OFFERING PRICE AND PRICE PAYABLE ON APPLICATION

The Offer Price will not be more than HK\$6.36 and is expected to be not less than HK\$5.40 per Offer Share. Based on the maximum Offer Price of HK\$6.36 per Offer Share, plus 1% brokerage fee, 0.004% SFC transaction levy, and 0.005% Stock Exchange trading fee, one board lot of 1,000 Shares will amount to a total of HK\$6,424.17.

The Offer Price is expected to be determined by the Company, the Selling Shareholders and the Global Coordinator (on behalf of the Underwriters) on or before the Price Determination Date.

If, based on the level of interests expressed by prospective professional, institutional and/or other investors during the book-building process, the Global Coordinator (on behalf of the Underwriters, and with the consent of the Company and the Selling Shareholders) thinks it appropriate (for instance, if the level of interests is below the indicative Offer Price range), the indicative Offer Price range may be reduced below that stated in this prospectus at any time prior to the morning of the last day for lodging applications. In such case, the Company will, as soon as practicable following the decision to make such reduction, and in any event not later than the morning of the last day for lodging applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering cause there to be published in the South China Morning Post (in English) and the Hong Kong Economic Times (in Chinese) notice of the reduction of the indicative Offer Price range. Such notice will also include any financial information which may change as a result of any such reduction. If applications for Hong Kong Offer Shares have been submitted prior to the day which is the last day for lodging applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering, then even if the indicative Offer Price range is so reduced, such applications cannot be subsequently withdrawn.

If, for any reason, the Offer Price is not agreed between the Company, the Selling Shareholders and the Global Coordinator (on behalf of the Underwriters) on or before the Price Determination Date, the Global Offering will not become unconditional and will lapse.

CONDITIONS

Acceptance of all applications for the Global Offering will be conditional upon:

- (i) the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting a listing of, and permission to deal in the Shares (including any Shares which may fall to be issued upon the exercise of the Over-allotment Option or any Shares which may fall to be issued upon the exercise of the option that may be granted under the Share Option Scheme), and such listing and permission not subsequently having been revoked prior to the commencement of dealings in the Shares on the Stock Exchange;
- (ii) the Offer Price having been duly determined and the execution and delivery of the Underwriting Agreements on or about the Price Determination Date; and
- (iii) the obligations of the Underwriters under the Underwriting Agreements becoming unconditional (including the waiver of any condition(s) by the Global Coordinator on behalf of the Underwriters) and not being terminated in accordance with the terms of either agreement or otherwise,

in each case on or before the dates and times specified in the Underwriting Agreements. If these conditions are not fulfilled, all application monies will be returned, without interest, on

the terms set out in the section "How to apply for the Hong Kong Offer Shares" in this prospectus. In the meantime, such monies will be held in separate bank accounts with the receiving bankers or other licensed bank(s) in Hong Kong.

OFFER MECHANISM — BASIS OF ALLOCATION OF SHARES

The Global Offering

The Global Offering consists of the International Placing and the Hong Kong Public Offering. The 130,000,000 Shares initially offered will comprise 117,000,000 Shares being offered under the International Placing and 13,000,000 Shares being offered under the Hong Kong Public Offering. The 130,000,000 Shares being offered under the Global Offering will represent approximately 32.5% of the Company's share capital immediately after completion of the Global Offering and the Capitalisation Issue but without taking into account any Shares which may fall to be issued upon the exercise of the Over-allotment Option or any Shares which may fall to be issued upon the exercise of the option that may be granted under the Share Option Scheme.

Subject to possible reallocation on the basis set forth below, 13,000,000 Shares, representing 10% of the total number of Shares initially being offered under the Global Offering, will be offered to the public in Hong Kong under the Hong Kong Public Offering. The Hong Kong Public Offering is open to all members of the public in Hong Kong as well as to institutional and professional investors.

Out of the total 130,000,000 Shares offered pursuant to the Global Offering, 117,000,000 Shares, representing 90% of the total number of Shares initially being offered under the Global Offering, will be placed with professional, institutional investors and/or other investors in Hong Kong, the United States, Europe and elsewhere under the International Placing. The International Placing Shares will be offered in Hong Kong, Europe and other jurisdictions outside the United States in offshore transactions, as defined in, and in reliance on, Regulation S, and in the United States to QIBs, as defined in and in reliance on, Rule 144A.

In connection with the Global Offering, the Company has granted to the Global Coordinator the Over-allotment Option which is exercisable by the Global Coordinator (on behalf of the International Placing Underwriters) no later than 30 days from Wednesday, 18 July 2007, being the last date for lodging applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering. Pursuant to the Over-allotment Option, the Company may be required to issue up to an aggregate of 19,500,000 additional Shares (representing 15% of the number of Shares initially being offered under the Global Offering) to cover over-allocations in the International Placing. The Global Coordinator may also cover over-allocations in the International Placing by purchasing Shares in the secondary market or by a combination of purchases in the secondary market and the exercise, in part or in full, of the Over-allotment Option. The number of Shares that may be over-allocated will not exceed the maximum number of Shares that may be issued under the Over-allotment Option. Any such secondary market purchases will be made in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations. If the Over-allotment Option is exercised in full, on completion of the Global Offering and the Capitalisation Issue but without taking into account any Shares which may fall to be issued upon the exercise of the option that may be granted under the Share Option Scheme, the Offer Shares will represent approximately 35.6% of the Company's enlarged issued share capital.

If the Global Coordinator decides to exercise the Over-allotment Option, it will be exercised solely to cover over-allocations in the International Placing. The International

Placing Shares (including any over-allocations) will be allocated prior to the commencement of trading of the Shares on the Stock Exchange.

The levels of indication of interest in the International Placing and the basis of allotment and the levels of applications in the Hong Kong Public Offering are expected to be published in the South China Morning Post (in English) and in the Hong Kong Economic Times (in Chinese) on or before Wednesday, 25 July 2007.

The Hong Kong Public Offering

The Company is initially offering 13,000,000 Hong Kong Offer Shares, representing 10% of the total number of Shares initially being offered in the Global Offering, for subscription by way of a public offer in Hong Kong. The Hong Kong Offer Shares are being offered at the Offer Price. The Hong Kong Public Offering is fully underwritten by the Hong Kong Underwriters, subject to the terms and conditions of the Underwriting Agreements.

The total number of Shares available for subscription under the Hong Kong Public Offering (after taking into account of any reallocation referred to below) is to be divided equally into two pools for allocation purposes: pool A and pool B. The Shares in pool A will be allocated on an equitable basis to applicants who have applied for Shares with an aggregate subscription amount of HK\$5.0 million (excluding the brokerage fee, the SFC transaction levy and the Stock Exchange trading fee payable) or less. The Shares in pool B will be allocated on an equitable basis to applicants who have applied for Shares with an aggregate subscription amount of more than HK\$5.0 million (excluding the brokerage fee, the SFC transaction levy, and the Stock Exchange trading fee payable) and up to the value of pool B. Investors should be aware that applications in pool A and applications in pool B may receive different allocation ratios. If Shares in one (but not both) of the pools are undersubscribed, the surplus Shares will be transferred to the other pool to satisfy demand in the pool and be allocated accordingly.

Applicants can only receive an allocation of Shares from either pool A or pool B but not from both pools. Multiple or suspected multiple applications within either pool or between pools and any application for more than the total number of Shares originally allocated to each pool (i.e., 6,500,000 Shares) are liable to be rejected. Each applicant under the Hong Kong Public Offering will also be required to give an undertaking and confirmation in the Application Form submitted by him that he and any person(s) for whose benefit he is making the application have not received any Shares under the International Placing and such applicant's application is liable to be rejected if the said undertaking and/or confirmation is breached and/or untrue (as the case may be).

The allocation of the Shares between the International Placing and the Hong Kong Public Offering is subject to adjustment.

If the number of Shares validly applied for under the Hong Kong Public Offering represents 15 times or more but less than 50 times the number of Shares initially available for subscription under the Hong Kong Public Offering, then Shares will be reallocated to the Hong Kong Public Offering from the International Placing, so that the total number of Shares available for subscription under the Hong Kong Public Offering will increase to 39,000,000 Shares, representing 30% of the Shares initially available for subscription under the Global Offering.

If the number of Shares validly applied for under the Hong Kong Public Offering represents 50 times or more but less than 100 times the number of Shares initially available

for subscription under the Hong Kong Public Offering, then the number of Shares to be reallocated to the Hong Kong Public Offering from the International Placing will be increased so that the total number of Shares available for subscription under the Hong Kong Public Offering will be 52,000,000 Shares, representing 40% of the Shares initially available for subscription under the Global Offering.

If the number of Shares validly applied for under the Hong Kong Public Offering represents 100 times or more the number of Shares initially available for subscription under the Hong Kong Public Offering, then the number of Shares to be reallocated to the Hong Kong Public Offering from the International Placing will be increased, so that the total number of Shares available for subscription under the Hong Kong Public Offering will increase to 65,000,000 Shares, representing 50% of the Shares initially available for subscription under the Global Offering. In each such case, the additional Shares reallocated to the Hong Kong Public Offering will be allocated equally between pool A and pool B and the number of Shares allocated to the International Placing will be correspondingly reduced.

Any International Placing Shares reallocated as described above will not include any Sale Shares. If the Hong Kong Public Offering is not fully subscribed, the Global Coordinator, in its discretion, may reallocate all or any unsubscribed Shares originally included in the Hong Kong Public Offering to the International Placing.

BNP Paribas Capital is the Global Coordinator and Lead Manager of the Hong Kong Public Offering which is underwritten at the Offer Price by the Hong Kong Underwriters, on and subject to the terms and conditions of the Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement.

Allocation of Hong Kong Offer Shares to investors under the Hong Kong Public Offering will be based solely on the level of valid applications received under the Hong Kong Public Offering. The basis of allocation may vary, depending on the number of Hong Kong Offer Shares validly applied for by applicants but, subject to that, will be made strictly on a pro-rata basis, although this could, where appropriate, consist of balloting. Balloting would mean that some applicants may receive a higher allocation than others who have applied for the same number of Hong Kong Offer Shares and those applicants who are not successful in the ballot may not receive any Hong Kong Offer Shares.

The International Placing

The Company is initially offering 87,000,000 new Shares and the Selling Shareholders are initially offering an aggregate of 30,000,000 Sale Shares as International Placing Shares, representing 90% of the total number of Shares initially being offered in the Global Offering (subject to the Over-allotment Option), for subscription by way of the International Placing subject to the reallocation of Offer Shares between the International Placing and the Hong Kong Public Offering. The International Placing is fully underwritten by the International Placing Underwriters, subject to the terms and conditions of the International Underwriting Agreement.

The International Placing Underwriters are soliciting from prospective professional, institutional investors and/or other investors indications of interest in acquiring International Placing Shares in the International Placing. Prospective professional, institutional investors and/or other investors will be required to specify the number of International Placing Shares they would be prepared to acquire either at different prices or at a particular price. This process is known as "book building". In Hong Kong, individual retail investors should apply for Shares in the Hong Kong Public Offering, as individual retail investors applying for

International Placing Shares, including individual retail investors applying through banks and other institutions, will not be allocated any International Placing Shares.

Allocation of the International Placing Shares pursuant to the International Placing is based on a number of factors, including the level and timing of demand and whether or not it is expected that the relevant investor is likely to buy further and/or hold or sell its Shares after the Listing. Such allocation is generally intended to result in a distribution of the International Placing Shares on a basis which would lead to the establishment of a broad shareholder base to the benefit of the Company and its shareholders as a whole.

The International Placing Underwriters or selling agents nominated by the International Placing Underwriters shall, on behalf of the Company, conditionally place the International Placing Shares with professional, institutional and/or other investors in Hong Kong, the United States (pursuant to Rule 144A and Regulation S), Europe and other regions. The International Placing shall be subject to the Global Offering restrictions set out under the section "Information about this prospectus and the Global Offering".

The International Placing is conditional on the same conditions as set out in the section "Conditions" above. The total number of International Placing Shares to be sold and transferred or allotted and issued pursuant to the International Placing may change as a result of the clawback arrangement referred to in the section "The Hong Kong Public Offering" above, the exercise of the Over-allotment Option and any reallocation of unsubscribed Shares originally included in the Hong Kong Public Offering.

OVER-ALLOTMENT AND STABILISATION

The Over-allotment Option

In connection with the Global Offering, the Company intends to grant to the Global Coordinator the Over-allotment Option, which will be exercisable by the Global Coordinator (on behalf of the International Placing Underwriters) no later than 30 days from 18 July 2007, being the last date for lodging applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering. Pursuant to the Over-allotment Option, the Company may be required to issue and allot at the Offer Price up to an aggregate of 19,500,000 additional Shares, representing 15% of the total number of Shares initially available under the Global Offering, in connection with over-allocations in the International Placing, if any, to be issued and all issued on the same terms and conditions as the Shares subject to be offering. If the Over-allotment Option is exercised in full, the additional Offer Shares will represent approximately 4.65% of the Company's enlarged issued share capital following the completion of the Global Offering and the exercise of the Over-allotment Option but without taking into account any Shares which may fall to be issued upon the exercise of any options that may be granted under the Share Option Scheme. In the event that the Over-allotment Option is exercised, a press announcement will be made.

Stabilisation Action

In connection with the Global Offering, the Global Coordinator, or any person acting for it, may over-allocate or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Shares at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail for a limited period. Such transactions, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time. The Global Coordinator has been or will be appointed as stabilising manager for purposes of the Global Offering in accordance with the Securities and Futures (Price Stabilising) Rules made under the SFO and,

should stabilising transactions be effected in connection with the Global Offering, this will be at the absolute discretion of the Global Coordinator and will be effected in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations in place in Hong Kong on stabilisation. An announcement will be made to the public within seven days after the end of the stabilising period as required under the Securities and Futures (Price Stabilising) Rules made under the SFO.

Following any over-allotment of Shares in connection with the Global Offering, the Global Coordinator or any person acting for it may cover such over-allocation by (among other methods) making purchases in the secondary market or exercising the Over-allotment Option in full or in part, or by any combination of purchases and exercise of the Over-allotment Option. Any such purchases will be made in compliance with all applicable laws and regulatory requirements including the Securities and Futures (Price Stabilising) Rules made under the SFO. The number of Shares which can be over-allocated will not exceed the number of Shares which may be issued upon exercise of the Over-allotment Option, being 19,500,000 Shares representing 15% of the Shares initially available under the Global Offering.

In order to facilitate the settlement of over-allocations in connection with the Global Offering, the Global Coordinator (or its affiliate(s)) may choose to borrow Shares from THCL under stock borrowing arrangements, or acquire Shares from other sources, including exercise of the Over-allotment Option. Such stock borrowing arrangements include the Stock Borrowing Agreement.

The possible stabilising action which may be taken by the Global Coordinator in connection with the Global Offering may involve (among other things): (i) over-allocation of Shares, (ii) purchases of, or agreement to purchase, Shares, (iii) establishing, hedging and liquidating positions in Shares, (iv) exercising the Over-allotment Option in whole or in part and/or (v) offering or attempting to do any of the foregoing.

Specifically, prospective applicants for and investors in Offer Shares should note that:

- the Global Coordinator may, in connection with any stabilising action, maintain a long position in the Shares;
- there is no certainty regarding the extent to which and the time period for which the Global Coordinator will maintain such a position;
- liquidation of any such long position by the Global Coordinator may have an adverse impact on the market price of the Shares;
- no stabilising action can be taken to support the price of the Shares for longer than
 the stabilising period which is expected to expire on 17 August 2007, being the 30th
 day after the date expected to be the latest date for lodging applications under the
 Hong Kong Public Offering. After this date, when no further action may be taken to
 support the price of the Shares, demand for the Shares, and therefore the price of
 the Shares, could fall;
- the price of any security (including the Shares) cannot be assured to stay at or above its offer price by the taking of any stabilising action; and

• stabilising bids may be made or transactions effected in the course of the stabilising action at any price at or below the Offer Price, which means that stabilising bids may be made or transactions effected at a price below the price paid by applicants for, or investors in, the Shares.

LISTING ON ANY OTHER STOCK EXCHANGE

The Directors are not considering any listing of the Company on any other overseas stock exchange. The Company has not submitted any application nor obtained any approval for the listing of the Shares on any other overseas stock exchange.