#### **CAYMAN ISLANDS TAXATION**

## **Taxation**

Pursuant to section 6 of the Tax Concessions Law (1999 Revision) of the Cayman Islands, the Company has obtained an undertaking from the Governor in Cabinet:

- that no law which is enacted in the Cayman Islands imposing any tax to be levied on profits, income, gains or appreciations shall apply to the Company or its operations; and
- in addition, that no tax to be levied on profits, income gains or appreciations or which is in the nature of estate duty or inheritance tax shall be payable by the Company:
  - on or in respect of the shares, debentures or other obligations of the Company; or
  - by way of withholding in whole or in part of any relevant payment as defined in Section 6(3) of the Tax Concession Law (1999 Revision).

The undertaking is for a period of twenty years from July 24, 2007.

The Cayman Islands currently levy no taxes on individuals or corporations based upon profits, income, gains or appreciations and there is no taxation in the nature of inheritance tax or estate duty. There are no other taxes likely to be material to the Company levied by the Government of the Cayman Islands save certain stamp duties which may be applicable, from time to time, on certain instruments executed in or brought within the jurisdiction of the Cayman Islands. The Cayman Islands are not party to any double tax treaties.

## **PRC TAXATION**

#### **Enterprise Income Tax**

Currently, in compliance with the Income Tax Law of the PRC for Enterprises with Foreign Investment and Foreign Enterprises adopted by the National People's Congress on April 9, 1991 and the implementation rules applicable to those foreign-invested enterprises, the Enterprise Income Tax is levied on foreign invested enterprises, or FIEs, at the ordinary Enterprise Income Tax rate of 33%, including 30% national enterprise income tax and 3% local income tax. According to the Interim Rules of the Enterprise Income Tax of the PRC, domestic enterprises other than FIEs are subject to Enterprise Income Tax at an ordinary rate of 33%. Both rates applicable to enterprises with or without foreign investment are subject to available preferential tax treatments respectively. Subject to the effectiveness of new PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law from January 1, 2008, the ordinary income tax rate for all PRC resident enterprises, including enterprises with or without foreign investment will be 25%.

#### **Business Tax**

Under the Provisional Regulations of the PRC on Business Tax issued by the State Council which took effect on January 1, 1994 and the implementation rules, a business tax is levied on all units and individuals engaged in taxable services, the transfer of intangible assets or the sale of immovable properties within the territory of the PRC. The tax rates range from 3% to 20% depending on the type of services provided.

# Value-Added Tax

In accordance with the Provisional Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Value-added Tax issued by the State Council which took effect on January 1, 1994 and the implementation rules,

all units and individuals engaged in the sales of goods, provision of processing, repairs and replacement services, and the importation of goods within the territory of the PRC are taxpayers of Value-added tax, and shall pay Value-added tax in accordance with these Regulations at tax rates of 4%, 6%, 13% or 17%.

## **Dividends from our China operations**

Under current PRC tax laws, regulations and rulings, dividends from our operations in China paid to us are currently exempt from any PRC withholding or income tax. Effective from January 1, 2008, dividends paid by foreign invested enterprises to non-PRC resident shareholders are subject to withholding tax at an ordinary rate of 20%, unless otherwise exempted or reduced by PRC laws and regulations or in accordance with arrangements or treaties between Chinese government and government of other jurisdictions where such non-PRC resident shareholder is registered.

# Dividends paid by the Company to its overseas investors

The Company is not incorporated in the PRC. Under current PRC law, even though the Company has significant operating subsidiaries in the PRC, the distribution of dividends to its overseas investors such as yourself is not currently subject to PRC tax. However, if you are a PRC mainland resident, you shall be subject to the PRC income tax as you are liable for PRC tax for your global income under the current PRC law. Further, if our company is deemed as a resident enterprise under the newly issued PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law, which will take effect on January 1, 2008, the dividends we pay to our investors, including non-resident investors may also be subject to PRC income tax subject to the implementation of the new PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law.

# Transfer or disposition of our Shares

As we are not incorporated in the PRC, under current PRC law, any transfer or disposition of the Shares by an overseas investor such as yourself does not trigger PRC tax liabilities. However, if you are a PRC mainland resident, you shall be subject to the PRC income tax as you are liable for PRC tax for your global income under the current PRC law.

## HONG KONG TAXATION

# **Dividends**

Under the current practice of the Inland Revenue Department, no tax is payable in Hong Kong in respect of dividends paid by us.

# **Capital Gains and Profit Tax**

No tax is imposed in Hong Kong in respect of capital gains from the sale of the Shares. Trading gains from the sale of Shares by persons carrying on a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong, where such gains are arising in or derived from Hong Kong, will be chargeable to Hong Kong profits tax. Currently, profits tax is imposed on corporations at the rate of 17.5% and on individuals at a maximum rate of 16.0%. The profits tax rate is proposed to be reduced from 17.5% to 16.5% and the standard rate of salaries tax from 16% to 15% in the 2008/2009 year of assessment. Gains from sales of the Shares effected on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange will be considered to be sourced in Hong Kong. Liability for Hong Kong profits tax would thus arise in respect of trading gains from sales of Shares effected on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange realized by persons carrying on a business of trading or dealing in securities in Hong Kong.

# **Stamp Duty**

Hong Kong stamp duty will be payable by the purchaser on every purchase, and by the seller on every sale, of Shares registered on the Hong Kong branch register. The duty is charged at the ad valorem rate of 0.1% of the consideration for, or (if greater) the value of, the Shares transferred on

each of the seller and purchaser. In other words, a total of 0.2% is currently payable on a typical sale and purchase transaction of Shares. In addition, any instrument of transfer (if required) will be subject to a flat rate of stamp duty of HK\$5.00. Where a sale or purchase of Shares registered on the Hong Kong branch register is effected by a person who is not resident in Hong Kong and any stamp duty payable on the contract note is not paid, the relevant instrument of transfer (if any) shall be chargeable with such duty, together with the duty otherwise chargeable thereon and the transferee shall be liable to pay such duty.

## **Estate Duty**

The Revenue (Abolition of Estate Duty) Ordinance 2005 came into effect on February 11, 2006 in Hong Kong, pursuant to which estate duty ceased to be chargeable in Hong Kong in respect of the estates of persons dying on or after that date. No Hong Kong estate duty is payable and no estate duty clearance papers are needed for an application for a grant of representation in respect of holders of Shares whose death occur on or after February 11, 2006.

#### REGULATION OF FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE AND DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION

# Foreign currency exchange

Please refer to the section "Supervision and Regulation" of this prospectus for a description of the relevant foreign currency exchange regulations.

#### Dividend distribution and remittance

The principal PRC regulations governing the distribution of dividends by our WFOEs are (i) The Wholly Foreign-Owned Enterprise Law (1986), as amended in 2000; and (ii) Implementation Regulations under the Wholly Foreign-Owned Enterprise Law (2001).

Under these regulations, WFOEs in China may only pay dividends out of their accumulated profits, if any, determined in accordance with PRC accounting standards and regulations. In addition, a WFOE in China is required to set aside at least 10.0% of its after-tax income each year, if any, to fund a reserve fund until the accumulated reserve amounts to 50.0% of its registered capital. It is also required to set aside funds for the employee bonus and welfare fund from its after-tax income each year at percentages determined at its sole discretion. These reserves are not distributable as cash dividends.

For overseas remittance of the current year's dividends, a WFOE is required, under the Circular on Relevant Questions Concerning the Remittance of Profits, Dividends and Bonuses Out of China Through Designated Foreign Exchange Banks (關於外匯指定銀行辦理利潤、股息、紅利匯出有關問題的通知) which was issued on September 22, 1998 and amended on September 21, 1999, to submit the following documents to a designated foreign exchange bank:

- Proof of tax payment and tax returns (WFOEs enjoying tax reductions or exemptions shall provide certification of tax reduction and exemption issued by the local tax authorities);
- An auditor's report on the profit and dividend situation for the current year issued by an accounting firm;
- The resolution of the board of directors relating to the dividends distribution;
- The foreign invested enterprise's foreign exchange registration certificate;
- The capital verification report issued by an accounting firm; and

Other documents the SAFE or its local branches may require.

In addition, for overseas remittance of preceding years' dividends, such WFOE shall appoint an accounting firm to conduct an audit for the year(s) in which the dividend-related profits were generated and shall present the auditor's report to the bank as a required supplemental document.