchange of HK;
  - (3) the stamp duty which is chargeable on the instrument of transfer has already been paid;
  - (4) the relevant share certificate(s) and any other evidence which the board of directors may reasonably require to show that the transferor has the right to transfer the shares have been provided;
  - (5) if it is intended that the shares be held by joint owners, the maximum number of joint owners shall not be more than 4;
  - (6) the relevant shares does not have any lien thereon by any companies.

Any share shall not be transferred to minors or person who is mentally disorder or disabled in laws.

Article 47. No change will be made in the register of shareholders as a result of a transfer of shares within 30 days prior to the date of a general meeting or within 5 days before the record date for the Company's distribution of dividends.

(Mandatory provision 38)

Article 48. When the Company needs to determine the rights attaching to the shares in

the Company for the purposes of convening a general meeting, dividend distribution, liquidation or any other purpose which requires determining the rights of the shares, the board of directors shall decide on a date for the determination of rights attaching to shares in the Company. The shareholders of the Company shall be such persons who appear in the register of shareholders at the close of such determination date.

(Mandatory provision 39)

Article 49. Any person aggrieved and claiming to be entitled to have his name (title) entered in or removed from the register of shareholders may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for rectification of the register.

(Mandatory provision 40)

Article 50. Any person who is a registered shareholder or who request to have his name (title) entered in the register of shareholders in respect of shares in the Company may, if his share certificate (the "original certificate") relating to the shares is lost, apply to the Company for a replacement of a new share certificate in respect of such shares (the "Relevant Shares").

A holder of Domestic Shares who has lost his share certificate and apply for a replacement share certificate shall be dealt with in accordance with Article 150 of the Company Law.

A holder of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares who has lost his share certificate and apply for a replacement share certificate may be dealt with in accordance with the law, rules of the stock exchange or other relevant regulations of the place where the original register of holders of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares is maintained.

A holder of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares which is listed in the Stock Exchange of HK, who has lost his share certificate and apply for a replacement share certificate, shall comply with the following requirements:

- (1) The applicant shall submit an application to the Company in a prescribed form accompanied by a notarial certificate or a statutory declaration, stating the grounds upon which the application is made, the circumstances and evidence of the loss; and declaring that no other person is entitled to have his name entered in the register of shareholders in respect of the Relevant Shares.
- (2) The Company has not received any declaration made by any person other than the applicant declaring that his name shall be entered into the register of shareholders in respect of such shares before it decides to issue a replacement share certificate to the applicant.
- (3) The Company shall publish a notice of its intention to issue a

replacement share certificate at least once every 30 days within a period of 90 consecutive days in such newspapers as may be prescribed by the board of directors before issuing the new share certificate.

(4) The Company shall, prior to publication of issuing a replacement share certificate, deliver to the Stock Exchange of HK, a copy of the announcement to be published and shall publish the announcement upon receipt of confirmation from the Stock Exchange of HK that the announcement has been published in such stock exchange. The announcement shall be exhibited in the premises of the stock exchange for a period of 90 days.

> In the case of an application which is made without the consent of the registered holder of the Relevant Shares, the Company shall deliver by mail to such registered shareholder a copy of the notice to be published.

- (5) Upon the expiration of the 90-day period referred to in paragraphs (3) and (4) of this Article, the Company has not have received any disagreement from any person in respect of the issuance of the replacement share certificate, it may issue a replacement share certificate to the applicant pursuant to his application.
- (6) Where the Company issues a replacement share certificate pursuant to this Article, it shall immediately cancel the original share certificate and document the cancellation of the original share certificate and issuance of a replacement share certificate in the register of shareholders accordingly.
- (7) All expenses relating to the cancellation of an original share certificate and the issuance of a replacement share certificate shall be borne by the applicant and the Company is entitled to refuse to take any action until reasonable guarantee is provided by the applicant therefore.

(Mandatory provision 41)

- (8) The relevant publication concerning new shares issuance in paragraph (3), shall includes at least one Chinese and English publication each in Hong Kong.
- Article 51. Where the Company issues a replacement share certificate pursuant to the Company's Articles of Association and a bona fide purchaser acquires or becomes the registered owner of such shares, his name (title) shall not be removed from the register of shareholders.

(Mandatory provision 42)

Article 52. The Company shall not be liable for any damages to any person due to the cancellation of the original share certificate or the issuance of the replacement share certificate unless such person is able to prove that the Company has acted in a deceitful manner.

(Mandatory provision 43)

### **CHAPTER 7: SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

Article 53. A shareholder of the Company is a person who lawfully holds shares in the , Company and whose name (title) is entered in the register of shareholders.

A shareholder shall enjoy rights and shall bear obligations attached to the class(es) and the proportion of shares held by him; shareholders holding the same class of shares shall be entitled to the same rights and shall bear the same obligations.

(Mandatory provision 44)

When two or more than two persons are registered as the holders of any shares shall be deemed to hold the same as joint holders, subject to the following provisions:

- (1) The Company shall not be bound to register more than four persons as the joint holders of any share;
- (2) the joint holders of any shares shall severally and jointly be responsible for all payments which ought to be made in respect of such shares
- (3) on the death of any one of such joint holders, the survivor(s) shall be the only person or persons recognised by the Company as having any title to any such shares but the directors may require such evidence of death as they may deem fit; and
- (4) Only the person whose name stands first in the register of shareholders as one of the joint holders of any share shall be entitled to delivery of the certificate relating to such share, or to receive notices from the Company, or to attend or vote at general meetings of the Company, and any notice given to such person shall constitute notice to all joint holders.
- Article 54. The ordinary shareholders of the Company shall enjoy the following rights:
  - (1) to receive dividends and other distributions in proportion to the number of shares held by him;

- (2) to attend and vote or appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his behalf at general meetings;
- (3) to supervise and to put forward proposals and make enquiries relating to the business operating activities of the Company;
- (4) to transfer his shares in accordance with applicable laws, administrative regulations and provisions in the Company's Articles of Association;
- (5) to receive materials regarding the Company in accordance with the provisions in the Company's Articles of Association, including:
  - (I) to receive a copy of the Company's Articles of Association, upon the payment of costs thereof;
  - (II) to inspect and receive a copy of, upon payment of reasonable charges:
    - (i) all parts of the register of shareholders;
    - (ii) personal particulars of each of the Company's directors, supervisors, general manager, deputy general manager and other senior management, including:
      - (a) his present and former name and alias;
      - (b) his principal (residential) address;
      - (c) his nationality;
      - (d) his main occupations and duties and all other part-time occupations and duties;
      - (e) his identification documents and its numbers;
    - (iii) the status of the Company's share capital;
    - (iv) reports showing the aggregate par value, the number, the highest and lowest price paid, in respect of each class of shares repurchased by the Company since the pervious financial year and the aggregate amount paid by the Company for this purpose;
    - (v) minutes of general meetings;
- (6) in the event of the termination or liquidation of the Company, to participate in the distribution of surplus assets of the Company

according to the proportion of shares held by him at that time;

(7) other rights conferred by laws, administrative regulations and the Company's Articles of Association.

(Mandatory provision 45)

- Article 55. A holder of ordinary shares in the Company shall have the following obligations:
  - (1) to abide by the Company's Articles of Association;
  - (2) to pay subscription monies according to the number of shares subscribed and the method of subscription;
  - (3) other obligations imposed by law, administrative regulations and the Company's Articles of Association.

Shareholders are not liable to make any further contribution to the share capital other than according to the terms which were agreed by the subscriber of the relevant shares at the time of subscription.

(Mandatory provision 46)

- Article 56. In addition to the obligations imposed by laws and administrative regulations or required by the listing rules of the stock exchange on which the Company's shares are listed, a controlling shareholder shall not exercise his voting rights in respect of the following matters in a manner prejudicial to the interests of all or part of the shareholders of the Company:
  - (1) to act honestly in the best interests of the Company to remove a director or supervisor;
  - (2) to approve the expropriation by a director or supervisor (for such director's or supervisor's own benefit or for the benefit of another person) of the Company's assets in any way, including (but not limited to) opportunities which are beneficial to the Company;
  - (3) to approve the expropriation by a director or supervisor (for such director's or supervisor's own benefit or for the benefit of another person) of the individual rights of other shareholders, including (but not limited to) rights to distributions and voting rights (save pursuant to a restructuring which has been submitted for approval by the shareholders in a general meeting in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association).

Pursuant to the requirement of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Growth Enterprise Market of The Stock Exchange of HK, where any shareholder is required to abstain from voting on any particular resolution or restricted to voting only for or only against any particular resolution, any votes cast by or on behalf of such shareholder in contravention of such requirement or restriction shall not be counted.

(Mandatory provision 47)

- Article 57. For the purpose of the foregoing Article, a "controlling shareholder" means a person who satisfies any one of the following conditions:
  - (1) a person who, acting alone or in concert with others, has the power to elect more than half of the directors;
  - (2) a person who, acting alone or in concert with others, has the power to exercise or to control the exercise of 30 % or more of the voting rights in the Company;
  - (3) a person who, acting alone or in concert with others, holds 30 % or more of the issued shares of the Company;
  - (4) a person who, acting alone or in concert with others, has de facto control of the Company in any other way.

(Mandatory provision 48)

# **CHAPTER 8: GENERAL MEETINGS**

Article 58. The general meeting is the organ of power of the Company and shall be exercised in accordance with law.

(Mandatory provision 49)

- Article 59. The general meeting shall have the following powers:
  - (1) to decide on the Company's operational policies and investment plans;
  - (2) to elect and replace directors and to decide on matters relating to the remuneration of directors;
  - (3) to elect and replace supervisors who represent the shareholders and to decide on matters relating to the remuneration of supervisors;
  - (4) to consider and approve the report of directors;
  - (5) to consider and approve the supervisory committee's reports;
  - (6) to consider and approve the Company's annual budget plan and

final financial statements;

- (7) to consider and approve the Company's profit distribution plans and loss recovery plans;
- (8) to decide on the increase or reduction of the Company's registered capital;
- (9) to decide on matters in relation to the merger, demerger, dissolution and liquidation of the Company;
- (10) to decide on the issue of debentures by the Company;
- (11) to decide on the appointment, removal or non-reappointment of the auditors of the Company;
- (12) to amend the Company's Articles of Association;
- (13) to consider motions put forward by shareholders who holds 5 % or more of the shares of the Company that have voting rights;
- (14) to decide on other matters which should be approved by shareholders in general meetings according to law, administrative regulations or the Company's Articles of Association.

(Mandatory provision 50)

The general meeting shall decide the the rights and obligations attached to the preference shares if the Company issue preference shares in accordance with relevant law, administrative regulations or the Company's Articles of Association.

Article 60. The Company shall not, without the prior approval of shareholders in general meeting, enter into any contract with any person other than a director, supervisor, general manager, deputy general manager and other senior officers whereby the responsibility for the management of the whole or any substantial part of the business of the Company is given to such person.

(Mandatory provision 51)

Article 61. General meetings are divided into annual general meetings and extraordinary general meetings. General meetings shall be convened by the board of directors. Annual general meetings are held once every year and within 6 months from the previous financial year end.

The board of directors shall convene an extraordinary general meeting within 2 months of the occurrence of any one of the following events:

- (1) when the number of directors is less than the number prescribed by the Company Law or less than two-thirds of the number prescribed by the Company's Articles of Association;
- (2) when the accumulated losses of the Company amount to one-third of the total amount of its share capital;
- (3) when shareholder(s) holding 10 % or more of the Company's issued capital that carry voting rights request(s) in writing for the convening of an extraordinary general meeting;
- (4) where the board of directors considers it necessary or when the the supervisory committee proposes to convene a general meeting;
- (5) when two or more independent directors propose to convene a general meeting.

(Mandatory provision 52)

Article 62. When the Company convenes a general meeting, written notice of the meeting shall be given at least 45 days before the date of the meeting to notify all of the shareholders whose names appear in the share register of the matters to be considered and the date and place of the meeting. A shareholder who intends to attend the meeting shall deliver to the Company his written reply concerning his attendance at such meeting 20 days before the date of the meeting.

(Mandatory provision 53)

For calculating the period of notice, the date of issuing the notice and the date of meeting shall not be included.

In relation to the notice specified in this Article, the issuing date is the date which the Company of the share registrar appointed by the Company deliver the notice to the postal office, and it is not necessary for the shareholder to be deemed to have received the notice 5 days after posting as stipulated in Article 191 of this Chapter.

Article 63. When the Company convenes a shareholders' annual general meeting, shareholder(s) holding 5% or more of the total shares carrying voting rights of the Company are entitled to propose new matters in writing to be considered, and the Company shall include in the agenda of that meeting those matters contained in the proposal which are within the scope of the duties of the general meeting provided that the proposal is delivered to the Company within 30 days from the issue of the notice of the meeting.

(Mandatory provision 54)

Article 64. The Company shall, based on the written replies which it receives from the shareholders 20 days before the date of the general meeting, calculate the number of shares carrying voting rights represented by the shareholders

who intend to attend the meeting. If the number of shares carrying voting rights represented by the shareholders who intend to attend the meeting amount to more than one-half of the Company's total shares carrying voting rights, the Company may convene the meeting; otherwise, then the Company shall notify the shareholders by way of public announcement the matters to be considered at, and the place and date for, the meeting within 5 days. The Company may then convene the meeting after publication of such announcement.

Any matter not set out in the notice convening an extraordinary general meeting shall not be decided at that meeting.

(Mandatory provision 54)

- Article 65. A notice of a meeting of the shareholders of the Company shall satisfy the following criteria:
  - (1) be given in writing;
  - (2) specify the place, date and time of the meeting;
  - (3) state the matters to be considered at the meeting;
  - (4) provide such information and explanation as are necessary for the shareholders to make an informed decision on the matters proposed to be considered. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing principle, where the Company proposes to merge with another, to repurchase its shares, to reorganise its share capital, or to restructure the Company in any other way, the details of the terms of, and the contract (if any) for the proposed transaction shall be provided and the effect of such proposal must be properly explained;
  - (5) disclose the nature and extent of the material interests, if any, of any director, supervisor, general manager, deputy general manager and other senior officers in the matters to be considered in the meeting, and the effect of such matter, if any, on him or in his capacity as shareholder in so far as it is different from the effect on the shareholders of the same class;
  - (6) contain the full text of any special resolution proposed to be passed at the meeting;
  - (7) contain conspicuously a statement that a shareholder entitled to attend and vote at such meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote at such meeting instead of him and that a proxy need not be a shareholder;
  - (8) specify the time and place for lodging proxy forms for the meeting.

(Mandatory provision 56)

Article 66. Notice of general meetings shall be served on all shareholder (whether or not they are entitled to vote thereat), by personal delivery or prepaid mail to the addresses as appeared on the register of shareholders. In respect of holders of Domestic Shares, notice may also be served by publishing an announcement.

The aforesaid announcement shall be published on any one day between 45 days to 50 days before convening the meeting in one or more newspapers specified by the securities regulatory authorities authorised by the State Council. Once published, all holders of Domestic Shares shall be deemed to have received the relevant notice.

(Mandatory provision 57)

Article 67. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, and the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any person entitled to receive such notice shall not invalidate the meeting and the resolutions passed thereat.

(Mandatory provision 58)

- Article 68. Any shareholder entitled to attend and vote at a general meeting of the Company shall be entitled to appoint one or more persons (whether or not a shareholder) as his proxy or proxies to attend and vote on his behalf, and a proxy so appointed shall be entitled to the followings pursuant to the authorisation given by that shareholder:
  - (1) to have the same right as the shareholders to speak at the meeting;
  - (2) to have the right to demand or join with others to demand a poll;
  - (3) to have the right to vote on a show of hands or on a poll, but a proxy of a shareholder who has appointed more than one proxy may only vote on a poll.

(Mandatory provision 59)

If the shareholder is a recognised clearing house as defined in the Securities and Futures (Clearing Houses) Ordinance (Chapter 420 of the Laws of Hong Kong), such shareholder may appoint one or more persons as his proxies to attend on his behalf at a general meeting or at any class meeting, but, if more than one persons have is so authorised, the instrument of authorisation must state the number and class of the shares in respect of which each such person is so authorised. The aforesaid authorised person is entitled to exercise the rights on behalf of the recognised clearing house (or its proxy(ies)), as if such person is an individual shareholder of the Company. Article 69. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointer or his attorney duly authorized in writing. If the appointer is a legal person, the instrument shall be signed under a legal person's seal or under the hand of its director or any attorney duly authorised in writing. The instrument of authorisation shall state the number of the shares to be represented by the proxy(ies). If several persons are authorised as the attorney of the shareholder, the instrument of authorisation shall state the number of shares to be represented by each proxy.

(Mandatory provision 60)

Article 70. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be deposited at the legal address of the Company, or such other place as prescribed in the notice convening the meeting, 24 hours before the holding of the relevant meeting or 24 hours before the time at which the poll is to be conducted. If such instrument is signed by a person under a power of attorney or other documents or authority on behalf of the pointer, a notarially certified copy of that power of attorney or other document of authority shall also be deposited together with the said instrument at the Company's legal address or such other place prescribed in the notice convening the meeting.

An appointer who is a legal person, its authorised representative(s), board of directors or other decision authorisation can serve as a representative to attend the general meeting of the Company.

(Mandatory provision 61)

Article 71. Any form issued to shareholder by the board of directors for appointing a proxy shall be enable the shareholder to freely instruct the proxy to vote in favour of or against each resolution proposed in the meeting. Such a form shall contain a statement that in the absence of specific instructions from the appointer, the proxy may vote as he thinks fit.

(Mandatory provision 62)

Article 72. A vote given in accordance with the terms of the instrument of proxy shall be valid notwithstanding the previous death or loss of capacity of the appointer or revocation of the proxy or the authority under which the proxy was executed, or the transfer of the shares in respect of which the proxy is given, provided that no notice in writing of those matters shall have been received by the Company before the commencement of the relevant meeting.

(Mandatory provision 63)

Personal shareholders who attend the general meeting in person shall show his identification document and proof of his share holding. A proxy appointed by a shareholder shall show his identification document and the instrument of proxy. If a legal person appoint a representative to attend the meeting, the appointee shall show his personal identification document and a certified copy of the resolution that appoint the representative by the board of directors of that legal person.

Article 73. Resolutions of general meetings are divided into ordinary resolutions and special resolutions.

An ordinary resolution must be passed by more than one-half of the voting rights held by the shareholders (including proxies) who attend the meeting.

A special resolution must be passed by more than two-thirds of the voting rights held by the shareholders (including proxies) who attend the meeting.

Shareholders (including proxies) shall expressly specify whether they are in favour of or against any matter under voting. Any abstention from or waiver of voting shall not be regarded as valid votes when the Company counts the votes in respect of such matter.

(Mandatory provision 64)

Article 74. Shareholders (including a proxies), who vote at a general meeting, shall exercise their voting rights in relation to the number of shares carrying the right to vote which they hold. Each share shall carry one vote.

(Mandatory provision 65)

A shareholder shall comply with any special rights or restraint that imposed on any voting rights for the time being and comply with applicable law, administrative rules and the provisions in the Articles of Association when the shareholder cast his votes.

- Article 75. At any general meeting, voting shall be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is (before or after any vote by a show of hands) is demanded by the following persons:
  - (1) the chairman of the meeting;
  - (2) at least 2 shareholders having the right to vote in person or by proxy;
  - (3) one or more shareholders present in person or by proxy who, alone or together hold 10 % or more of the shares carrying the right to vote at the meeting.

Unless a poll is demanded, a declaration by the chairman a resolution has been passed based on the result of a show of hands and the entry to that effect in the minutes of the meeting, shall be conclusive evidence of that fact without further proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded or the percentage of votes recorded in favour or against such resolution.

The demand for a poll may be withdrawn by the person or persons who demand it.

(Mandatory provision 66)

Article 76. A poll demanded on the election of the chairman of the meeting, or on a question of adjournment of the meeting, shall be taken immediately. A poll demanded on any other matters shall be taken at such time as the chairman of the meeting decides, and the meeting may continue to proceed to discuss other matters. The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.

(Mandatory provision 67)

The result of the poll shall be declared as soon as possible.

Article 77. On a poll taken at a meeting, a shareholder (including a proxy) entitled to two or more votes need not cast all his votes in the same way.

(Mandatory provision 68)

Article 78. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to an additional vote.

(Mandatory provision 69)

- Article 79. The following matters shall be approved by an ordinary resolution at a general meeting:
  - (1) work reports of the board of directors and the supervisory committee;
  - (2) proposals formulated by the board of directors for the distribution of profits and for making up accrued losses;
  - (3) appointment and removal of the members of the board of directors and the supervisory committee, their remuneration;
  - (4) annual financial budgets and final accounts, balance sheet, financial statements and other financial reports of the Company ;
  - (5) all other matters required to be approved by a general meeting other than those required to be approved by way of special resolution under the law, administrative regulations or the Article of Association.

(Mandatory provision 70)

The remuneration specified in item (3) above includes but not limit to compensation payable upon the loss of office of a director or on completion of his terms of appointment.

- Article 80. The following matters shall be approved by a special resolution at a general meeting:
  - (1) an increase or reduction of the Company's capital and the issue of any class of shares, warrants and other similar securities;
  - (2) the issue of debentures of the Company;
  - (3) the demerger, merger, dissolution and liquidation of the Company;
  - (4) any amendment of the Company's Articles of Association;
  - (5) any other matters which the general meeting has resolved (by way of ordinary resolution) as having a potentially material effect on the Company and shall be approved by special resolution.

(Mandatory provision 71)

- Article 81. Shareholders who request for the convening of an extraordinary general meeting or a class meeting shall comply with the following procedures:
  - (1) Two or more shareholders holding in aggregate 10 % or more of the shares carrying the right to vote at the meeting sought to be held shall sign one or more (in the same form) requisitions in writing to request the board of directors to convene a shareholders' extraordinary general meeting or a class meeting and stating the matters to be considered there in. The board of directors shall convene a extraordinary general meeting or a class meeting as soon as possible after receipt of such requisition(s). The amount of shareholdings referred to above shall be calculated as at the date of the deposit of the requisition(s).
  - (2) If the board of directors fails to issue a notice of such a meeting within 30 days from the date of receipt of the requisition(s), Shareholders who make the request may themselves convene a meeting (in a manner as similar as possible to the manner in which shareholders' meetings are convened by the board of directors) within 4 months from the date of receipt of the requisition(s) by the board of directors.

Any reasonable expenses incurred by such shareholder(s) due to the failure of the board of directors to duly convene a meeting shall be borne by the Company and shall be deducted from the amount owed by the Company to the defaulting directors. (Mandatory provision 72)

Article 82. General meeting shall be convened by the Chairman of the board of directors and he shall be the chairman of the meeting. If the Chairman of the board of directors is unable to attend the meeting for any reason, the Chairman of the board of directors shall appoint another director of the Company to convene and chair the meeting. If no chairman is appointed for the meeting, shareholders who attend the meeting shall appoint one person to act as the chairman of the meeting. If for any reason, the shareholders fail to elect a chairman, the shareholder (including proxy) holding the highest number of shares carrying the right to vote thereat shall be the chairman of the meeting.

(Mandatory provision 73)

Article 83. The chairman of the meeting shall be responsible for determining whether a resolution has been passed. His decision shall be final and conclusive, and be announced at the meeting and recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

(Mandatory provision 74)

Article 84. If the chairman of the meeting has any doubt as to the result of the voting of a resolution, he may count the votes. If the chairman of the meeting has not counted the votes, any shareholder who is present in person or by proxy who disagree with the result announced by the chairman of the meeting is entitled to request the count the votes immediately and the chairman of the meeting shall have the votes counted immediately.

(Mandatory provision 75)

Article 85. If votes are counted at a general meeting, the result of the count shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

(Mandatory provision 76)

Article 86. Matters determined in the general meeting shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting and signed by the directors who attend the meeting. Minutes, together with the signing book of the shareholders and proxy forms shall be kept at the Company's legal address.

(Mandatory provision 77)

The aforesaid minutes, the signing book of the shareholders and proxy forms shall not be destroyed for 15 years.

Article 87. Copies of the minutes of general meetings shall be available for inspection during business hours of the Company free of charge. If a shareholder requests for a copy of such minutes from the Company, the Company shall send a copy of such minutes to him within 7 days after receipt of reasonable

fees.

(Mandatory provision 77)

# CHAPTER 9: SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR VOTING BY A CLASS OF SHAREHOLDERS

Article 88. Shareholders who hold different classes of shares are class shareholders.

Class shareholders shall bear rights and obligations in accordance with laws, administrative regulations and the Company's Articles of Association.

(Mandatory provision 78)

Article 89. If the Company proposed to change or remove the rights attached to any class of shareholders, approval by a special resolution in a general meeting and approved by a shareholders' meeting of the class shareholders that is being affected which is convened in accordance with Articles 91 to 95.

(Mandatory provision 79)

- Article 90. The following circumstances shall be deemed to be a variation or removal of the rights attaching to a particular class of shares:
  - (1) to increase or decrease the number of shares of that class, or to increase or decrease the number of shares of a class having voting or equity rights or privileges equal or superior to those of shares of that class;
  - (2) to transfer all or part of the shares of that class of shares of another class or vice versa or to grant such transfer;
  - (3) to remove or reduce rights to accrued dividends or rights to cumulative dividends attached to shares of that class;
  - (4) to reduce or remove preferential rights attached to shares of that class to receive dividends or to the distribution of assets in the event that the Company is liquidated;
  - (5) to increase, remove or reduce conversion rights, options, voting rights, transfer rights or pre-emptive rights, or rights to acquire securities of the Company attached to shares of that class;
  - (6) to remove or reduce rights to receive payment from the Company in particular currencies attached to shares of that class;
  - (7) to create a new class of shares having voting or equity rights or

other privileges equal or superior to those of the shares of that class;

- (8) to restrict the transfer or ownership of shares of that class or to increase the types of restrictions attaching thereto;
- (9) to allot and issue rights to subscribe for, or to convert the existing shares into, shares in the Company of that class or another class;
- (10) to increase the rights or privileges of shares of another class;
- (11) to restructure the Company in such a way that results in the disproportionate distribution of obligations between the various classes of shareholders;
- (12) to vary or remove the provisions of this Chapter.

(Mandatory provision 80)

Article 91. Shareholders of the affected class, whether or not otherwise having the right to vote at general meetings, have the right to vote at class meetings in respect of matters concerning sub-paragraphs (2) to (8), (11) and (12) of Article 90, but interested shareholder(s) shall not be entitled to vote at such class meetings.

"A(n) interested shareholder(s)", as such term is used in the preceding paragraph, means:

- in the case of a repurchase of shares by way of a general offer to all shareholders of the Company or by way of public dealing on a stock exchange pursuant to Article 33, a "controlling shareholder" is defined within the meaning of Article 56;
- (2) in the case of a repurchase of shares by an off-market agreement pursuant to Article 33, the shareholder to which the proposed agreement relates;
- (3) in the case of a restructuring of the Company, a shareholder who assumes a less than proportionate responsibility than other shareholders of the same class or a shareholder who has an interest different from the interests of the other shareholders of that class.
- Article 92. Resolutions of a class meeting shall be passed by votes representing more than two-thirds of the voting rights represented by shareholders of that class who attend the meeting according to Article 91.

(Mandatory provision 82)

For the purpose of the aforesaid provision, shareholders or their proxies

who attend the meeting shall expressly specify whether they are in favour of or against any matter under voting. Any abstention from or waiver of voting shall not be regarded as valid votes when the Company counts the votes in respect of such matter.

Any shareholders or their proxies abstain from voting or not exercising his vote to vote in relation to the voting rights he holds on resolution, such voting rights shall not be counted as votes that has attended (in respect of such resolution) the class meeting.

Article 93. Written notice of a class meeting shall be given to all shareholders who are registered as holders of that class in the register of shareholders at least 45 days before the date of the class meeting. Such notice shall state of the matters to be considered at such meeting, the date and the place of the class meeting. A shareholder who intends to attend the class meeting shall deliver his written reply to the Company 20 days before the date of the class meeting.

If the shareholders who intend to attend such class meeting represent more than half of the total number of shares of that class which have the right to vote at such meeting, the Company may proceed to hold the class meeting; otherwise, the Company shall give the shareholders further notice of the matters to be considered, the date and the place of the class meeting by way of public announcement within 5 days. The Company may proceed to hold the class meeting after such public announcement has been made.

(Mandatory provision 83)

Article 94. Notice of class meetings shall only be given to shareholders who entitled to vote thereat.

Class meetings shall be conducted in a manner which is as similar as possible to that of general meetings. The provisions of the Company's Articles of Association relating to the manner for the conduct of general meetings are also applicable to class meetings.

(Mandatory provision 84)

Article 95. Apart from the holders of other classes of shares, the holders of the Domestic Shares and holders of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares shall be deemed as holders of different classes of shares.

The special procedures for approval by a class of shareholders shall not apply in the following circumstances:

(1) where the Company issues, upon the approval by special resolution of its shareholders in a general meeting, either separately or concurrently once every 12 months, not more than 20% of each of its existing issued Domestic Shares and Overseas Listed Foreign Shares;

(2) where the Company's plan to issue Domestic Shares and Overseas Listed Foreign Shares at the time of its establishment is carried out within 15 months from the date of approval of the securities authority of the State Council.

### **CHAPTER 10: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Article 96. There shall be a board of directors comprising 9 to 19 members, one of the directors will be elected as the chairman of the board. The board of directors shall comprise executive directors, non-executive directors and independent non-executive directors.

(Mandatory provision 86)

Article 97. Directors shall be elected at the general meeting each for a term of 3 years. At the expiry of a director's term, they may be re-elected and serve consecutive terms. The first board of directors shall be nominated by the promoters of the Company and elected at the Company's inaugural meeting. The term of office shall be counted from the date of the director being elected.

A notice of the intention to propose a person for election as director and the written notice by such candidate of his willingness to accept the nomination shall be given to the Company no less than seven days. The minimum seven-day period of lodgement by the shareholders of notice to nominate a director shall commence no earlier than the date after the despatch of the notice of the meeting appointed for such election and end no later than seven days before the date of such meeting.

The Chairman and the executive director shall be elected and removed by more than one-half of all of the members of the board of directors. The term of office of each of the Chairman and the executive director is 3 years. They may be re-elected and serve consecutive terms.

Subject to compliance with all relevant law and administrative regulations, the general meeting may remove any director (including director who is also a general manager, deputy general or other officer of the Company) before the expiration of his term of office by an ordinary resolution. However, the director's right to claim for damages according to his contract shall not be affected.

The Chairman and the executive director may be act as general manager, deputy general manager or other senior officer (except for supervisor). The Directors is not required to hold shares in the Company (Mandatory provision 87)

- Article 98. The board of directors is accountable to shareholders in the general meeting and shall have the following functions and powers:
  - (1) to be responsible for the convening general meetings and to report on their work at general meetings;
  - (2) to implement resolutions passed at general meetings;
  - (3) to decide the Company's business plans and investment proposals;
  - (4) to prepare the Company's annual financial budget and final accounts;
  - (5) to formulate proposals for profit distribution and for making up accrued losses of the Company;
  - (6) to formulate proposals for an increase or reduction of the Company's registered capital and for the issue of the Company's debt securities;
  - (7) to formulate proposals for the demerger, merger or dissolution of the Company;
  - (8) to formulate the Company's internal management structure;
  - (9) to appoint or dismiss the Company's general manager and at the recommendation of the general manager, to appoint and dismiss deputy general manager(s) and financial controller of the Company and to determine their remuneration and method of payment to appoint or remove directors and members of the supervisory committed of wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company and to appoint, change or recommend representative for the shareholders, directors and supervisors of subsidiaries or associated companies of the Company;
  - (10) to formulate the basic management system of the Company;
  - (11) to prepare proposals for amendments the Company's Articles of Association;
  - (12) subject to compliance with the requirements of the relevant laws, regulations, the Company's Articles of Association and any relevant rules, to exercise the Company's power to raise capital, borrow money, and make decision on the charging, letting, sub-letting or transfer of the Company's major assets;
  - (13) to formulate proposals for major acquisitions or disposals of the

Company;

(14) other powers conferred by general meetings and the Company's Articles of Association.

A majority of at least two-thirds or more of the Directors shall be required for passing of any resolution in respect of (6), (7) and (11) above. A majority of one half of the Directors shall be required for the passing of any resolutions in respect of the other matters specified above.

(Mandatory provision 88)

Article 99. The board of directors shall not, without the prior approval of shareholders in a general meeting, dispose or agree to dispose of any fixed assets of the Company where the aggregate of the amount or value of the consideration for the proposed disposition, and the amount or value of the consideration for any such disposal of any fixed assets of the Company that has been completed in the period of 4 months immediately preceding the proposed disposition, exceeds 33 % of the value of the Company's fixed assets as shown in the latest balance sheet which was tabled at a general meeting.

For the purposes of this Article, "disposal" includes an act involving the transfer of an interest in assets but does not include the usage of fixed assets for the provision of security.

The validity of a disposal by the Company shall not be affected by any breach of the first paragraph of this Article.

(Mandatory provision 89)

- Article 100. The board of directors shall implement its obligations in compliant with the PRC laws, administrative regulations, Articles of Association of the Company and resolutions of general meeting. However, provisions made by general meeting will not make the actions of the board of directors invalid which was valid before.
- Article 101. The Chairman of the board of directors shall exercise the following powers:
  - (1) to preside over general meetings and to convene and preside over meetings of the board of directors;
  - (2) to check on the implementation of resolutions passed by the board of directors;
  - (3) to sign the securities certificates issued by the Company;
  - (4) to sign other material documents of the Company or appoint one or several directors to sign other material documents of the Company by power of attorney; and

(5) to exercise other powers conferred by the board of directors.

When the Chairman is unable to exercise his powers, such powers shall be exercised by the executive director who has been designated by the Chairman to exercise such powers on his behalf.

(Mandatory provision 90)

Article 102. Meetings of the board of directors shall be held at least twice every year and shall be convened by the Chairman of the board of directors. All of the directors shall be notified about the meeting 15 days in advance. Where there is an urgent matter, an extraordinary meeting of the board of directors may be held if it is so requested by one-third or more of the directors, or the Company's general manager.

> The Company shall pay the reasonable expenses of the directors that incurred for attending the directors' meeting. Those expanses shall include traffic expense from director's place to the meeting venue (if the director is located at a different place from the meeting venue), accommodation expense, rent of meeting room and local traffic expense.

(Mandatory provision 91)

- Article 103. Notice of meetings of the board of directors and extraordinary director's meeting shall be delivered by the following ways:
  - (1) For regular meetings of the board of directors of which the time and venue have been stipulated by the board of directors in advance, no notice for convening of such meetings is needed.
  - (2) For meetings of the board of directors of which the time and venue have not been decided by the board of directors beforehand, the Chairman of the board of directors shall instruct the secretary of the board of directors to notify all the directors and supervisors of the time and venue of such meeting 10 to 14 days in advance by telegram, by email, by facsimile, by express delivery service or by registered mail or in person.
  - (3) Where there is an urgent matter, an extraordinary meeting of the board of directors held, the Chairman of the board of directors shall instruct the secretary of the board of directors notify the directors and supervisors of the time and venue of such meeting 2 to10 days in advance by telegram, by email, by facsimile, by express delivery service or by registered mail or in person.
  - (4) Notice of meetings may be served in Chinese and include English if necessary, and accompanied by a meeting agenda. A director may waive his right to receive notice of a board meeting.

- (5) When a director attends the meeting, notice of the meeting is deemed to have been given to that director unless the director states that he has not receive the notice of directors' meeting before or at the commencement of the meeting.
- (6) Any regular or extraordinary meeting of the board of directors may be held by way of telephone conferencing or similar communication equipment so long as all directors participating in the meeting can clearly hear and communicate with each other. All such directors shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting.
- (7) The board of directors may accept resolution in written form instead of holding a directors meeting, however the draft of resolution shall be sent to each director by hand, by email, by telegram, by facsimile. In case the board of directors has sent the resolution to all directors, and the number of directors who signed to agree the resolution has reach the legal number which is required to pass such resolution, and the signed resolutions are returned to the secretary of the board of directors by ways described above, then the proposal shall become resolution of the board of directors, and no directors' meeting is needed to be held; however in case there are other regulations in stock exchange in which the Company lists, the Company shall be comply with such regulations.
- (8) The written resolution singed to agree by each director respectively shall be deem to has the same virtue with the resolution passed on a legal meeting of the board of directors. The written resolution may consists in several documents in one form, each of them shall be signed by one or more directors. A resolution of the Company signed by directors or with the director's names on it and sent by telegram, by telex, by email, by facsimile or by hand, shall be regarded as a document signed by them pursuant to this paragraph.

(Mandatory provision 92)

Article 104. A board of directors meeting shall only be convened if more than half of the directors are present.

Each director has one vote. Without violation of rule 2 of Article 98, any resolution requires more than half of the votes by all the board of directors in favour of it in order to be passed. In the case of an equality of votes, the chairman shall have an additional vote.

If more than one-fourth of the directors or more than two non-executive directors consider that the materials provided are not sufficient or supporting arguments are not clear in relation to the resolution, they may jointly propose to postpone the meeting or postpone the discussion of certain matters and the board of directors shall accept such proposal.

(Mandatory provision 93)

If a director has interest in the matters to be discussed in the meeting of the board of directors, that director shall abstain and has no right to vote. That director shall not be counted on counting the quorum of the directors' meeting.

Article 105. Directors shall attend the meetings of the board of directors in person. Where a director is unable to attend a meeting for any reason, he may appoint another director in writing to attend the meeting on his behalf. The authorisation document shall set out the scope of the authorisation.

> A Director appointed as the proxy of another director to attend the meeting shall exercise the rights of a director within the scope of authority conferred by the appointing director. Where a director is unable to attend a meeting of the board of directors and has not appointed a proxy to attend the meeting on his behalf, he shall be deemed to have waived his right to vote at the meeting.

> A proxy of a director must be a director. On counting the quorum of the meeting of the board of directors, the director himself and his capacity as a proxy shall be both counted. He is not required to cast all of his vote in favour or against a resolution at the same time. The director is required to inform the Company when the appointment of him to be a proxy is ceased.

(Mandatory provision 94)

Article 106. The board of directors shall keep minutes of resolutions passed at meetings of the board of directors. The minutes shall be signed by the directors, secretary and recorder that present at the meeting. Opinions of the independent (non-executive) directors shall be clearly stated in the resolutions of the board of directors. The directors shall be responsible for the resolutions of the board of directors. If a resolution of the board of directors violates the laws, administrative regulations or the Company's Articles of Association and the Company suffers serious losses as a result thereof, the directors who participated in the passing of such resolution are liable to compensate the Company therefor. However, if it can be proved that a director expressly objected to the resolution when the resolution was voted on, and that such objection was recorded in the minutes of the meeting, such director may be released from such liability.

(Mandatory provision 95)

The board of directors can set up committee or working group that comprises two or more directors from time to time and authorise the committee or working group to implement some of the power, authority or discretion of the board of directors. The committee or working group shall act within the authorisation given by the board of directors and comply with the rules set by the board of directors from time to time. The board of directors can dismiss the committee or working group or change its limits of powers at any time.

The quorum of the committee or working group is the two directors that comprising it or more than half of the members of it, whichever is higher. The Article 102 to Article 106 that applicable to the agenda and recording of the directors' meeting is also applicable to the committee or working group, unless these rules are replaced by the rules set by the director according to the aforesaid paragraph.

Unless there are rules set by the board of directors, general manager that is not a director can attend the directors' meeting and has the right to receive the notice and relevant documents of the meeting. Unless the general manager is also a director, he has not right to vote at the meeting of the board of directors.

# **CHAPTER 11: SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Article 107. The Company shall have a secretary of the board of directors. The secretary is an senior officer of the Company.

(Mandatory provision 96)

- Article 108. The secretary of the Company's board of directors shall be a natural person who has the requisite professional knowledge and experience, and shall be appointed by the board of directors. The main responsibility of the secretary of the board of directors include:
  - (1) to ensure the documentation and records of the Company are complete;
  - (2) to ensure that the Company prepares and submits all reports and documents to the relevant authorities as required under the law;
  - (3) to ensure that the Company's register of shareholders is properly established and that persons entitled to the relevant records and documents of the Company are promptly furnished with the same;
  - (4) to implement other obligations according laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association.

(Mandatory provision 97)

Article 109. A director or other senior officer of the Company may also act as the secretary of the board of directors. The certified public accountancy firm which has been appointed by the Company to act as its auditors shall not act as the secretary of the board of directors.

Where a director is also the secretary of the board of director, and an act is required to be performed by a director and a secretary separately, that person shall not perform the act in a dual capacity.

(Mandatory provision 98)

One or two natural persons may act as the secretary of the board of directors. If two persons are acted as the secretary, the function of the secretary of the board of directors shall be jointly shared by them. Any one of them have the power to exercise the power of a secretary of the board of directors alone.

# CHAPTER 12: GENERAL MANAGER AND DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER

Article 110. The Company shall have a general manager and a certain number of deputy general managers, who shall be appointed or dismissed by the board of directors. The term of office is 3 years. They may be re-elected and serve consecutive terms. The deputy general manager shall assist the general manager, and shall accountable to the general manager.

(Mandatory provision 99)

- Article 111. The general manager shall be accountable to the board of directors and shall have the following functions and powers:
  - (1) to be in charge of the Company's production, operation and management and to organise the implementation of the resolutions of the board of directors;
  - (2) to organise the implementation of the Company's annual operational plan and investment proposal;
  - (3) to formulate plans for the Company's internal management structure;
  - (4) to formulate the Company's basic management system;
  - (5) to establish basic internal administrative rules and regulations for the Company;
  - (6) to recommend the appointment or dismissal of the deputy general manager(s) and financial controller(s) of the Company;
  - (7) to appoint or dismiss management officers other than those required

to be appointed or dismissed by the board of directors;

- (8) to determine grant or imposition of any awards or penalties, promotion or demotion, increase or reduction in salaries/wages, appointment, employment, dismissal or resignation of staff and workers of the Company;
- (9) to deal with material on behalf of the Company according to the authorisation of board of directors;
- (10) to mortgage, lease, sub-contract or transfer assets of the Company within the scope authorised by the board of directors;
- (11) other powers conferred by the Company's Articles of Association or the board of directors.

(Mandatory provision 100)

Article 112. The general manager and deputy general managers are entitled to attend the meetings of the board of directors. The general manager and deputy general managers who are not directors do not have any voting rights at board meetings.

(Mandatory provision 101)

- Article 113. In performing their duties and powers, the general manager and deputy general manager(s) shall not depart from the resolutions of the shareholders' meetings and the board of directors or exceed their authority.
- Article 114. In performing their duties and powers, the general manager and deputy general manager(s) shall act honestly and diligently and in accordance with laws, administrative regulations and the Company's Articles of Association.

(Mandatory provision 102)

### **CHAPTER 13: SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE**

Article 115. The Company shall have a supervisory committee which is responsible for the supervision of the board of directors and its members, officers including general manager, deputy general manager(s) to prevent them from abusing their positions and powers and infringing the interest of the shareholders, the Company and the employees.

(Mandatory provision 103)

Article 116. The supervisory committee shall consist of 5 supervisors. The term of , office is 3 years. They may be re-elected and serve consecutive terms.

The supervisory committee shall have one chairman. The election or removal of the chairman of the supervisory committee shall be determined by the affirmative votes of two-thirds or more of the members of the supervisory committee. He may be re-elected and serve consecutive terms.

(Mandatory provision 104)

Article 117. The supervisory committee shall consists four supervisors that are representatives of the shareholders, one supervisor that is a representative of the employees. The representative of the shareholders shall be elected and removed by the shareholders in general meeting and the representative of employees shall be elected and removed by the employees of the Company democratically.

External supervisors (those who do not assume any office in the Company) shall account for half of the members of the supervisory committee. External supervisors shall include two independent supervisors (those who independent to shareholders and do not assume any office in the Company). External supervisors have the rights to independently report in the general meeting on whether the senior officers perform their duties honestly and diligently.

(Mandatory provision 105)

Article 118. The directors, general manager, deputy general manager(s) and financial controller(s) of the Company shall not act as supervisors.

(Mandatory provision 106)

Article 119. Meetings of the supervisory committee shall be held at least twice every year, and shall be convened by the chairman of the supervisory committee.

(Mandatory provision 107)

- Article 120. The supervisory committee shall be accountable to the general meeting and shall exercise the following functions and powers in accordance with the law:
  - (1) to examine the Company's financial affairs;
  - (2) to monitor whether the directors, general manager, deputy general manager(s) and other senior offices have, in performance of their duties, acted in contravention of any laws, administrative regulations, the Article of Association of the Company or resolutions passed at general meetings;
  - (3) if the conduct of a directors, general manager, deputy general

manager(s) and other senior offices is detrimental to the interest of the Company, to require him to rectify such conduct;

- (4) to review the Company's financial information such as the financial reports, business reports and profit distribution plans which the directors propose to submit to the general meeting, and in case of doubt, to appoint on behalf of the Company registered accountants or practising auditors to assist in the review;
- (5) to propose the convening of an extraordinary general meeting;
- (6) to represent the Company in negotiations with directors or to institute proceedings against directors;
- (7) other functions and powers stipulated in the Company's Articles of Association.

Supervisors shall attend meetings of the board of directors.

(Mandatory provision 108)

Article 121. Notice in writing shall be given to the supervisors 10 to 30 days before convening the supervisors' meeting. The meeting shall be held with two-third or more supervisors attending.

Resolutions of the supervisory committee shall be passed by two-thirds or more votes from of all of its members who vote in favour of it.

(Mandatory provision 109)

Article 122. All reasonable fees incurred in respect of the employment of professionals (such as, lawyers, certified public accountants or practising auditors) which are required by the supervisory committee in the exercise of its functions and powers shall be borne by the Company.

(Mandatory provision 110)

The Company shall pay the reasonable expenses of the supervisors that incurred for attending the supervisors' meeting. Those expanses shall include traffic expense from supervisor's location to the meeting venue, accommodation expense, rent of meeting room and local traffic expense.

Article 123. A supervisor shall carry out his duties honestly in accordance with laws, administrative regulations and the Company's Articles of Association

(Mandatory provision 111)

## CHAPTER 14: THE QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES OF THE DIRECTORS, SUPERVISORS, GENERAL MANAGER AND DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER(S) OF THE COMPANY

- Article 124. A person shall be disqualified as a director, supervisor, general manager, deputy general manager or any other senior officer of the Company in any of the following circumstances:
  - (1) any person who suffers from any incapability or restricted capacity from undertaking civil obligation;
  - (2) any person who has been convicted or offences relating to bribery, corruption, trespass to assets, misappropriation of assets, or causing social economic disorder or any person who has been deprived of his political rights as a result of him having committed an offence, and a period of five years has not elapsed since the completion of the term of sentence or deprivation;
  - (3) any person who was a former director, factory manager or manager of a company or enterprise which had become bankrupt or had been liquidated because of unsound management and who incurred personal liability for the insolvency or liquidity of such company or enterprise, and a period of three years has not yet elapsed since the completion of the insolvency or liquidation of the company or enterprise;
  - (4) any person who was a legal representative of a company or enterprise the business licence of which was revoked on the group of contravention of law, and who incurred personal liability therefore, where a period of three years has not yet elapsed since the revocation of the business licence;
  - (5) a person who has failed to repay his relatively large amount of indebtedness when due;
  - a person who, because of suspected contravention of criminal law, is under investigation by judicial authorities and the case has not yet been settled;
  - (7) a person who is not eligible for enterprise leadership according to the PRC law and administrative regulations;
  - (8) a person who is not a natural person;
  - (9) any person who has been convicted by the relevant supervisory authority or have contravened the provisions of the relevant

securities laws and which involves fraudulent or dishonest acts on is part and a period of five years from the date of conviction has not yet elapsed.

(Mandatory provision 112)

Article 125. The validity of an act carried out by a director, the general manager, deputy general manager(s) or other senior officers of the Company on behalf of the Company to a bona fide third party, shall not be affected by any irregularity in his office, election or any defect in his qualification.

(Mandatory provision 113)

- Article 126. In addition to the obligations imposed by laws, administrative regulations or the rules of the stock exchange on which shares of the Company are listed, each of the Company's directors, supervisors, general manager, deputy general manager(s) and other senior officers, when exercising the functions and powers conferred upon him by the Company, owes to each shareholder the following obligations:
  - (1) not to cause the Company to exceed the scope of business stipulated in its business licence;
  - (2) to act honestly in the best interests of the Company;
  - (3) not to expropriate in any manner the Company's assets, including (but not limited to) opportunities beneficial to the Company;
  - (4) not to expropriate personal rights of shareholders, including (but not limited to) rights to distribution and voting rights, but not including a proposed restructuring of the Company submitted to and approved by the general meeting in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company

(Mandatory provision 114)

Article 127. Each of the Company's directors, supervisors, general manager, deputy general manager(s) and other senior officers is under a duty, in the exercise of his powers and discharge of his obligations, to exercise such carem diligence and skill that a reasonable and prudent person would exercise in similar circumstances.

(Mandatory provision 115)

Article 128. Each of the Company's directors, supervisors, general manager, deputy general manager(s) and other senior officers, in performance of his duties, the duty to observe the principles of good faith and the duty not to place himself in a position where his duties and his interests may conflict. This includes (but not limited to) the duty:

- (1) to act honestly in the best interests of the Company;
- (2) to exercise his powers within the scope of his authority and not act in excess of his power;
- (3) to exercise the discretion vested in him personally and not to allow himself to act under the director of another person and, except where permitted by law and administrative regulations, or with the informed consent of shareholders in general meeting, not to delegate the exercise of such discretion to another person;
- (4) to treat shareholders of the same class equally and to treat shareholders of different classes fairly;
- (5) not to enter into any contract, transaction or arrangement with the Company, except in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company or with the informed consent of shareholders in general meeting;
- (6) not to use the Company's assets for his own benefit in any manner without the informed consent of the shareholders general meeting;
- (7) not to abuse his position by accepting bribes or other unlawful income, and not to expropriates in any manner the Company's assets including (without limitation) opportunities beneficial to the Company;
- (8) not to accept any commissions in connection with any transactions in which the Company is involved without the informed consent of shareholders in general meeting;
- (9) to comply with the Company's Articles of Association, to perform his official duties faithfully, to protect the Company's interests and not to exploit his position and power in the Company for his own interests;
- (10) not to compete with the Company in any manner without the informed consent of the shareholders in general meeting;
- (11) not to misappropriate the Company's funds or to lend such funds to any other person, not to use the Company's assets to set up deposit accounts in his own name or in any other name or to use the Company's assets to guarantee the debts of a shareholder of the Company or any other personal liabilities;
- (12) not to release any confidential information which he has obtained during his term of office, without the informed consent of the shareholders in general meeting; nor shall he use such information

otherwise than for the Company's benefit, save that disclosure of such information to the court or other governmental authorities is permitted if:

- (i) required by the law;
- (ii) public interests so warrants;
- (iii) the interests of the relevant director, supervisor, general manager, deputy general manager or other senior officer so requires.

(Mandatory provision 116)

- Article 129. A director, supervisor, general manager, deputy general manager and other senior officer of the Company shall not direct the following persons or institutions ("associates") to do what the director, supervisor, general manager, deputy manager and other senior officer himself is prohibited from doing:
  - (1) the spouse or minor child of that director, supervisor, general manager, deputy general manager or other senior officer;
  - (2) a person acting in the capacity of trustee of that director, supervisor, general manager, deputy general manager or other senior officer or of any person referred to in sub-paragraph (1) this Article;
  - (3) a person who is a partner of that director, supervisor, general manager, deputy general manager or other senior officer or any person referred to in sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Article;
  - (4) a company over which that director, supervisor, general manager, deputy general manager or other senior officer, alone or together with any persons referred to in sub-paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of this Article, or together with other directors, supervisors, general manager, deputy general manager and other senior officers, has de facto control;
  - (5) a directors, supervisors, general manager, deputy general manager and other senior officers of a company referred to in sub-paragraph (4) of this Article.

(Mandatory provision 117)

Article 130. The fiduciary duties of the directors, supervisors, general manager, deputy general manager and other senior officers of the Company do not necessarily cease with the termination of their tenure. The duty of confidentiality in respect of trade secrets of the Company continues after the termination of their tenure. Other duties may continue for such period

as the principle of fairness may require depending on the amount of time which has lapsed between their termination and the act concerned and the circumstances and how they end their relationship with the Company.

(Mandatory provision 118)

Article 131. Subject to Article 55 hereof, if a director, supervisor, general manager, deputy general manager or other senior officer of the Company breaches a specific duty, he may be removed with the informed consent of the shareholders in general meeting.

(Mandatory provision 119)

Article 132. Where a director, supervisor, general manager, deputy general manager or other senior officer of the Company has, directly or indirectly, materially a material interest in a contract, transaction or arrangement entered into or proposed to be entered into by the Company, (other than his contract of service with the Company), he shall declare the nature and extent of his interests to the board of directors at soon as possible, whether or not the matters in question are otherwise subject to the approval of the board of directors.

A director shall not vote on any board resolution approving any contract, transaction, or arrangement in which he has a material interest. He shall he be counted in the quorum present at the meeting.

Unless the interested director, supervisor, general manager, deputy general manager or other senior officer disclosed his interests in accordance with the preceding sub-paragraph of this Article and that matter has been approved by the board of directors at a meeting at which the interested director has not been counted in the quorum and has refrained from voting, the Company may cancel that contract, transaction or arrangement except as against a bona fide party thereto acting in good faith and without notice of the beach of duty by the director, supervisor, general manager, deputy general manager or other senior office.

A director, supervisor, general manager, deputy general manager or other senior officer of the Company is deemed to have an interest in a contract, transaction or arrangement in which a person connected to him is interested.

The "associates" as referred to in articles 132 and 129 of these Articles of Association shall include the meaning of "associates" as defined in the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on Growth Enterprise Market of The Stock Exchange of HK; and an interested director shall not be counted in the quorum and shall abstain from voting in the board meeting in which the relevant matters or proposals are to be considered and approved.

(Mandatory provision 120)

Article 133. If a director, supervisor, general manager, deputy general manager or other senior officer of the Company before the question entering into the relevant contract, transaction or arrangement is first considered, gives to the Director a notice in writing, stating that by reason of the matters specified in the notice, he is interest in a contract, transaction or arrangement proposed to be entered into by the Company, then the relevant director, supervisor, general manager, deputy general manager or other senior officer of the Company shall be deemed to have made a disclosure for above the provision in this Article within the scope of that specified notice.

(Mandatory provision 121)

Article 134. The Company shall not pay taxes for or on behalf of a director, supervisor, general manager, deputy general manager or other senior officer in any manner.

(Mandatory provision 122)

Article 135. The Company is prohibited from directly or indirectly make a loan to or provide any guarantee in connection with the making of a loan to a director, supervisor, general manager, deputy general manager or other senior officer of the Company or of the Company's holding company or any of their respective associates.

The foregoing prohibition shall not apply to the following circumstances:

- (1) the provision of a loan or a guarantee by the Company to a subsidiary of the Company:
- (2) the provision by the Company a directors, supervisors, general manager, deputy general manager and other senior officers of the Company pursuant to an employment contract approved by the general meeting of a loan or a guarantee for a loan or other funds to meet expenditure incurred by him in the interest of the Company of for the purpose of enabling him to perform his duties for the Company;
- (3) where the ordinary course of business of the Company includes the lending of money or the giving of guarantees, the Company may make a loan to or provide a guarantee for a loan to a directors, supervisors, general manager, deputy general manager and other senior officers of the Company or persons connected to them, provided that the terms of the loan or guarantee for a loan are on normal commercial terms.

(Mandatory provision 123)

Article 136. A loan made by the Company in breach of the prohibition described above

shall be repaid immediately by the recipient of the loan, regardless of the terms of the loan.

(Mandatory provision 124)

- Article 137. A guarantee provided by the Company in breach of the prohibition described in Article 135(1) shall not be enforceable against the Company, except in the following circumstances:
  - (1) the lender was not aware of the relevant circumstances at the time the loan was advanced to the connected person of a directors, supervisors, general manager, deputy general manager and other senior officers of the Company or its holding company;
  - (2) the security provided by the Company has been lawfully sold by the lender to a bona fide purchaser.

(Mandatory provision 125)

Article 138. For the purposes of the foregoing provisions of this Chapter, a guarantee includes an undertaking of obligations or provision of security to secure the performance of obligation of the obligor.

(Mandatory provision 126)

- Article 139. In addition to any rights and remedies provided by the laws and administrative regulations, where a director, supervisor, general manager, deputy general manager or other senior officer of the Company breaches the duties which he owes to the Company, the Company has a right:
  - (1) to demand such director, supervisor, general manager, general manager or other senior officer to compensate it for the losses of the Company as a result of such breach;
  - (2) to cancel any contract or transaction which has been entered into between the Company and such director, supervisor, general manager or other senior officer or between the Company and a third party (where such third party knows or shall have known that such director, supervisor, general manager, general manager other senior officer representing the Company has breached his duties owed to the Company);
  - (3) to demand profit made by such director, supervisor, general manager, general manager or other senior officer to account as result of the breach of his duties;
  - (4) to recover any monies including (without limitation) commissions, which shall have been received by the Company and which were received by such director, supervisor, general manager, general

manager or other senior officer instead;

- (5) to demand repayment of interest earned or which may have been earned by such director, supervisor, general manager or other senior officer on monies that shall have been paid to the Company.
- (6) the assets obtained by relevant directors, supervisors, general manager, deputy general manager and other senior office as a result of breach of his duty, which is decided and ruled pursuant to legal procedures, that shall be owned by the Company.

(Mandatory provision 127)

- Article 140. The Company shall enter into a contract in writing with a director or supervisor in relation to his emoluments. The contact shall have prior approval by the general meeting. The aforesaid emoluments may include:
  - (1) emoluments in respect of his service as director, supervisor or senior officer of the Company;
  - (2) emoluments in respect of his service as director, supervisor or senior officer of any subsidiary of the Company;
  - (3) emoluments in respect of the provision of other services in connection with the management of the affairs of the Company and any of its subsidiaries;
  - (4) payment for compensation for loss of office or his retirement.

A director or supervisor shall not institute proceedings against the Company for any benefit due to him in respect of any such arrangement except under a contract entered into according with the foregoing.

(Mandatory provision 128)

- Article 141. In connection with a takeover of the Company. a director or supervisor is entitled to compensation or other payment for loss of office or retirement subject to obtaining the informed approval of shareholders in general meeting. A "takeover of the Company" refers to any one of the following circumstances:
  - (1) an offer made by any person to all shareholders of the Company;
  - (2) an offer made by any person with a view to the offer or becoming a "controlling shareholder" within the meaning of Article 56 hereof.

If the relevant director or supervisor does not comply with this Article, any money received by him shall belong to those persons who have sold their shares by reason of their acceptance of the offer made, and the expenses incurred in distributing the monies pro rata amongst those persons shall be borne by that director or supervisor and shall not be deducted out of the monies to be distributed.

(Mandatory provision 129)

## CHAPTER 15: FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS AND PROFIT DISTRIBUTION

Article 142. The Company shall establish its financial accounting systems and internal audit system in accordance with laws, administrative regulations and PRC accounting standards formulated by the finance supervisory authority of the State Council.

(Mandatory provision 130)

Article 143. At the end of each fiscal year, the Company shall prepare a financial report which shall be examined and verified in a manner prescribed by law.

The financial statements shall include :

- (1) balance sheet
- (2) income statement
- (3) cash flows statement
- (4) explanation of financial situation
- (5) distribution of profits

(Mandatory provision 131)

The financial year of the Company shall adopt the Gregorian calendar year, which is from 1 January to 31 December of each year.

Article 144. The board of directors of the Company shall place before the shareholders at every annual general meeting financial reports required by relevant laws, administrative regulations and or prescribed documents required by regional government and supervisory authorities to be prepared by the Company.

(Mandatory provision 132)

Article 145. The Company's financial reports shall be placed at the Company 20 days prior to the holding of the annual general meeting of the Company for inspection by the shareholder. Each shareholder of the Company is entitled to obtain the financial report prescribed in this Chapter.

A printed copy of the financial reports together with an income statement and a balance sheet shall, at least 21 days before the date of annual general meeting, be delivered or sent by prepaid post by the Company to every holder of the Overseas Listed Shares at his address as shown on the register of members.

(Mandatory provision 133)

Article 146. The financial statements of the Company shall, in addition to complying with the PRC accounting standards and regulations, be prepared in accordance with either international accounting standards or the accounting standards of the place at which Overseas Foreign Shares of the Company are listed. If there are material differences between the financial statement prepared in accordance with the aforesaid accounting standards, then those financial statement shall specify such differences. For the purpose of distributing the Company's profits after tax in a given financial year, the Company's profit after tax shall be deemed to be the lesser of the amounts stated in the two sets of financial statements.

(Mandatory provision 134)

Article 147. Any interim results or financial information announced or disclosed by the Company shall be prepared in accordance with PRC accounting standards and regulations as well as in accordance with either international accounting standards or the accounting standards of the place at which Overseas Foreign Shares of the Company are listed.

(Mandatory provision 135)

Article 148. The Company shall publish its financial reports twice in each financial year. The interim financial report shall be announced within 60 days after the end of the first 6 months of the financial year and the annual financial report shall be published within 120 days after the end of the financial year.

(Mandatory provision 136)

Article 149. The Company shall not keep accounts other than those required by law.

(Mandatory provision 137)

- Article 150. The Company implement internal audit system. The account books shall be available for inspection by supervisors.
- Article 151. The profit after taxation of the Company shall be applied in the following order:
  - (1) making of accrued the loss;
  - (2) allocation to statutory common reserve;
  - (3) payment of dividend on preference shares (if any);

(4) allocation to discretionary common reserve;

(5) payment of dividend on ordinary shares.

The detailed proportion of items (3) and (5) above for any year shall be formulated by the board of directors in accordance with the operating conditions and development requirements of the Company and shall be submitted to the general meeting for approval.

- Article 152. The common reserves of the Company are surplus common reserve and capital common reserve. Surplus common reserve is composed of statutory common reserve and surplus common reserve.
- Article 153. The Company shall allocate 10% of its profits after tax to the statutory common reserve provided that no allocation is required if the accumulated statutory common reserve exceed 50% of the registered capital.

When the statutory common reserve is insufficient to make up the loss of the Company in prior year, the profit for the year shall be used to make up the loss for that year before making contributions to statutory common reserve in accordance with the above provision.

The Company may make allocation to discretionary common reserve after making allocation to statutory common reserve and passed by a resolution in a general meeting.

Profit after making up the accrued loss and making allocation to surplus common reserve(s) will be distributed to shareholders in proportion to their shareholdings.

Any profit distributed to shareholders by general meetings or the board of directors before making up the accrued loss and making allocation to the statutory common reserve, which violate the above provision, shall be returned to the Company.

- Article 154. The capital common reserve includes the following items:
  - (1) premium on shares issued at premium;
  - (2) any other income designated for the capital common reserve by the regulations of the finance supervisory authority of the State Council.

(Mandatory provision 138)

Article 155. The common reserve of the Company shall only be used for the following purposes:

- (1) to make up accrued losses;
- (2) To expand the business operation of the Company or to convert into the Company's capital

The Company may, upon the approval of a resolution passed at a general meeting, convert its common reserve into capital and issue bonus shares to existing shareholders in proportion to their existing shareholding. When converting the statutory common reserve into capital, the balance of such fund after such conversion must not be less than 25% of the registered capital of the Company.

- Article 156. (deleted by the resolution passed in 2006 annual general meeting)
- Article 157. Annual dividend shall be paid with six months after the end of each financial year in proportion to the shareholding of each shareholder. Annual dividend shall be sanctioned by the general meeting but the amount of dividends payable shall not exceed the amount recommended by the board of directors

Unless there is resolution otherwise, the general meeting may authorise the board of directors to distribute interim dividend. The amount of interim dividend shall not exceed 50% of the distributive profits in the interim financial statements unless there is otherwise provision in law or regulation.

- Article 158. The Company may distribute dividends in by way of:
  - (1) cash; and/or
  - (2) shares.

(Mandatory provision 139)

Article 159. Dividend or other distribution payable on Domestic Shares shall be declared and denominated in Renminbi and payable in Renminbi within three months from the date declaring the dividend. Dividend or other distribution payable on Overseas Listed Foreign Shares shall be declared and denominated in Renminbi and payable in foreign currency within three months from the date declaring the dividend at an exchange rate which is equal to the average of the People's Bank of China closing Renminbi-Hong Kong dollar conversion rates on each of the five business days immediately preceding the date of declaration of the dividend or distribution.

Payment to Foreign Shareholder in foreign currency shall be in accordance with relevant PRC regulations on foreign exchanges.

The board of directors may, subject to the approval of the shareholders in general meeting, resolve to distribute interim dividends or bonuses.

Article 160. When distributing dividends to individual shareholders, the Company shall make such withholdings for tax on the dividends payable to shareholders in

accordance with the provisions of the PRC tax law.

Article 161. The Company shall appoint a receiving agent to receive on behalf of holders of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares dividends and all other monies payable in respect of the shares.

Such receiving agents appointed by the Company shall meet the relevant requirements of the laws of the place at which the stock exchange on which the Company's shares are listed or the relevant regulations of such stock exchange.

The receiving agents appointed for holders of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares listed in Hong Kong shall be a trust corporation registered under the Trustee Ordinance of Hong Kong.

(Mandatory provision 140)

The Company may forfeit unclaimed dividend subject to compliant with the PRC law and administrative regulations, however, such power shall not be exercised before the relevant applicable limitation of law.

The Company has the right to terminate to deliver dividend certificate to holders of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares by post. However, the Company shall exercise such power after the dividend certificates sent to the shareholder are unclaimed for two consecutive times. Nevertheless, the Company may exercise power if the dividend certificate cannot be delivered to the recipient and being returned in the first time.

The Company has the right to sell the Overseas Listed Foreign shares for which the shareholders are unable to contact in a manner that is considered to be appropriate by the board of directors, but shall follow the following conditions:

- (1) Dividends were payable to the relevant shares at least three times within twelve years and the dividends were unclaimed during that period; and
- (2) Upon the expiry of the twelve year period, an announcement stating the Company's intention to sell the relevant shares on one or more newspaper in the place where the Company is listed and the stock exchange where those shares are listed is informed.

### **CHAPTER 16: APPOINTMENT OF ACCOUNTANCY FIRM**

Article 162. The Company shall appoint independent firm(s) of accountants which satisfy the relevant PRC requirements to audit annual financial report and other financial reports of the Company.

The first accounting firm (auditor) of the Company may be appointed at the

inaugural meeting before the first annual general meeting of the Company. The auditor so appointed shall hold office until the conclusion of the first annual general meeting.

In case the inaugural meeting fail to exercise the aforesaid power, board of the directors may exercise such power.

(Mandatory provision 141)

Article 163. The term of appointment of accountancy firm (auditor) appointed by the Company shall commence from the conclusion of the current annual meeting until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting.

(Mandatory provision 142)

- Article 164. The accountancy firm (auditor) appointed by the Company shall have the following rights:
  - (1) to inspect books, records and vouchers of the Company at any time, and to require the directors, general manager and other senior officers of the Company to provide relevant information and explanations;
  - (2) to require the Company to take all reasonable steps to obtain from its subsidiaries such information and explanation as are necessary for the purpose of performing its duties;
  - (3) to attend any general meetings and to receive all notices of, and other information relating to, any general meeting which a shareholder is entitled to receive, and to speak at any general meeting on any matter concerning its role as the Company's accountancy firm (auditor).

(Mandatory provision 143)

Article 165. If a casual vacancy arises in the office of an accounting firm (auditor), the board of directors may prior to the holding of a general meeting appoint an accounting form to fill the casual vacancy, but if any such vacancy continues, the surviving or continuing accounting form (auditor), if any, may continue to act.

(Mandatory provision 144)

Article 166. The general meeting may by ordinary resolution remove an auditor before the expiration of its term of office, notwithstanding any terms of contract between the Company and the accounting firm (auditor), but without prejudice to the accounting firm's claim, if any, against the Company arising from the termination of its office.

(Mandatory provision 145)

Article 167. The remuneration and the method of remuneration of an accountancy firm (auditor) shall be determined by the general meeting. The remuneration of an accountancy firm (auditor) appointed by the board of directors shall be determined by the board of directors.

(Mandatory provision 146)

Article 168. The Company's appointment, removal or non-reappointment of an accountancy firm (auditor) shall be determined by general meeting and shall report to the securities authority of the State Council.

Where a resolution is passed at a general meeting to appoint an accounting firm not currently in office to fill a casual vacancy in the office of accounting firm (auditor), to re-appoint as accounting firm (auditor) a retiring accounting firm (auditor) who was appointed by the board of directors to fill a casual vacancy, or to remove an accounting firm (auditor) before the expiration of its term of office, the following provisions shall apply:

- (1) the proposed resolution shall be sent, before notice of a general meeting is given, to the accounting form proposed to be appointed or the accounting firm (auditor) who propose to leave office or the accounting firm (auditor) who has left its suffice in the relevant financial year (leaving office includes leaving by removal, resignation and retirement);
- (2) If the accountancy firm (auditor) leaving its office makes representations in writing and requests the Company to notify the shareholders of its representations, the Company shall implement the following measures (unless the representations are received too late):
  - (a) state in the notice in connection with the resolution the fact that the representations have been made by the accounting firm (auditor) leaving office;
  - (b) send a copy of the representations as an attachment to the notice of general meeting in the manner stipulated in the Company's Articles of Association.
- (3) If the Company fails to despatch the accountancy firm's

representations in the manner set out in sub-paragraph (2) of this Article, the accounting firm (auditor) may request such representations be read at the meeting and may make further representation in the meeting.

- (4) An accountancy firm (auditor) leaving its office shall be entitled to attend:
  - (a) the general meeting at which its term of office would otherwise have expire;
  - (b) any general meeting at which it is proposed to fill the vacancy caused by its removal; and
  - (c) any general meeting which convened as a result of its resignation,

and to receive all notices of, and other materials relating to, the meetings referred to above, and to speak at any such meeting which on any matter which concerns it as former accounting firm (auditor) of the Company.

(Mandatory provision 147)

Article 169. Prior notice shall be given to the accountancy firm (auditor) if the Company decides to remove or not to renew the appointment of the accountancy firm (auditor). The accountancy firm (auditor) is entitled to make representations at the general meeting. An accountancy firm (auditor) resign from its position shall explain in a general meeting whether there is any misfeasance by the Company.

An accountancy firm (auditor) may resign office by a notice in writing deposited at the Company's legal address. Any such notice shall be effective on the date on which it is deposited at the legal address of the Company or on such later date as may be specified therein. Such notice shall contain the following statements:

- (1) a statement to the effect that there are no circumstances connected with its resignation which it considers should be brought to the attention of the shareholders or creditors of the Company;
- (2) a statement of any such circumstances which should be accounted for.

After receipt of the written notice referred to in the preceding paragraphs, the Company shall within 14 days send a copy of the notice to the competent authority. If the notice contains a statement referred to in the 2 sub-paragraphs above, a copy of that notice shall be deposited at the Company for inspection by shareholders. The Company shall also send a

copy of the notice to every holder of H shares by prepaid post to his address as recorded in the register of shareholders.

Where the accountancy firm (auditor)'s notice of resignation contains a statement referred to in sub-paragraphs above, it may require the board of directors to convene an extraordinary general meeting for the purpose of receiving an explanation of the circumstances connected with its resignation.

(Mandatory provision 148)

### **CHAPTER 17: INSURANCE**

Article 170. Every type of insurance of the Company shall be insured by designated institution by designated method pursuant to the provisions of relevant supervisory authorities in the PRC, or to be insured by People's Insurance Company of China or other insurance company registered in China or companies that can provide insurance services to PRC companies under the PRC law. Types of insurance, amount insured and insurance period shall be decided through discussion by the board of directors according to the industry norms in other countries as well as the common practice and laws in the PRC.

### **CHAPTER 18: PERSONNEL SYSTEM**

Article 171. The Company shall formulate personnel system that is appropriate to the Company pursuant to the provisions under the labour law of PRC 《中華人民共和國勞動法》. The Company applies labour contract system to all employees, allocates its employees at its discretion, and recruit and dismiss employees at its discretion according to the provisions of law, regulation and labour contract.

The Company formulate the salary, welfare and social insurance of the employees pursuant to the relevant PRC law and administrative regulations. The Company has the right to determine the salary and welfare system of senior management and employees at its discretion according to the Company's economic benefits and the relevant PRC law and administrative regulations.

The Company shall implement medical care, unemployed insurance and retirement insurance system for its employees pursuant to the PRC law, regulations, municipal administrative regulations and provisions under municipal rules.

#### **CHAPTER 19: LABOR UNION**

Article 172. The Company organises labour union and carries out labour union activities

pursuant to the labour union law of the PRC《中華人民共和國工會法》. The Company shall provide necessary conditions for the activities of labour union.

Article 173. The Company shall allocate 2% of the total actual salary of employees every month as labour union fund, which shall be used by the labour union of the Company according to *"using method of the labour union fund"* promulgated by the National Labour Union (中華全國總工會《工會基金使用辦法》).

### **CHAPTER 20: MERGER AND DEMERGER OF THE COMPANY**

Article 174. In the event of the merger or demerger of the Company, a plan shall be recommended by the Company's board of directors and shall be approved in accordance with the procedures stipulated in the Company's Articles of Association. The Company shall then go through the relevant approval process according to law. A shareholder who objects to the plan of merger or demerger of the Company shall have the right to demand the Company or the shareholders who consent to the plan of merger or demerger to acquire his shareholding at a fair price.

The contents of the resolution of merger or demerger of the Company shall constitute special documents and shall be available for inspection by the shareholders. Such documents shall be sent by mail to holders of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares.

(Mandatory provision 149)

Article 175. The merger of the Company may take the form of either merger by absorption or merger by the establishment of a new company.

In the event of a merger, the parties in the merger shall enter into a merger agreement and prepare a balance sheet and an inventory of assets. The Company shall notify its creditors within 10 days from the date of passing the resolution that approved the merger and shall publish an announcement in a newspaper at least 3 times within 30 days from the date of passing the resolution that approved the merger. The creditors have the right to request the Company to repay its indebtedness or provide relevant guarantee within 30 days from the date of receiving the notice or with 90 days from the date of the first announcement for creditors that did not receive notice. The Company shall not merge if it failed to repay its indebtedness or provide relevant guarantee.

After the merger, the claims and indebtedness of all parties in the merger shall be assumed by the surviving company after the merger or the newly established company.

(Mandatory provision 150)

Article 176. Where there is a demerger of the Company, its assets shall be divided up accordingly.

In the event of demerger of the Company, the parties involved shall entered into a demerger agreement and prepare a balance sheet and an inventory of assets. he Company shall notify its creditors within 10 days from the date of passing the resolution that approved the demerger and shall publish an announcement in a newspaper at least 3 times within 30 days from the date of passing the resolution that approved the demerger. The creditors have the right to request the Company to repay its indebtedness or provide relevant guarantee within 30 days from the date of receiving the notice or with 90 days from the date of the first announcement for creditors that did not receive notice. The Company shall not demerge if it failed to repay its indebtedness or provide relevant guarantee.

The indebtedness of the Company prior to the demerger shall be assumed by the companies after the demerger in accordance with the demerger agreement.

(Mandatory provision 151)

Article 177. The Company shall apply for change in its registration with the companies registration authority in accordance with law where a change in any item in its registration arises as a result of the merger or demerger. Where the Company is dissolved, the Company shall apply for cancellation of its registration in accordance with law. Where a new company is established, the Company shall apply for registration thereof in accordance with law.

(Mandatory provision 152)

### **CHAPTER 21: DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION**

- Article 178. The Company shall be dissolved and liquidated in any one of the following circumstances:
  - (1) a general meeting resolves by resolution to dissolve the Company;
  - (2) dissolution is necessary be reason of its merger or demerger;
  - (3) the Company is declared insolvent in accordance with law because it is unable repay its debts as they fall due;
  - (4) the Company is ordered to be closed down reason of its contravention of laws and administrative regulations.

(Mandatory provision 153)

Article 179. In the event that the Company is dissolved according to sub-paragraph (1) of the preceding Article, a liquidation committee shall be set up within 15 days and the member of the liquidation committee shall be determined by an ordinary resolution of shareholders in a general meeting. If the Company fails to set up the liquidation committee within the time limit to carry out liquidation, the creditors may apply to the People's Court for appointment of relevant persons to form a liquidation committee and carry out liquidation.

In the event that the Company is dissolved according to sub-paragraph (3) of the preceding Article, the People's Court shall organise the shareholders, relevant organisations and relevant professionals to set up a liquidation committee to carry out the liquidation in accordance with the provisions of relevant laws.

In the event that the Company is dissolved according to sub-paragraph (4) of the preceding Article, the relevant supervisory authorisation shall organise the shareholders, relevant organisations and relevant professionals to set up a liquidation committee to carry out the liquidation.

(Mandatory provision 154)

Article 180. Where the board of directors decide to liquidate the Company (for reasons other than a declaration of insolvency), the board of directors shall, in the notice convening a general meeting for this purpose, include a statement to the effect that, after having make a full enquiry into the affairs of the Company, the board of directors is of the opinion that the Company will be able to pay its debts in full within 12 months from the commencement of the liquidation.

Upon the passing of a resolution by the general meeting to commence liquidation of the Company, the functions and powers of the board of directors shall cease immediately.

The liquidation committee shall act in accordance with the instructions of the general meeting and report at least once every year to the general meeting on the liquidation committee's income and expenses, the business of the Company and the progress of the liquidation; and make a final report to the general meeting on completion of the liquidation.

(Mandatory provision 155)

Article 181. The liquidation committee shall notify creditors within 10 days of its establishment and shall make at least three public accouchements in newspaper within 60days of its establishment. Creditors shall file their claims to the liquidation committee within 30 days from the date of receiving the notice or with 90 days from the date of the first announcement

for creditors that did not receive notice. Creditors failed to file their claims within the time limit is deemed to forfeit their claims.

Creditors who file their claims shall explain the relevant materials in relation to their claims and provide proof of the claims. The liquidation committee shall carry out registration of creditors' rights.

(Mandatory provision 156)

- Article 182. During the liquidation period, the liquidation committee shall exercise the following functions and powers:
  - (1) to administer the Company's assets and prepare a balance sheet and an inventory of assets respectively;
  - (2) to notify the creditors or to publish public announcements;
  - (3) to deal with and liquidate any unfinished businesses of the Company;
  - (4) to pay all outstanding taxes;
  - (5) to settle claims and debts;
  - (6) to deal with the surplus assets remaining after the Company's debts have been repaid;
  - (7) to represent the Company in any civil proceedings.

(Mandatory provision 157)

Article 183. After the liquidation committee has administered the Company's assets, prepared a balance sheet and an inventory of assets, it shall formulate a liquidation plan and present it to a general meeting or to the relevant governing authority for confirmation.

Liquidation fees and expenses shall be paid from the Company's assets before payment of the debts of other creditors.

No person shall be distributed with the Company's assets without the permission of the liquidation committee before a general meeting resolves by resolution to dissolve the Company or the Company is declared insolvent in accordance with law or is ordered to be closed down.

If the Company is able to repay its debt, it shall pay its liquidation expense, wages and labour insurance premiums of employees, outstanding taxes due and debts of the Company.

Any surplus assets of the Company remaining after payment referred to in

the preceding paragraph shall be distributed to its shareholders according to the class of shares and the proportion of shares held in the following order:

- (1) Make distribution to the holders of preference shares according to the par value of the preference shares. It the amount is not sufficient to repay the amount of preferential shares in full, the distribution shall be made to holders of such shares in proportion to their respective shareholdings.
- (2) Make distribution to the holders of ordinary shares in proportion to their respective shareholdings.

The Company shall not commence any new business activities during the liquidation period.

(Mandatory provision 158)

The liquidation committee shall be dedicated, and perform its obligation to liquidation according to the law and good faith. Any losses cause to the company or creditors due to intentional or material fault, shall be liable for damages.

Article 184. If the Company is being liquidated as a result of its dissolution and subsequent to the administration of the Company's assets and preparation of the balance sheet and inventory of assets, the liquidation committee discovers that the Company's assets are insufficient to repay its debts in full, it shall immediately suspend liquidation and apply to the people's count for a declaration of insolvency.

Once the people's court has declared the Company to be insolvent, the liquidation committee shall hand all matters relating to the liquidation over to the people's court.

(Mandatory provision 159)

Article 185. Upon completion of the liquidation of the Company, the liquidation committee shall prepare a liquidation report and accounts of its income and expenditure and financial reports for the period of the liquidation. Once these accounts and reports are verified by a registered accountant of the PRC, they shall be submitted to the general meeting or the relevant supervisory authorities for approval.

The liquidation committee shall, within 30 days of the date of approval by the general meeting or the relevant supervisory authorities, submit the accounts and reports mentioned above to the companies registration authority, apply for cancellation of the Company's registration and announce the cessation of the Company.

(Mandatory provision 160)

# CHAPTER 22: PROCEDURES FOR AMENDMENT TO THE COMPANY'S ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

This Articles of Association is prepared according to the matters stated in Article 186. the Company Law (公司法), "Mandatory Provisions for Articles of Association of Companies Seeking a Listing Outside the PRC" (到境外上 市公司章程必備條款 or "Mandatory Provisions") promulgated on 27 August 1994 under the document of "Zheng Wei Fa (1994) No.21" by the Securities Commission of the State Council and the State Restructuring Commission and "the Letter Containing the Opinion of Supplementary Amendment to the Articles of Association of Companies Seeking a Listing in Hong Kong" (關於到香港上市公司對公司章程作補充修改的意見的 (述) promulgated on 3 April 1995 under the document of "Zheng Jian Hai Han[1995] No.1 by the Overseas Listing Division of China Securities Regulatory Commission (中國證監會海外上市) and the Production System Division of the State Commission for Restructuring the Economic System of the PRC (國家體改委生產體制司). Any alternation to the Articles of Association that involves Mandatory Provision shall be made accordance with the provision of item (4) of Article 187 and Article 188. The Company may alter the Articles of Association according to law, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association.

(Mandatory provision 161)

- Article 187. The following procedures shall be followed when amending the Company's Articles of Association:
  - (1) A resolution to recommend the alternation of the Articles of Association by the general meeting shall be passed by the board of directors in accordance with these Articles of Association and the board of directors shall prepare a proposal for amendments to be made;
  - (2) The above proposal shall be furnished to the shareholders and a shareholders' meeting shall be convened for voting on it;
  - (3) The amendments presented to the shareholders' meeting shall be approved by a special resolution.
  - (4) For amendments to provisions included in the Articles of Association pursuant to the Mandatory Provisions, approval shall be obtained from the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation of the PRC (外經貿部門) and securities supervisory authority of the State Council.

General meeting may by an ordinary resolution authorised the board of

directors: (1) In case the Company increase registered capital, the board of directors has right to amend the content in relation to the increase of registered capital in the Articles of Association according to the actual situation; (2) If the alternation to the Articles of Association is approved by the general meeting and on applying the approval from the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation of the PRC and securities supervisory authority of the State Council, it is requested to change the sequence of the articles, the board of directors may make the relevant change according to the request of the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation of the PRC and securities supervisory authority of the State Council.

Article 188. For amendments to provisions included in the Articles of Association pursuant to Mandatory Provisions, approval shall be obtained from the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation of the PRC and securities supervisory authority of the State Council. For amendments of the Articles of Association involve the name, address, authorised representatives, registered capital, type of enterprise, scope of operation, term of operation, names or titles of the promoters of the Company, The Company shall apply to register the change with the register supervisory authority accordance with the law.

(Mandatory provision 162)

### **CHAPTER 23: RESOLUTION OF DISPUTE**

- Article 189. The Company, its shareholders, directors, supervisors, general manager, deputy general(s) and other senior officers shall comply with the following principles for resolution of dispute:
  - (1) Whenever any dispute or claims arise from any rights or obligations provided in the Articles of Association, the Company Law or any rights or obligations conferred or imposed by the Company Law and other relevant laws and administrative regulations concerning the affairs of the Company between holders of the Overseas Listed Foreign Shares and the Company, or between holders of the Overseas Listed Foreign Shares and directors, supervisors, general manager, deputy general manager(s) or other senior officers of the Company, or between holders of the Overseas Listed Foreign Shares and holders of Domestic Shares, such parties shall refer their disputes or claims for resolution by arbitration.

In respect of a dispute or claim referred to above, the entire claim or dispute must be referred to arbitration and all persons (being the Company or the shareholder, directors, supervisors, general manager, deputy general manager(s) or other senior officers of the Company) who have a cause of action based on the same facts giving rise to the dispute or claim or whose participation is necessary for the resolution of that dispute or claim shall submit to arbitration in accordance with the above provisions.

Disputes in connection with the determination of whether a person is or is not a shareholder or of the register of shareholders need not be resolved by arbitration.

(2) A claimant shall referred their dispute or claim to arbitration before either the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission in accordance with its rules or the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre in accordance with its securities arbitration rules. Once a claimant refers a dispute or claim to arbitration, the other party or parties must submit to the arbitral body elected by the claimant.

> If the party applying for arbitration elects to arbitrate at the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, then any party to the dispute shall be entitled to request, in accordance with the requirements of the securities arbitration rules of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, for that arbitration to be conducted in Shenzhen.

- (3) The laws of the PRC shall is applicable to disputes or claims specified in (1) above, save as otherwise provided in the laws and administrative regulations.
- (4) The award by an arbitral authority shall be final and conclusive and is binding on all parties.

(Mandatory provision 163)

### **CHAPTER 24: NOTICES**

Article 190. Unless as otherwise provided for in these Articles of Association, all the notices, materials or written statements issued by the Company to holders of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares that listed on the Stock Exchange of HK shall be delivered by hand or by pre-paid mails to the registered address of each holder of such shares. Notice to holders of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares that listed on the Stock Exchange of HK shall be mailed in Hong Kong as far as possible.

Notice issued by the Company to the domestic shareholders shall be published as announcement in one or more newspapers specified by the State securities regulatory authorities. Once the announcement is published, all holders of the Domestic Shares are deemed to have received such notice.

Announcement referred to in the Articles of Association, unless otherwise defined herein, refers announcement published on newspaper in China and

at the place at which the stock exchange on which the Company's shares are listed. Such newspaper shall be that specified or suggested by the local law, rules, provisions or the relevant securities supervisory authority.

- Article 191. Where the notice is sent by mail, it shall be clearly addressed, pre-paid and put into an envelope. It shall be deemed to be received by the shareholders 5 days after the letters containing the notice is posted.
- Article 192. Any notice, document, materials or written statement sent to the Company from shareholder, director or supervisor shall be sent to the Company's legal address in person or by registered mail.
- Article 193. If the shareholder, director or supervisor want to prove they have sent notice, document, materials or written statement to the Company, they have to provide proof that relevant notice, document, materials or written statement has been sent by ordinary method within the appoint time limit, and has been sent to the correct address in the form of pre-paid postage.

### **CHAPTER 25: SUPPLEMENTARY**

Article 194. In these Articles of Association, reference to "accountancy firm" shall have the same meaning as "auditor".

(Mandatory provision 165)

Article 195. All numbers in the Articles of Association shall include the number.