# **Articles of Association**

of

Fujian Nuoqi Co., Ltd. to be Listed Overseas

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# **Chapter 1 General Provisions**

Article 1

To safeguard the legal interests of Fujian Nuoqi Co., Ltd., its shareholders and creditors and regulate the organization and behavior of the Company, the Articles of Association are formulated in accordance with the Company Law of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as the "Company Law"), the Securities Law of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as the "Securities Law"), the Special Regulations of the State Council on the Overseas Offer and Listing of Shares by Joint-stock Companies (hereinafter referred to as the "Special Regulations"), the Mandatory Provisions for Articles of Association of Companies to be Listed Overseas (hereinafter referred to as the "Mandatory Provisions"), the Guidelines on the Articles of Association of Listed Companies (as amended in 2006) (hereinafter referred to as the "Guidelines"), and other relevant laws, administrative rules and regulations.

Article 2 The Company is a joint-stock company incorporated with limited liability in accordance with the Company Law and other relevant laws, administrative rules and regulations.

The Company was duly founded on 14 October 2004 with limited liabilities. On 22 January 2008, the Company turned from a company of limited liability into a joint-stock company, with its registration filed with the Quanzhou Administration of Industry and Commerce. The Company obtained the business license as the joint-stock status with its license number of 350506100001116.

When the Company turned into a joint-stock company on 22 January 2008, the promoters were Ding Hui, Ding Canyang, Yang Jianhui, Wang Zongqing, Xu Mingqing, Quanzhou City He Zhong Investment and Development Co., Ltd., and Quanzhou City Nuoqi Investment and Development Co., Ltd. with their shareholding structure listed as below.

No.	Promoters' Name	Number of subscription shares (10,000 shares)	Percentage of total shares	
1	Ding Hui	3,300.00	55.00%	
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2	Ding Canyang	1,220.40	20.34%	
3	He Zhong Investment	450.00	7.50%	
4	Xu Mingqing	420.00	7.00%	
5	Nuoqi Investment	300.00	5.00%	

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	Promoters' Name	(10,000 shares)	total shares	
6	Yang Jianhui	249.60	4.16%	
7	Wang Zongqing	60.00	1.00%	
	Total	6,000.00	100%	

Following the share division, the Company's shareholding structure immediate before and after the issuance of overseas listed foreign shares is set out as below:

	Before the issuance			After the issuance				
	Before the share division		After the share division		Outstanding overallotment options		Fully exercised overallotment options	
Shareholders	Number of shares (10,000 shares)	Percentage	Number of shares (10,000 shares)	Percentage	Number of shares (10,000 shares)	Percentage	Number of shares (10,000 shares)	Percentage
Ding Hui	4,050	45.00%	20,250	45.00%	20,250	33.75%	20,250	32.53%
Ding Canyang	1,649	18.32%	8,245	18.32%	8,245	13.74%	8,245	13.24%
He Zhong Investment	540	6.00%	2,700	6.00%	2,700	4.50%	2,700	4.34%
Nuoqi Investment	360	4.00%	1,800	4.00%	1,800	3.00%	1,800	2.89%
Wang Zongqing	72	0.8%	360	0.8%	360	0.60%	360	0.58%
Qian Mingfei	288	3.20%	1,440	3.20%	1,440	2.40%	1,440	2.31%
Wang Yi	216	2.40%	1,080	2.40%	1,080	1.80%	1,080	1.73%
Silicon Shenzhen	522	5.80%	2,610	5.80%	2,610	4.35%	2,610	4.19%
Sun Shanzhong	270	3.00%	1,350	3.00%	1,350	2.25%	1,350	2.17%
Li Ruoxi	78	0.87%	390	0.87%	390	0.65%	390	0.63%
Jia Xing Venture Enterprise	360	4.00%	1,800	4.00%	1,800	3.00%	1,800	2.89%
Tian Run Venture Enterprise	360	4.00%	1,800	4.00%	1,800	3.00%	1,800	2.89%
Ju Teng Investment	235	2.61%	1,175	2.61%	1,175	1.96%	1,175	1.89%
H shareholders	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15,000	25%	17,250	27.71%
Total	9000	100%	45,000	100%	60,000	100%	62,250	100%

# Article 3 The registered name of the Company:

Chinese: 福建诺奇股份有限公司

English: Fujian Nuoqi Co., Ltd.

Article 4 Domicile of the Company: Room 2602, Block 5,

Jialong Shangdu, Jitai Road,

Economic and Technical Development Zone,

Quanzhou

Postcode: 362000 Tel: 86-0595-28265777 Facsimile: 86-595-28230999

Article 5 The Chairman of the Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") of the

Company is the legal representative of the Company.

Article 6 The Company's term of operation is not subject to any time limit.

Article 7 The capital of the Company shall be divided into shares of equal value. The

shareholders shall be responsible for the Company to the extent of the shares held by

them. The Company shall bear the liabilities for its debts with all its assets.

Article 8 The Articles of Association take effect on the day the relevant resolution at the general

meeting of the Company is passed. The previous Articles of Association and its

amendments automatically terminate when the Articles of Association take effect.

Article 9 From the date of the Articles of Association becoming effective, the Articles of

Association constitute a legally binding document regulating the Company's

organization and behavior, and the rights and obligations between the Company and

the shareholders and among the shareholders.

Article 10 The Articles of Association are binding on the Company and its shareholders, directors,

supervisors, president and other senior management, all of whom may assert rights in

respect of the Company's affairs in accordance with the Articles of Association.

Shareholders shall have the right to take legal proceedings against the Company; the

Company shall have the right to take legal proceedings against its shareholders;

shareholders shall have the right to take legal proceedings against other shareholders;

and shareholders and the Company shall have the right to take legal proceedings

against directors, supervisors, presidents and other members of the senior

management of the Company.

The term "legal proceedings" mentioned in the preceding paragraph shall include the

commencement of legal proceedings before a court or application for arbitration to an

arbitration organization.

Article 11 The Company may invest in other limited liability companies or the joint-stock companies, and shall be responsible for the invested companies to the extent of the capital contributions it has made.

However, unless stipulated by laws and administrative rules otherwise, the Company shall not be jointly and severally liable to such enterprise(s) for their liabilities as their investor.

Article 12 Other senior management referred to in the Articles of Association include the manager, vice manager, chief financial officer, and secretary to the Board.

# **Chapter 2 Purpose and Scope of Business**

- Article 13 The operation purpose of the Company is to strive for innovation and pursue perfection with the building of high-end fashion brand with international influence, and to provide customers with high quality products and services.
- Article 14 The business scope of the Company includes: the wholesale and retail of products, including garments, apparel, footwear, suitcases, leather products, cultural and sport products, jewelry, bedding products, toys, eye wear, and chemical consumer products; the development of computer-based software and hardware. (The above operations involve business licenses, and shall not be conducted without approvals by the relevant government bodies.) Approval shall be obtained in accordance with the law for matters that fall within the operating scope of the company and are subject to approval in accordance with laws and regulations.

## **Chapter 3 Share and Registered Capital**

- Article 15 The Company shall have ordinary shares at all times. It may have other kinds of shares according to needs, upon approval of the examination and approval department authorized by the State Council.
- Article 16 The Company's shares shall be issued in accordance with the principles of openness, fairness, and equality, with equal rights attributed to each of the shares of the same class.

Shares of the same class issued at the same time shall be issued at the same conditions and same price per share; the same price per share shall be paid for the shares subscribed for by any institution or individual.

Article 17 Shares issued by the Company shall have a par value that is RMB 0.2 per share.

The "RMB" mentioned above refers to legal currency of the PRC.

Article 18 With the approval of the securities regulatory authority under the State Council, the Company may issue shares to domestic and overseas investors.

The "overseas investors" mentioned above refer to the investors of foreign countries and regions including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan who have subscribed for the shares issued by the Company. The term "domestic investors" refers to those investors who have subscribed for shares issued by the Company in PRC other than those regions mentioned above.

Article 19 Shares issued by the Company to domestic investors and subscribed for in RMB shall be referred to as "domestic shares". Shares issued by the Company to overseas investors and subscribed for in foreign currency shall be referred to as "foreign shares". Foreign shares listed overseas shall refer to overseas listed foreign shares.

The "foreign currency" mentioned above refers to legal currencies of other countries or regions other than RMB that is approved by the State Regulatory Authority of Foreign Exchange and may be used to pay as the share capital to the Company.

The domestic shares and foreign shares, the listing of which is granted by the securities regulatory authority under the State Council on any overseas stock exchange, are collectively referred to as the shares to be listed overseas.

Shareholders of domestic shares and shareholders of foreign shares are both shareholders of ordinary shares, enjoying and assuming the same rights and obligations.

Article 20 Subject to the approval by the securities regulatory authority under the State Council, shareholders of domestic shares may transfer their shares to overseas investors and trade these shares on any overseas stock exchange. The listing and trading of these transferred shares on an overseas stock exchange shall comply with the regulatory procedures, regulations, and requirements of such overseas stock exchange. In case of trading of the transferred shares on an overseas stock exchange, no class shareholders' meeting is required.

Subject to the approval by the securities regulatory authority under the State Council, shareholders of non-overseas listed shares may list and trade their shares on any overseas stock exchange. The listing and trading of these shares on an overseas stock exchange shall comply with the regulatory procedures, regulations, and requirements of such overseas stock exchange. In case of trading of the shares on an overseas stock exchange, no class shareholders' meeting is required.

Article 21 On 9 December 2013, the China Securities Regulatory Commission gave approval to the Company pursuant to "Approval of the issue of overseas listed foreign shares by Fujian Nuoqi Co., Ltd." (Commission permit [2013] No. 1549) to issue overseas listed foreign shares. The Company has also obtained approval from the Stock Exchange. The Company's H Shares were listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange on 9 January 2014.

The Company has a total issued share capital of 610,794,000 ordinary shares, comprising 450,000,000 domestic shares and 160,794,000 overseas listed foreign shares (the number of overseas listed foreign shares issued pursuant to the partial exercise of overallotment options is 10,794,000 shares).

Article 22 Regarding the plan for issuing overseas listed foreign shares and domestic shares by the Company as approved by the securities regulatory authority under the State Council, the Board of the Company may arrange for the implementation of such plan through separate issues.

The Company's plan for the separate issues of overseas listed foreign shares and domestic shares in accordance with the above paragraph may be implemented separately within 15 months of the date of approval by the securities regulatory authority under the State Council.

Article 23 In issuing the planned shares, the Company shall issue the overseas listed foreign shares and the domestic shares in single tranches respectively. Where there are special circumstances such that the shares cannot be issued in one tranche, the Company may issue the shares in several tranches, subject to approval by the securities regulatory authority under the State Council.

Article 24 The Company's registered capital is RMB122,158,800.

Article 25 The Company may approve of capital increases in accordance with relevant provisions of the Articles of Association depending on its business and development requirements.

The Company may increase its capital by:

- (1) issuing new shares to non-specific investors;
- (2) placing new shares to existing shareholders;
- (3) distributing new shares to existing shareholders;
- (4) converting provident fund into share capital increases;
- (5) other means permitted by laws and administrative regulations.

Upon approval in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association, the increase of capital by the Company shall be implemented in accordance with the relevant national laws, administrative regulations.

- Article 26 Unless otherwise required by laws or administrative regulations, shares of the Company may be freely transferred with no lien attached.
- Article 27 The Company shall not accept its shares as the subject of pledge.
- Article 28 Shares of the Company held by the promoters shall not be transferred within one year following the date of incorporation of the Company.

Shares prior to the public issuance of shares of the Company shall not be transferred within one year following the date when the Company's shares are listed on any stock exchange for trading.

Directors, supervisors, and senior management of the Company shall declare to the Company their shareholdings in the Company and the changes therein, and shall transfer no more than 25% of their total shareholdings in the Company each year during their term of office. Shares of the Company held them shall not be transferred within one year following the date when the Company's shares are listed for trading. The above personnel shall not transfer their shareholdings in the Company within half year after their resignation.

Article 29 In the event that any of the Company's directors, supervisors, and senior management as well as its shareholders each holding more than 5% shares in the Company sell their shares within 6 months after the purchase of such shares, or purchase shares within 6 months after the sale of such shares, all proceeds obtained there from shall be vested in the Company, and the Board will forfeit such proceeds. However, for a securities company that holds more than 5% shares due to its underwriting of unsold shares, the sale of such shares shall not be subject to the 6-month period restriction. In the event that the Board fails to comply with the provisions of the preceding paragraph, shareholders have the right to request the Board to implement the related provisions within 30 days. In the event that the Board fails to implement the requirements within the period specified above, shareholders may initiate litigation in the People's Court directly in their own names for the interest of the Company.

In the event that the Board does not comply with the provisions of the first paragraph of the Articles of Association, the responsible director or directors shall bear joint and several liabilities according to the law.

#### **Chapter 4 Capital Reduction and Share Repurchase**

- Article 30 Under the condition that relevant provisions of national laws and administrative regulations have been complied with, the Company may reduce its registered capital in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association.
- Article 31 The Company shall prepare a balance sheet and an inventory of assets when it reduces its registered capital.

The Company shall notify its creditors within 10 days of adopting the resolution to reduce its registered capital, and shall publish an announcement to that effect in the newspapers three times within 30 days of the said date. Creditor shall be entitled to require the Company to repay its debts in full or to provide a corresponding guarantee of repayment within 30 days of receiving the written notice, or within 45 days of the date of the announcement for those who did not receive the written notice.

The registered capital of the Company after capital reduction shall not be less than the statutory minimum.

- Article 32 The Company may repurchase its outstanding shares in accordance with procedures provided for in the Articles of Association, and upon approvals from relevant administrative authorities or stock exchange, in the following circumstances:
  - cancellation of shares for the purpose of reducing the registered capital of the Company;

- (2) merger with another company that holds shares in the Company;
- (3) distribution of share to employees of the Company as rewards;
- (4) request from shareholders of the Company to repurchase their shareholdings due to their objection to the resolution of merger or division made at a shareholders' general meeting;
- (5) other circumstances as permitted by laws and administrative regulations.

Repurchase of issued shares by the Company shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Articles 33 to 36 of these Articles.

- Article 33 The Company may repurchase its shares by approval of the relevant authorities of the state in the following ways:
  - (1) issuing repurchase offers to all shareholders in the same proportions;
  - (2) repurchasing through open on-market transactions;
  - (3) repurchasing by off-market agreement;
  - (4) other means authorized by the China securities regulatory authority.
- Article 34 The Company's repurchase of its shares by off-market agreement is subject to prior approval by the shareholders' general meeting in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association. Upon prior approval by the shareholders' general meeting in the same manner, the Company may rescind or change the contracts concluded in the manner set forth above, or waive any of its rights in such contracts.

The share repurchase contracts referred to in the above paragraph shall include (but not limited to) agreements whereby it's agreed to bear the obligation and obtain the right to repurchase shares.

The Company may not transfer its contract for the repurchase of its shares or any of its rights therein. That, where the Company has the rights to repurchase the redeemable shares, repurchases not made through the market or by tender shall not exceed a certain maximum price limit; if repurchases are made by tender, such tenders shall be made available to all shareholders alike.

Article 35 Following the legal repurchase of shares by the Company, such shares shall be deregistered within the period prescribed by laws, administrative regulations, and the Articles of Association, and the Company shall apply to the original company registry for registration of the change in registered capital. The total par value of the deregistered shares shall be deducted from the registered capital of the Company.

The circumstances categorized under (1) to (3) of Article 32 of the Article of Association shall be approved by resolution of shareholders' general meeting. In circumstances categorized under provision (1) of Article 32 of the Articles of Association, the Company shall deregister such shares within 10 days of the date of repurchase; in circumstances categorized under provisions (2) and (4), such shares shall be transferred or deregistered within 6 months.

Shares of the Company repurchased for distribution to employees as rewards in accordance with provision (3) of Article 32 shall not exceed 5% of the total shares issued by the Company. Funds used for such repurchase shall be paid out of the Company's profit after tax, and the repurchased shares shall be transferred to employees within one year.

- Article 36 The Company shall comply with the following provisions when repurchasing its issued and outstanding shares, unless the Company is already in the process of liquidation:
  - (1) In the event that shares of the Company are repurchased at par value, the payment therefore shall be deducted from the Company's book balance of distributable profit and the proceeds from a new share issue made to repurchase old shares;
  - (2) In the event that shares of the Company are repurchased at a price higher than the par value, the portion equivalent to the par value shall be deducted from the Company's book balance of distributable profit and the proceeds from a new share issue made to repurchase old shares; and the portion in excess of the par value shall be handled as follows:
    - in the event that shares are repurchased at par value, the payment therefore shall be deducted from the book balance of distributable profit of the Company;

- 2. in the event that shares are repurchased at a price higher than the par value, the payment therefore shall be deducted from the Company's book balance of distributable profit and the proceeds from a new share issue made to repurchase old shares; provided, however, that the amount deducted from the proceeds from the new share issue shall not exceed the total premium obtained at the time of issuance of the old shares, nor shall it exceed the balance of the premium account (or capital reserve account) of the Company (including the premiums from the new share issue) at the time of repurchase;
- (3) Payments by the Company for purposes set forth below shall be paid out of the distributable profits of the Company:
  - 1. acquisition of the right to repurchase its shares;
  - 2. modification of the contract for the repurchase of its shares;
  - 3. release from any of its obligations under the repurchase contract.
- (4) After the par value of the deregistered shares has been deducted from the registered capital of the Company in accordance with relevant regulations, the amount deducted from the distributable profits for repurchasing the portion of the par value of shares shall be included in the premium account (or capital reserve account) of the Company.
- Article 37 The Company shall apply to the registration authority for registration of the change of its increase or reduction of the registered share capital.

#### Chapter 5 Financial Assistance for Purchase of the Company's Shares

Article 38 The Company or its subsidiaries shall not provide any financial assistance in any form and at any time to purchasers or prospective purchasers of shares of the Company. Purchasers of shares of the Company described above shall include persons that directly or indirectly undertake obligations due to their purchase of the Company's shares.

The Company or its subsidiaries shall not provide financial assistance in any form and at any time to the above obligors in order to reduce or discharge their obligations.

The provisions of this Article do not apply to the circumstances described in Article 40 of this Chapter.

- Article 39 The financial assistances referred to in this Chapter shall include (but not limited to) those given by way of:
  - (1) gift;
  - (2) guarantee (including the undertaking of liability or the provision of property by the guarantor in order to secure the performance of the obligation by the obligor), compensation (however, not including compensation arising from faults made by the Company), and the release or waiver of rights;
  - (3) provision of a loan or conclusion of a contract under which the obligations of the Company are to be fulfilled prior to the obligations of the other party, and a change in the parties to such loan or contract as well as the transfer of rights under such loan or contract;
  - (4) financial assistance in any other form when the Company is insolvent or has no net assets, or when such assistance would lead to a major reduction in the net assets of the Company. The undertaking of obligations referred to in this Chapter shall include the undertaking of an obligation by the obligor through concluding a contract or making an arrangement (regardless of whether such contract or arrangement is enforceable or not, and whether such obligation is undertaken by the obligor individually or jointly with any other person), or through changing its financial position in any other way.
- Article 40 The following actions shall not be regarded as actions prohibited under Article 38 of this Chapter:
  - (1) the Company provides the relevant financial assistance in good faith for the benefit of the Company, and the main purpose of such assistance is not for the purchase of shares of the Company, or such assistance is a part of an general project plan of the Company;
  - (2) the Company lawfully distributes its assets as dividends;
  - (3) the Company distributes dividends in the form of shares;
  - (4) the Company reduces its registered capital, repurchase its shares, or adjust its shareholding structure in accordance with these Articles;

- (5) the Company provides a loan by the Company in the ordinary course of its business and within its business scope (provided that such action does not lead to a reduction in the net assets of the Company, or that the financial assistance is paid out of the distributable profits of the Company if a reduction of net assets does occur);
- (6) the Company provides money for an employee shareholding scheme (provided that such action does not lead to a reduction in the net assets of the Company, or that the financial assistance is paid from the distributable profits of the Company if a reduction of net assets does occur).

#### **Chapter 6 Shares and Shareholder Register**

# Article 41 Shares of the Company shall be in bearer shares.

In addition to the particulars provided for in the Company Law, the share certificates of the Company shall clearly indicate such other particulars as required to be specified by the stock exchange on which shares of the Company are listed. The regulations of the place where the share are listed shall be applied in condition of paperless transactions of shares.

During the time of overseas listed shares listed in the Stock Exchange, the Company shall ensure that all its listing documents and share certificates include the statements stipulated below and shall instruct and cause each of its share registrars not to register the subscription, purchase or transfer of any of its shares in the name of any particular holder unless and until such holder delivers to such share registrar a signed form in respect of such shares bearing statements to the following effect:

- (1) the acquirer of shares agrees with the Company and each of its shareholder, and the Company agrees with each shareholder, to observe and comply with the Company Law, the Special Regulations and the Articles of Association;
- (2) the acquirer of shares agrees with the Company, each of its shareholders, directors, supervisors, managers and other senior management and the Company (acting for the Company and for each director, supervisor, managers and other senior management) agrees with each shareholder, to refer all differences and claims arising from its Articles or any rights or obligations conferred or imposed by the Company Law or other relevant laws and administrative regulations concerning the affairs of the Company to arbitration in accordance with the Articles of Association. Any reference to arbitration will be deemed to authorize the arbitration tribunal to conduct hearing in open session and to publish its award. Such arbitration will be final and conclusive;

- (3) the acquirer of shares agrees with the Company and each shareholders that shares in the Company are freely transferable by the holder of such shares; and
- (4) the acquirer of shares authorizes the Company to enter into a contract on his behalf with each director, manager and other senior management whereby such directors, manager and officers undertake to observe and comply with their obligations to shareholders stipulated in the Articles of Association.
- Article 42 The share certificates of the Company shall be signed by the chairman. In the event that signatures of other senior management of the Company are required by the stock exchange on which shares of the Company are listed, the share certificates shall also be signed by such other senior management. The share certificates shall become effective once the Company's seal (including the Company's securities seal) is affixed thereto or printed thereon. Authorization by the Board shall be attained prior to the Company's seal or securities seal being affixed or printed on the share certificates of the Company. The signature of the chairman or other senior management on the share certificates may also be in printed form.
- Article 43 The Company shall establish the shareholder register for the non-overseas listed shares, based on the credentials provided by the domestic securities regulatory body. The company shall set up the register of shareholders of overseas listed shares in Hong Kong to register the following matters:
  - (1) each shareholder's name, address (domicile), occupation or nature;
  - (2) class and quantity of the shares held by each shareholder;
  - (3) amount paid or payable for the shares held by each shareholder;
  - (4) serial number of the shares held by each shareholder;
  - (5) each shareholder's date of registration as a shareholder;
  - (6) each shareholder's date of termination as a shareholder.

The shareholder register is the full proof of a shareholder's holding of the Company shares, unless there's evidence to the contrary.

Any issuance or transfer of overseas-listed shares shall be registered in the register of shareholders of overseas-listed shares maintained in the place where such shares are listed according to the Articles of Association.

Where 2 or more persons are registered as the joint shareholders, they shall be deemed as the joint shareholders of such shares, and shall be subject to the following provisions:

- (1) The Company may not register more than 4 persons as joint shareholders for any share;
- (2) The joint shareholders shall jointly or individually assume the responsibility for amounts of fees payable for relevant shares;
- (3) In the event that any shareholder among the joint shareholders deceases, only the other remaining shareholders of the joint shareholders shall be deemed as the joint owners of the relevant shares. However, the Board has the right to require the presentation of the death certificate of the deceased for effectuating the change in the register of the shareholders; and
- (4) Among the joint shareholders of any shares, only the shareholder that is listed first in the register of shareholders shall be entitled to receive the share certificate of the relevant shares, to receive notices, and to attend the shareholders' general meeting and enjoy full voting power of the relevant shares. Any notice received by such shareholder shall be deemed as having been served to all fellow joint shareholders.

Article 44 The Company may, in accordance with mutual understanding and agreements made between the China securities regulatory authority and overseas securities regulatory authorities, maintain the register of shareholders for overseas-listed shares overseas and appoint an overseas agent as manager. The original register of shareholders for overseas listed shares listed in Hong Kong shall be maintained in Hong Kong.

A duplicate copy of the register of shareholders for the holders of overseas listed shares shall be maintained at the Company's residence. The appointed overseas agent(s) shall at all times ensure consistency between the original and the duplicate copy of the register of shareholders.

In the event of any inconsistency between the original and the duplicate copy of the register of shareholders for overseas listed shares, the original register of shareholders shall prevail.

Article 45 The Company shall maintain a complete register of shareholders.

A register of shareholders shall include the following components:

- (1) the register of shareholders that is maintained at the Company's residence (other than those share registers described in sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Article);
- (2) the register of shareholders in respect of the holders of overseas listed shares that is maintained in the same place as the overseas stock exchange on which the shares are listed;
- (3) the registers of shareholders that are maintained in such other places as the Board may consider necessary for the purpose of listing the Company's shares.
- Article 46 Parts of the register of shareholders shall not overlap. No transfer of shares registered in any part of the register shall, during the continuous period of such registration, be registered in any other part of the register.

All fully paid overseas listed foreign shares listed in Hong Kong may be freely transferred, bestowed, inherited or pledged in accordance with the Articles of Association; unless the following conditions are met, the Board may refuse to recognize any instruments of transfer without cause and at will:

- (1) a fee of 2.50 Hong Kong dollars (per instrument of transfer), or such higher amount as the Board may from time to time dictate but not exceeding the amount permitted from time to time by the Listing Rules of Stock Exchange, shall have been paid to the Company for registration of the instrument of transfer and other documents relating to, or that will affect the ownership of shares;
- (2) the instrument of transfer shall only relate to overseas listed foreign shares listed in Hong Kong;
- (3) the stamp duty that is chargeable on the instrument of transfer shall have been paid;
- (4) the relevant share certificate(s) and any other certificate that the Board may reasonably require to evidence that transfer rights in the transferor shall have been provided;
- (5) should it be intended that the shares be transferred to joint owners, the maximum number of joint owners shall not exceed 4;

(6) the Company shall not have any liens on the relevant shares;

Changes and corrections to each part of the register of shareholders shall be carried out in accordance with the laws of the places where each part is kept.

All transfers of overseas listed foreign shares shall be effected by a written instrument of transfer in an ordinary or usual form or any other form acceptable to the Board (including the standard transfer format or form of transfer specified by the Stock Exchange from time to time), which shall be signed under hand by the transferor and the transferee. Where the transferor or transferee is a recognized clearing house (a "Recognized Clearing House") as defined by the relevant laws and regulations at the place of listing of the shares of the Company or its nominee, the instrument of transfer may be signed under hand or in a machine-imprinted format. All instruments of transfer shall be maintained at the legal address of the Company or such other places as the Board may specify from time to time.

Should the Company refuse to register any transfer of shares, it shall, within 2 months from the date of the formal application for the transfer, provide the transferor and the transferee with a notice stating its refusal of registration of such transfer.

Article 47 No changes resulting from share transfers may be made to the register of shareholders within 30 days prior to a shareholders' general meeting or 5 days prior to the reference date set by the Company for the purpose of distribution of dividends.

Amendments to any part of the register of shareholders of the non-overseas-listed shares, shall be made in accordance with the laws of the PRC.

Article 48 When the Company is to convene a shareholders' general meeting, distribute dividends, be liquidated, or to carry out other acts requiring confirming of equity interests, the Board or the Board meeting convener shall decide a date for the record date. Shareholders whose names appear on the register at the end of the record date shall be the shareholders of the Company.

Article 49 Any person that challenges the register of shareholders and requires his name to be entered into or removed from the register may apply to a court with such jurisdiction for correction of the register.

Article 50 Any shareholder who is registered in the register of shareholders or requires his name to be entered into the register of shareholders may apply to the Company for issuance of a replacement certificate in respect of such shares ("Relevant Shares") if his share certificates ("Original Share Certificate") is lost.

Applications for a replacement share certificate by shareholders of non-overseas-listed shares shall be addressed pursuant to the relevant requirements of the Company Law.

Applications for a replacement share certificate by holders of overseas listed shares shall be addressed pursuant to the law, the rules of the stock exchange, or other relevant regulations of the jurisdiction in which the original register of shareholders for overseas-listed shares is maintained.

With respect to holders of overseas listed Shares who have lost their share certificates, the replacement of share certificate shall comply with the following requirements:

- (1) The applicant shall submit an application to the Company in a prescribed form along with a notarization or a statutory declaration stating the grounds upon which the application is made and the circumstances and evidence of the loss. Moreover, the applicant shall declare that no other person shall be entitled to have his name entered into the register of shareholders with respect to the Relevant Shares.
- (2) The Company shall not have received any declaration made by any person other than the applicant declaring that his name shall be entered into the register of shareholders with respect to such shares (prior to the issue of a replacement share certificate to the applicant).
- (3) In the event that the Company intends to issue a replacement share certificate to an applicant, it shall publish an announcement of such intention at least once every 30 days within a period of 90 days in the newspaper as prescribed by the Board.

- (4) Prior to its publication, the Company shall deliver, to the stock exchange on which its shares are listed, a copy of aforementioned announcement. The Company may publish the announcement upon receipt of confirmation from such stock exchange confirming the announcement has been exhibited on the premises of said stock exchange. Such announcement shall be exhibited on the premises of the stock exchange for a period of 90 days. In case an application for a replacement share certificate 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 announcement to be published.
- (5) Upon expiration of the 90-day period referred to in the provisions (3) and (4) of this Article, the Company may issue the replacement share certificate to the applicant in the event that the Company has not received any objections from any person with respect to the issuance of a replacement share certificate.
- (6) When the Company issues a replacement share certificate pursuant to the provisions of this Article, it shall cancel the original share certificate and record the cancellation of said original share certificate, along with the issuance of the replacement share certificate in the register of shareholders.
- (7) All expenses relating to the cancellation of the original share certificate and the issuance of a replacement share certificate shall be borne by the applicant, and the Company shall have the right to refuse to take any action until reasonable guarantee is provided by the applicant.

Where the Company issues a replacement share certificate pursuant to the Articles of Association, as for a bona fide purchaser obtaining the new share certificate referred to above or a shareholder registered as a owner of the relevant shares (in case of a bona fide purchaser), his name (title) shall not be removed from the register of shareholders.

Article 51 The Company shall not be liable for any damages sustained by any person by reason of the cancellation of the original share certificate or the issuance of the replacement share certificate, unless the said person claiming damage proves that the Company has acted in a deceitful manner.

#### **Chapter 7 Right and Obligations of Shareholders**

Article 52 The Company's shareholders are persons that lawfully hold shares of the Company and whose names (titles) are entered in the register of shareholders.

Shareholders shall enjoy rights and have obligations according to the category and number of shares held by them. Holders of shares of the same category shall enjoy equal rights and have equal obligations.

The Company shall not exercise any of its rights to freeze or otherwise impair any of the rights attached to any shares of the Company by reason only that a person or persons who are interested directly or indirectly therein have failed to disclose their interests to the Company.

# Article 53 The ordinary shareholders of the Company shall be entitled to the following rights:

- (1) the right to dividends and other distributions in proportion to the number of shares held;
- (2) the right to attend or appoint a proxy to attend shareholders' general meetings and to exercise the voting right thereat in accordance with the laws;
- (3) the right to supervise and manage the business activities of the Company and to put forward proposals and raise inquiries;
- (4) the right to transfer shares in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations and provisions of the Articles of Association;
- (5) the right to obtain relevant information in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association, including:
  - (i) the right to obtain a copy of the Articles of Association, subject to payment of the cost of such copy;
  - (ii) the right to inspect and copy, subject to payment of a reasonable charge:
    - 1. the register of all shareholders;
    - personal particulars of each of the Company's directors, supervisors, managers and other senior management including:
      - (a) present name and alias and any former name and alias;
      - (b) principal address (residence);

- (c) nationality;
- (d) primary and all other part-time occupations;
- (e) identification document and its number.
- (iii) the state of the Company's share capital;
- (iv) the latest audited financial statements and the reports of the Board, auditors and the supervisory committee;
- (v) the special resolution of the Company;
- (vi) reports showing the aggregate par value, quantity, maximum and minimum price paid in respect of each class of shares repurchased by the Company since the end of the last accounting year and the aggregate amount incurred by the Company for this purpose;
- (vii) a copy of the latest annual review report, which shall be submitted to the State Administration for Industry and Commerce of the PRC or other authorities for inspection; and
- (viii) minutes of shareholders' general meetings.

The Company shall lodge documents (i) to (viii) excluding (ii) aforementioned and any other applicable documents with the Company's Hong Kong address under the requirements of the Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange, for the purpose of inspection by the public and holders of overseas listed foreign shares free of charge ((viii) aforementioned is for shareholders' inspection only).

- (6) in the event of the termination or liquidation of the Company, to participate in the distribution of remaining assets of the Company in accordance with the number of shares held;
- (7) Request for the Company to repurchase the shareholdings of shareholders who objects to resolutions of mergers and demergers approved in shareholders' general meetings; and
- (8) other rights conferred by laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association.

Article 54 Shareholders who request for the information described in the previous Article shall provide written documentation as proof of their shareholdings" category and amount. The Company shall provide the information as requested upon confirmation of the identification of the shareholders.

Article 55 Shareholders have the right to apply to the civil courts for contents of resolutions of shareholders' general meetings and the Board meeting that is in violation of laws and administrative regulations to be found invalid.

In the event that the convening and voting procedures of shareholders' general meetings and Board meetings that are in violation of laws, administrative regulations, or the Articles of Association, or the contents of resolutions are in violation of the Articles of Association, shareholders have the right to apply to the civil courts for revocation within 60 days of the date of resolutions.

Article 56 In the event that directors and senior management violate laws, administrative regulations, or the Articles of Association whilst performing duties of the Company, resulting in losses for the Company, shareholders that individually or jointly hold over 1% of shares of the Company and continuously for over 180 days have the right to request the Supervisory Committee to begin legal proceedings in the civil courts by written application; in the event that the Supervisory Committee violate laws, administrative regulations, or the Articles of Association whilst performing duties of the Company, resulting in losses for the Company, shareholders described above have the right to request the Board to begin legal proceedings in the civil courts by written application.

In the event that the Supervisory Committee or the Board refuse to begin legal proceedings after receiving the written request of shareholders described in the previous provision, or have not begun legal proceedings within 30 days of receiving the written request, or do not begin legal proceedings immediately under urgent circumstances that will lead to irreparable losses to the interests of the Company, the shareholders described in the previous provision have the right to begin legal proceedings directly with the civil courts for the best interests of the Company.

In the event that the lawful rights of the Company are violated by others resulting in losses, shareholders described in the first provision of this Article may begin legal proceedings with the civil courts in accordance with the previous provisions of this Article.

- Article 57 In the event that directors and senior management act in violation of laws, administrative regulations, or the Articles of Association, resulting in the loss of interests of shareholders, shareholders may begin legal proceedings with the civil courts.
- Article 58 Holders of ordinary shares of the Company shall have the following obligations:
  - (1) Abide by laws, administrative regulations, and the Articles of Association;
  - (2) To pay subscription fees on the basis of the shares subscribed by them and the method of capital injection;
  - (3) Shall not give up their shares other than in circumstances stipulated by laws or regulations;
  - (4) Shall not abuse shareholder rights to damage the interests of the Company or other shareholders; Shall not abuse the independent position and limited liability of the corporate judicial person to damage the interests of the debtors of the Company; Shareholders that abuse their shareholder rights and cause losses for the Company or other shareholders shall be held responsible for compensation in accordance with laws. Shareholders that abuse the independent position and limited liability of the corporate judicial person and evade debts, resulting in serious damages to the interests of debtors of the Company, shall be held responsible for all associated responsibilities of Company debts.
  - (5) Other obligations imposed by laws, administrative regulations, and the Articles of Association.

Shareholders shall not bear any further liabilities to the share capital other than the conditions agreed to by the subscriber of the relevant shares upon subscription.

- Article 59 In addition to obligations imposed by the laws, administrative regulations or required by the Listing Rules of Stock Exchange of the stock exchange on which the shares of the Company 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 some of the shareholders of the Company:
  - (1) to relieve a director or supervisor of his duty to act honestly in the best interest of the Company;

- (2) to approve the deprivation by a director or supervisor (for his own benefit or for the benefit of another person) of the Company's assets by any means, including (without limitation) opportunities advantageous to the Company;
- (3) to approve the deprivation by a director or supervisor (for his own benefit or for the benefit of another person) of the individual rights of other shareholders, including (without limitation) rights to distributions and voting rights save for the restructuring of the Company submitted to shareholders' general meeting for approval in accordance with the Articles of Association.
- Article 60 The term "Controlling Shareholder" referred to in the Articles of Association 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% (inclusive) or more of the voting rights in the Company;
  - (3) a person who, acting alone or in concert with others, holds 30% (inclusive) or more of the issued and outstanding 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.

The term "acting in concert" herein shall mean that two or more persons, through legal means such as agreement (verbal or written), cooperation, affiliate relations, enlarge their control proportion in the shares of the Company or reinforce their control in the Company and take actions expressing the same will when exercising the voting rights of the Company.

Article 61 The controlling shareholders and actual controllers of the Company shall not use the connected relations to damage the interests of the Company; otherwise they shall make compensation for the loss incurred to the Company.

The controlling shareholders and actual controllers of the Company shall act honestly to the Company and general public shareholders. The controlling shareholders shall duly exercise contributors' rights according to law, shall not damage the legitimate rights and interests of the Company and general public shareholders by such means as profit distribution, asset reorganization, external investment, fund appropriation and loan guarantee and shall not abuse its controlling status to damage the interests of the Company and general public shareholders.

Article 62 Shareholders that hold over 5% of shares of the Company with voting rights and intend to pledge their shareholding shall submit a written report to the Company on the day of such action.

## **Chapter 8 the Shareholders' General Meetings**

- Section 1 General Rules of Shareholders' meetings
- Article 63 The shareholders' general meeting shall be the authoritative organization of the Company and shall exercise the functions and powers in accordance with laws.
- Article 64 The shareholders' general meeting shall exercise the functions and powers to:
  - (1) decide on the business policies and investment plans of the Company;
  - (2) elect and replace directors and to decide on the matters relating to the remuneration of directors;
  - (3) elect and replace non-employee supervisors, and to decide on the matters relating the remuneration of supervisors;
  - (4) deliberate and approve reports of the Board;
  - (5) deliberate and approve reports of the Supervisory Committee;
  - (6) deliberate and approve the annual financial budget and final account proposals of the Company;
  - (7) deliberate and approve the Company's plans for profit distribution and making up losses;
  - (8) make resolutions concerning the increase or reduction of the Company's registered capital;

- (9) make resolutions on matters such as the mergers, divisions, dissolution, liquidation, or changes to the structure of the Company;
- (10) make resolutions on the issuance of debentures by the Company;
- (11) make resolutions on the engagement, dismissal and non-reappointment of the Company's accounting firm;
- (12) amend the Articles of Association;
- (13) deliberate and approve changes to the usage of raised funds;
- (14) deliberate the motions raised by the board of supervisors and shareholders as stipulated by the Articles of Association;
- (15) deliberate any purchase or disposal with the amount exceeding 30% of the Company's latest audited net assets within one year;
- (16) deliberate any connected transaction that requires the approval by the shareholders in accordance with the Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange from time to time;
- (17) deliberate any transaction that requires the approval by the shareholders in accordance with the Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange from time to time;
- (18) deliberate the external guarantee listed in Article 65 of the Articles of Association;
- (19) deliberate the stock option incentive plan;
- (20) deliberate other matters as required to be decided in the shareholders' general meetings in accordance with laws, administrative regulations, departmental regulations, and the Listing Rules of the place of listing of the Company or the Articles of Association. Except for the matters above and the other matters shall be deliberate and approve by the shareholders' general meeting, the shareholders' general meeting may authorize or engage the Board to attend to matters authorized or engaged by the shareholders' general meeting, or the manager to attend to matters authorized or engaged by the Board within the authorized power of the Articles of Association.

- Article 65 Any of the external guarantees shall be deliberated and approved by the shareholders' general meeting, shall be subject to the deliberation and approval of the Board before presenting the proposal to the shareholders' general meeting, including but not limited in the cases set below:
  - (1) any subsequent guarantee of the Company and its controlling subsidiaries after the total amount of external guarantees reaches or exceeds 50% of the latest audited net assets;
  - (2) any guarantee provided with a gearing ratio of over 70%;
  - (3) any single guarantee exceeding 10% of the latest audited net assets;
  - (4) any guarantee provided to shareholders, actual controllers, and their respective connected parties of the Company;
  - (5) any subsequent guarantee after the total amount of guarantees for 12 consecutive months exceeding 30% of the latest audited total assets of the Company;
  - (6) any subsequent guarantee after the total amount of guarantees for 12 consecutive months exceeding 50% of the latest audited net assets, and with an amount of more than RMB 50 million;
  - (7) any other guarantee as required by the local stock exchange where the shares of the Company is listed and the Articles of Association.

In provision (4) of this Article, the shareholders or the shareholders controlled by the actual controllers shall refrain from the voting, and this voting shall be passed by more than half of other shareholders attending the shareholders' general meeting.

References to "external guarantees" in the Articles of Association are to guarantees provided by the Company in favour of other persons, including guarantees provided by the Company in favour of its controlling subsidiaries. References to "the aggregate amount of external guarantees provided by the Company and its controlling subsidiaries" are to the sum of the aggregate amount of external guarantees provided by the Company, including those in favour of its controlling subsidiaries, and the aggregate amount of external guarantees provided by controlling subsidiaries of the Company."

Article 66 The Company shall not, without prior approval of shareholders at general meetings as special resolution, enter into any contract with any person other than a director, supervisor, manager and other senior management whereby the administration of the whole or any substantial part of the business of the Company is to be handed over to such person.

Article 67 The shareholders' general meeting shall include annual general meetings and extraordinary general meetings. The shareholders' general meeting shall be convened by the Board. Annual general meetings shall be held once every year, and within 6 months of the end of the preceding financial year. The Board shall convene an extraordinary general meetings within 2 months of the occurrence of any of the following circumstances:

- (1) the number of directors is less than the number provided for in the Company Law or less than 2/3 of the total as required by the Articles of Association;
- (2) the losses of the Company that have not been made up reach 1/3 of the total share capital of the Company;
- (3) shareholders, individually or jointly, holding 10% (including 10%, excluding voting proxy)or more of the Company's issued and outstanding voting shares, request to convene an extraordinary general meetings in writing;
- (4) when deemed necessary by the Board or proposed by the Supervisory Committee;
- (5) when independent director(s) propose and ,more than a half of the independent directors approve to hold such meeting;
- (6) other circumstances as required by laws, administrative regulations, departmental regulations, or the Articles of Association. The number of shares in provision (3) above shall be calculated from the date which the shareholders raise the written request.
- Article 68 Independent directors shall have the right to propose to the Board to convene an extraordinary general meeting. Regarding the proposal of the independent director to convene an extraordinary general meeting, the Board shall, according to relevant laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association, give a written reply on whether to convene the extraordinary general meeting within 10 days after receipt of the proposal.

If the Board agrees to convene the extraordinary general meeting, it shall serve a notice of such meeting within 5 days after the resolution is made by the Board. If the Board does not agree to hold the extraordinary general meeting, it shall give the reasons and make an announcement in respect thereof.

Article 69

The Supervisory Committee shall have the right to propose to the Board to convene an extraordinary general meeting, and shall put forward its proposal to the Board in writing. The Board shall, according to relevant laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association, give a written reply on whether to convene the extraordinary general meeting within 10 days after receipt of the proposal.

If the Board agrees to convene the extraordinary general meeting, it shall serve a notice of such meeting within 5 days after the resolution is made by the Board. In the event of any change to the original proposal set forth in the notice, the consent of the Supervisory Committee is required.

If the Board does not agree to hold the extraordinary general meeting or fails to give a written reply within 10 days after receipt of the proposal, it shall be deemed as unable to perform or failing to perform the duty of convening the extraordinary general meeting, and the Supervisory Committee may convene and preside over the meeting by itself.

Article 70

Shareholders that, either individually or jointly, hold over 10% of shares of the Company shall have the right to propose to the Board to convene an extraordinary general meeting. The Board shall, according to relevant laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association, give a written reply on whether to convene the extraordinary general meeting within 10 days after receipt of the proposal.

In the event that the Board agrees to convene an extraordinary general meeting, a notice of the shareholders' general meeting shall be provided within 5 days of such resolution by the Board. Alterations to the original proposals in the notice shall be approved by the relevant shareholders.

In the event that the Board disagrees with the convening of an extraordinary general meeting, or fails to provide any feedback within 10 days after receiving the proposal, shareholders that, either individually or jointly, hold over 10% of shares of the Company have the right to propose to the Supervisory Committee for the convening of an extraordinary general meeting, and such proposal shall be made in writing to the Supervisory Committee.

In the event that the Supervisory Committee agrees to convene an extraordinary general meeting, a notice of the shareholders' general meeting shall be provided within 5 days of such resolution by the Board. Alterations to the original proposals in the notice shall be approved by the relevant shareholders.

In the event that the Supervisory Committee did not provide a notice of the shareholders' general meeting within the specified timeframe, the Supervisory Committee shall be considered to be unwilling to convene and preside over the shareholders' general meeting. The shareholders that, either individually or jointly, old over 10% of shares of the Company for a period of 90 consecutive days or more may at their sole discretion convene and preside over the extraordinary general meeting in accordance with the Articles of Association.

Any reasonable fees associated with shareholders' convening and hosting the meeting at their sole discretion due to the unwillingness of the Board to do so as described above shall be borne by the Company, and shall be deducted from the fees payable to the directors that neglected their duties.

Article 71 In the event that the Supervisory Committee or shareholders at the sole discretion decide to convene a shareholders' general meeting, it shall notify the Board of the same in writing, as well as file with the branches of the China securities regulatory authority in the place where the Company is located and related securities exchanges. Prior to the publication of the resolutions of the shareholders' general meeting, the shareholdings, either individually or jointly, of shareholders that intend to convene the meeting shall not fall below 10%.

Whilst publishing the notice and resolutions of the shareholders' general meeting, the shareholders that intend to convene the meeting shall provide related validation materials to the branches of the China securities regulatory authority in the place where the Company is located and related securities exchanges.

Article 72 The Board and the Secretary of the Board shall provide cooperation for the shareholders' general meetings convened by the Supervisory Committee or shareholders at the sole discretion. The Board shall provide the register of members as of the date of record. The Company shall be responsible for necessary fees related to the shareholders' general meetings convened by the Supervisory Committee or shareholders at the sole discretion.

Article 73 When the Company is to hold a shareholders' general meeting, it shall give a written notice 45 days prior to the meeting, informing all the registered shareholders of the matters to be deliberated at the meeting as well as the date and place of the meeting. Shareholders that intend to attend the shareholders' general meeting shall, within 20 days prior to the meeting, deliver a written reply to the Company regarding the proposed attendance.

The date of the meeting shall not be included when the Company calculates the starting date.

Article 74 Based on the written replies received 20 days prior to a shareholders' general meeting, the Company shall calculate the number of shares carrying voting rights of the shareholders intending to attend the meeting. The Company may convene the shareholders' general meeting if the number of the shares carrying voting rights of the shareholders who propose to attend is more than half of the total number of shares carrying voting rights of the Company. If the requirement is not met, the Company shall publish an announcement containing the proposed agenda, date and place of the meeting within 5 days to re-notify the shareholders of the meeting. The Company may convene the shareholders' general meeting after having published the announcement. No matters other than those set out in the notice to convene any extraordinary general meeting shall be determined.

## Article 75 A notice of the shareholders' general meeting shall:

- (1) be in writing;
- (2) specify the place, date and time of the meeting;
- (3) state the matters to be discussed at the meeting;
- (4) provide such information and explanation as are necessary for the shareholders to exercise an informed judgment on the proposals put before them. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, where a proposal is made to amalgamate the Company with another, to repurchase the shares of the Company, to reorganize the share capital structure of the Company or other restructuring, the terms of the proposed transaction shall be provided in detail together with copies of the proposed agreement, if any, and the cause and effect of such proposal shall be properly explained;

- (5) contain a disclosure of the nature and extent, if any, of material interests of any director, supervisor, or any senior management of the Company in the matters to be discussed and the effect of the matters to be discussed on them in their capacity as shareholders so far as it is different from the effect on the interest of shareholders of the same class;
- (6) contain the text of any special resolution proposed to be resolved at the meeting;
- (7) contain conspicuously a statement that a shareholder entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote for and on behalf of him and that a proxy need not also be a shareholder;
- (8) state the time and place for delivery of power of attorney for use at the meeting;
- (9) state the record date for shareholders entitled to attend the meeting; and
- (10) state the name and telephone number of the contact person for the meeting.

If a shareholders' general meeting is convened by the Supervisory Committee or shareholders at the sole discretion in accordance with the Articles of Association, provisions of this Article are applicable to the notice of such shareholders' general meeting.

- Article 76 Notices and supplementary notices of a shareholders' general meeting shall fully and completely disclose all detailed contents of all proposals. For matters to be discussed that require opinions from the independent directors, the opinions of the independent directors and reasons thereof shall be simultaneously disclosed with the notice or supplementary notice of the shareholders' general meeting. For the shareholders' general meetings that utilize website services, the voting time and procedures for such method shall be clearly stated in the notice of the shareholders' general meeting.
- Article 77 If matters relating to election of directors and supervisors are proposed to be discussed at a shareholders' general meeting, detailed information concerning the candidates shall be fully disclosed in the notice of the shareholders' general meeting, which shall at least include the following:
  - (1) educational background, work experience and all other positions undertaken on a part-time basis;

- (2) whether the candidates are connected with the Company, its controlling shareholders or de facto controllers;
- (3) disclosing the candidates "shareholdings in the Company;
- (4) whether the candidates have been subject to any punishment by the China securities regulatory authority or other relevant department or to any sanction by any stock exchange.

In addition to the adoption of the cumulative voting mechanism to elect directors and supervisors, each candidate for directors or supervisors shall be proposed in a separate motion.

- Article 78 While submitting proposals in connection to investment, asset disposal, and merge and acquisition and so on, the details of such matters shall be elaborated, including the amount, the price (or evaluation methods), the book value of the asset ,the influence on the Company and approval details and so on. In the event any asset evaluation, asset audit or the issuance of an independent financial consulting report is required under relevant laws and regulations, the Board shall make an announcement in relation to the asset evaluation, audit or the issuance of an independent financial consulting report 5 business days prior to the shareholders' general meeting.
- Article 79 When raising the motions regarding the changes to the usage of raised funds, the Board shall state the reasons of the changes, the general situation of the new projects and the influenced on the future of the Company.
- Article 80 The notice of a shareholders' general meeting shall be delivered to shareholders (whether or not entitled to vote thereat) by personal delivery or mail postage prepaid to the recipients" address shown in the register of members. By the means accepted by the relevant regulatory authorities at the place of listing, the notice of a shareholders' general meeting may be given through an announcement.

The announcement referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be published in the one or more national newspapers designated by the securities regulatory authority during the period between 45 and 50 days prior to the meeting. Once the announcement is made, all domestic shareholders shall be deemed to have received the notice of the relevant shareholders' general meeting.

Article 81 The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the meeting and the resolutions made at that meeting.

After giving the notice of shareholders' general meeting, the general meeting shall not be postponed or cancelled and the motions set out in the notice shall not be cancelled without proper reasons. In case of any postponement or cancellation of the meeting, the convener shall make a announcement and give the reasons thereof at least 2 business days prior to the date on which the meeting is originally scheduled.

Article 82 The Company shall make it convenient for shareholders to attend shareholders' general meetings by whatever means including the use of virtual online voting platform, provided that the shareholders' general meeting can be held legally and validly through such means, including providing virtual access or any other means for its shareholders to conveniently participate in shareholders' general meetings.

Shareholders participating in the general shareholders' meetings by virtual access means shall be deemed as having attended the meetings. If a shareholders' general meeting is held virtually or through other means, the notice of shareholders' general meeting shall specify how the meeting is to be held, that is whether virtually and/or by other means, and for each of the means, the voting time and voting procedure.

Where the shareholders' general meeting is held virtually, the Company shall confirm the identification of the shareholders strictly in accordance with the relevant regulations of China securities regulatory authority, stock exchanges and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited. The time to start voting at a shareholders' general meeting held over network or by other means shall not be earlier than 3:00 p.m. of the day preceding the date of the onsite shareholders' general meeting or later than 9:30 a.m. of the date of the onsite shareholders' general meeting, and shall not conclude earlier than 3:00 p.m. of the date of the onsite shareholders' general meeting.

- Article 83 In convening a shareholders' general meeting, the Company shall engage a lawyer to provide legal opinions and publish an announcement on the following matters:
  - (1) whether the convening procedure of the meeting and the convening itself comply with the laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association;
  - (2) whether the attendants and convener of the meeting are eligible;

- (3) whether the voting procedures and results of the meeting are valid; and
- (4) legal opinions on other matters upon request by the Company.

The Board shall have the right to engage the notary to attend the shareholders' general meeting.

Article 84

Content of proposals shall be matters falling within the functions and powers of shareholders' general meeting with definite topics and specific matters for resolution, and shall comply with the laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association. The matters that require submitting to China securities regulatory authority including the public share offering shall be proposed as special proposals.

Article 85

When the Company convenes a shareholders' general meeting, the Board, Supervisory Committee and shareholders severally or jointly holding 3% or more of the total number of shares carrying voting rights shall have the right to propose motions to the Company and the Company shall include the matters falling within the scope of functions and powers of the shareholders' general meeting into the agenda of such meeting. Shareholders that, individually or jointly, hold more than 3% of shares of the Company can make and deliver the temporary proposals to the convener in writing 10 days or more prior to the shareholders' general meeting. The convener shall give a supplementary notice of the shareholders' general meeting within 2 days after receiving such proposals, and announce the contents of the temporary proposals.

Other than circumstances stipulated in the above provision, proposals already listed in the notice of the shareholders' general meeting shall not be altered and new proposals shall not be added following the issuance of the announcement of the notice of the shareholders' general meeting by the convener. Proposals that are not clearly listed in the notice of the shareholders' general meeting or are not in compliance with Article 84 of the Articles of Association shall not be voted on and decided during the shareholders' general meeting.

Article 86

After the annual report of the Company has been approved by the Board, the Board shall decide on the profit distribution plan of the Company and submit the proposal of such plan to annual general meeting for approval. The proposal of converting capital reserve to share capital increases submitted by the Board shall disclose the earnings per share and net assets per share before and after the conversion, as well as the impact of the conversion on the further development of the company.

Article 87 The proposal of the engagement of an accounting firm shall be raised by the Board and approved by the shareholders' general meeting. When the Board proposes to dismiss or not renew the engagement of an accounting firm, it shall give advance notice to the accounting firm, and clarify the reason to the shareholders' general meeting. The accounting firm shall have the right to present its views to the shareholders' general meetings. When the shareholders' general meeting is not in session, the Board dismissing the accounting firm with valid reasons, may appoint other accounting firm to fill the vacancy, and such appointment shall be subsequently confirmed by the next shareholders' general meeting. Where the accounting firm resigns from its post, the Board shall clarify the reasons in next shareholders' general meeting. The resigning accounting firm shall make clear to the shareholders' general meeting whether there has been any impropriety on the part of the Company by writing or attending the shareholders' general meeting.

Article 88 The Chairman of the Board shall preside the shareholders' general meeting. In case where the Chairman of the Board cannot preside the meeting, the Chairman of the Board may designate such functions and powers to the vice Chairman of the Board; in case where the vice chairman cannot or will not perform the powers, a director should be elected by more than half of all of the directors to perform the powers.

Article 89 Subject to compliance with the Article 70 in the Articles of Association, shareholders requisitioning the convening of an extraordinary general meeting or a class meeting shall abide by the following procedures:

- (1) Shareholders individually or jointly 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 counterpart requisitions stating the objectives of the meeting and requiring the Board to convene an extraordinary general meeting or a class meeting. The Board shall as soon as possible proceed to convene the extraordinary general meeting or a class meeting after receiving the requisition. The amount of shareholdings referred to above shall be calculated as at the date of the deposit of the requisition.
- (2) In the event that the Board fails to issue a notice to convene a meeting within 30 days of the date of the receipt of such request, the shareholders making the request or the Supervisory Committee may convene such a meeting, in a similar manner as to shareholders' meetings convened by the Board, within 4 months of the date of the receipt of such request.

Where shareholders or the Supervisory Committee convene a meeting due to the failure by the Board to duly convene the same, all reasonable expenses so incurred shall be reimbursed by the Company, and any sum so reimbursed shall be set-off against such sums owed by the Company to the defaulting directors.

Article 90 The chairman of the Supervisory Committee shall preside over the shareholders' general meetings convened by the Supervisory Committee at its sole discretion. In the event that the chairman of the Supervisory Committee is unable to or fails to fulfill the required obligations, the meeting shall be presided over by a supervisor jointly nominated by more than half of the supervisors.

For the shareholders' general meetings convened by shareholders at their sole discretion, the convener shall nominate a representative to preside over the meeting. In the event that the chairman violates the procedural regulations during the shareholders' general meeting that results in the shareholders' general meeting being unable to continue, upon approval by more than half of the shareholders with voting rights present at the meeting, a person may be nominated to chair the shareholders' general meeting and the meeting may continue.

Article 91 The Board or any other convener shall take necessary measures to ensure the proper order of the shareholders' general meeting. The Board or any other convener shall take measures to stop any act which would interfere with or causes nuisance at a shareholders' general meeting or would infringe the legitimate rights and interests of shareholders, and shall report such act to the relevant authorities for investigation and treatment.

Article 92 The Company shall formulate the Rules of Procedures of Shareholders' General Meetings regulating the convening and voting procedure of shareholders' general meetings, including notice, registration, consideration of motions, voting, counting of ballots, announcement of voting result, formation of resolution, meeting minutes and signing thereof and announcement, and the principle for authorization to the Board by shareholders' general meetings. The Rules of Procedures of Shareholders' General Meetings are an appendix to the Articles of Association and shall be formulated by the Board and approved by the general meeting.

Article 93 All shareholders whose names appeared in the register of members as of the record date or their proxies shall have the right to attend the general meeting and exercise voting rights pursuant to relevant laws, regulations and the Articles of Association. The shareholders may attend general shareholders' meetings and exercise voting rights either in person or by proxy.

An individual shareholder attending a general shareholders' meeting in person shall produce his identity card or other valid identity certificate, and share certificate; a proxy attending a shareholders' general meeting on behalf of an individual shareholder shall produce his valid identity card and power of attorney from the shareholder and share certificate. For a corporate shareholder, its legal representative, or a proxy appointed by its Board or approved by other governing body shall attend the meeting. The legal representative attending the meeting shall produce his own identity card, and any certificate that could prove his identity as a legal representative and the share certificate; the appointed proxy attending the meeting shall produce his own identity card, the instrument of proxy issued by the legal representative of the Shareholder entity in writing in accordance with law, and the share certificate.

Article 95 Any shareholder entitled to attend and vote at a shareholders' general meeting shall have the right to appoint one or more persons (whether a shareholder or not) as his proxy to attend and vote for and on his behalf. Such proxy may exercise the following rights according to the entrustment by the shareholder:

- having the same right as the shareholder to speak at the shareholders' general meeting;
- (2) individually demanding or joining in demanding a poll;
- (3) voting by hand or on a poll, but a proxy of a shareholder who has appointed more than one proxy may only vote on a poll.

Article 96 The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the principal or his attorney duly authorized in writing, or if the principal is a legal person, either under seal or under the hand of a director or attorney duly authorized. The power of attorney issued by shareholders to appoint proxy to attend a shareholders' general meeting shall clarify the following details:

- (1) Name of proxies;
- (2) Whether or not they have voting rights;
- (3) Instructions to vote for, against, or abstain for each of the matters to be deliberated set forth in the agenda of the shareholders' general meeting;
- (4) Date of issuance and the valid term of the power of attorney;

(5) Signature (or seal) of the entrusting party. If the shareholder is the clearing corporate or other proxies recognized by the relevant laws and regulations of the place where the Company's shares are listed, the shareholder may appoint one person or more as his proxy in any general shareholders' meeting or any in any meetings of class shareholders; however, if more than one person are appointed, the power of attorney shall be signed by the persons who is authorized by recognized clearing corporate. Authorized person may represent the recognized clearing corporate (or his proxy) to attend the meeting (the identity card or share certificate is not needed) and exercise his rights as the same as the shareholder.

Article 97

The proxy form shall be deposited at the address of the Company or another place specified in the notice of the meeting not less than 24 hours prior to the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or 24 hours prior to the time appointed for voting. Where the proxy form is signed by an attorney authorized by the principal, the power of attorney or other authorization instruments shall be notarized. The notarized power of attorney and other authorization instruments, together with the proxy form, shall be lodged at the address of the Company or such other place as specified in the notice to the meeting.

If the general shareholders' meeting is held virtually, all shareholders appear on the in the register of members as of the record date shall have the rights to vote through the general shareholders' meeting network voting system, but only one of the means including onsite at the venue, virtual access or any other means shall be selected to the same share. When the general shareholders' meeting is held virtually, it is deemed as the shareholder exercises his voting rights personally no matter the voting has been acted personally by the shareholder or his proxy. The Board, independent directors and shareholders who meet the relevant requirements may solicit the voting rights at general meetings from other shareholders without any payment. And the detailed information shall be fully disclosed to shareholders.

Article 98

Any instrument issued to a shareholder by the Board of the Company for use in appointing a proxy shall be in such format as to enable the shareholder to instruct the proxy to vote in favour of or against the motions according to his free will, and instructions shall be given in respect of each individual matter to be voted on at the meeting. The instrument of proxy shall contain a statement that, in the absence of instructions by the shareholder, the proxy may vote as it thinks fit.

- Article 99 A vote given by a proxy in accordance with the terms of an instrument of proxy shall remain valid notwithstanding the death or loss of capacity of the principal or revocation of the proxy or of 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 such aforesaid issues shall have been received by the Company before the commencement of the meeting.
- Article 100 The attendance register shall be prepared by the Company, which shall state the names (or names of the corporations), identification document number and the address of the attendee, the number of voting shares held or represented, names of the principal (or names of the corporations) and so on.
- Article 101 In convening a shareholders' general meeting, the convener and the lawyer appointed by the Company shall jointly verify the validity of the shareholders' qualifications based on the register of members provided by the securities registration and clearing authority, and shall register the names of the shareholders as well as the amount of their voting shares. The registration for a meeting shall be completed before the presider announces the number of shareholders and proxies that attend the meeting and the total amount of their voting shares.
- Article 102 The presider shall, prior to voting, announce the number of shareholders and proxies present at the venue of the meeting and the total voting shares held by them, each subject to that recorded by the meeting.
- Article 103 All directors and supervisors and the secretary to the Board shall attend the shareholders' general meeting, whereas the chief executive officer and other senior management shall be present at the meeting.
- Article 104 Directors, supervisors and senior management shall make explanations in relation to the inquiries and suggestions made by shareholders at shareholders' general meetings.
- Article 105 The Board and the Supervisory Committee shall report their work in the preceding year at the annual general meeting. Every independent director shall also make his work reports.
- Article 106 In voting at shareholders' general meetings, shareholders (including their proxies) shall exercise their voting rights in accordance with the number of their voting shares. each share shall have one vote. The shares of the Company held by itself has no voting rights, and the above shares shall be excluded from the total voting votes at shareholders' general meetings.

Where any shareholder is, under the applicable laws and regulations and the Listing Rules of the stock exchange(s) on which the shares of the Company are listed, 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.

- Article 107 Unless otherwise stipulated by the applicable securities Listing Rules or other securities laws and regulations, or a poll is demanded before or after any vote by show of hands by the following persons, a resolution shall be decided on a show of hands at any shareholders' general meeting:
  - (1) the chairman of the meeting;
  - (2) at least two shareholders entitled to vote in person or by proxy; or
  - (3) one or more shareholders (including their proxies) representing, either calculated separately or in aggregate, 10% or more of all shares carrying the right to vote at the meeting. Unless a poll is so demanded or unless as otherwise stipulated by the applicable securities Listing Rules or other securities laws and regulations, a declaration by the chairman of the meeting that a resolution has on a show of hands been passed or rejected and any entry to that effect in the minutes book shall be the conclusive evidence of the fact; there is no need for proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favor and against the resolution. The demand for a poll may be withdrawn by the person who makes such demand.
- Article 108 A poll demanded on the election of the chairman of the meeting, or on adjournment of the meeting, shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other issues shall be taken at such time as the chairman of the meeting directs, and the meeting may continue for the discussion of other matters. The result of the poll shall be deemed to be a resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.
- Article 109 Shareholders present at the shareholders' general meeting should express their opinions on the motion put forward for voting in one of the following options: For, Against, or Abstain.

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

Any incomplete, incorrectly completed or illegible ballots of any voters shall be deemed to be forbidden voting rights, thus the voting result in respect of these shares shall be counted as "Abstain".

- Article 110 In case of equal affirmative and dissenting votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a casting vote.
- Article 111 Save and except for those under the cumulative voting system, the shareholders' general meeting shall vote on all motions item by item, and shall vote on the motions in temporal sequence as they are raised when different motions are put forward for a single matter. Unless a shareholders' general meeting is suspended or no resolution can be adopted due to force majeure or other special reasons, no motion shall be set aside or rejected from being voted on at the shareholders' general meeting.
- Article 112 When a voting is made on the election of directors or supervisors at a shareholders' general meeting, the cumulative voting system may be adopted to reflect the opinions of minority shareholders.

The "cumulative voting system" as mentioned in the preceding paragraphs means that, Where there are two or more candidates for the election of a director or supervisor at a general meeting, each of the shares held by the shareholders (including their proxies) shall have the same number of votes as the number of candidates, and the voting rights can be concentrated on electing one person, or be separated on electing several persons. The director or supervisor shall be elected according to the number of votes. The "cumulative voting system" could also be used for election of independent directors. The implementing rules of the cumulative voting system on the election of directors or supervisors are as follows:

- (1) the promoters propose the candidates of the first Board and the board of supervisors at the establishment meeting of the company;
- (2) the term of office for the candidates of the directors and the supervisors per year according to the nomination of the last term of office of the directors and the supervisors;
- (3) the shareholders' assembly resolves to the list for the candidates of the directors and the supervisors by way of proposal. The Board and the board of supervisors shall provide the resume and the key facts about the candidate of the directors and the supervisors;

- (4) the candidate of the directors and the supervisors shall be have a written promise preceding the shareholders' assembly by the board. They agree to the proposal and ensure the information disclosed publicly is true and complete and pledge to exercise their responsibilities since they are elected;
- (5) the shareholders' assembly should vote for each candidates of the director and supervisor when going through the proposal;
- (6) the shares representing the voting rights has the voting rights equal to the total number of the elected directors and supervisors specified in the articles of association, shareholders can either vote to any of the candidates or disperse to several candidates or all the candidates (for example, a shareholder own 100 shares of stock, the company prepare to elect 11 directors, the shareholder's voting rights accumulated to  $100 \times 11 = 1100$  votes);
- (7) to guide the shareholders entitled to vote by providing the written instructions regarding the cumulative voting system and its operation in details before electing the directors and supervisors;
  - (8) Where the motion of reelecting the directors and supervisors has been approved, the newly appointed directors and supervisors shall hold the post immediately after the shareholders' general meeting.
- Article 113 When a motion is put forward for discussion at the shareholders' general meeting, no modification of the motion shall be made, or the relevant change shall be deemed as a new motion which may not be voted at the meeting.
- Article 114 The voting at the general meeting shall be conducted in the form of open ballot. The voting right of the same shares shall be exercised only either by on-site voting, online voting or other means of voting. In case of repeat voting by the same shares, only the first vote is valid.
- Article 115 The voting result in the general meeting shall be announced forthwith in that general meeting, voting on the resolutions shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
  - Shareholders or their proxies that vote online or by other means shall have the right to check and inspect their voting results through the relevant voting system.

Article 116 The onsite shareholders' general meeting shall not end earlier than the online means or other means. The chairman of the meeting shall announce the voting and results of each of the motions, and announce whether or not they are approved in accordance with the results.

Before the results are officially announced, all related parties such as the companies, vote counters, vote scrutinizers, substantial shareholders and online voting service provider involved in onsite shareholders' general meeting, online or other means of voting are obliged to keep the results confidential.

Article 117 If the chairman of the meeting has any doubt as to the result of a resolution put to the vote of the meeting, he may have the votes counted. If the chairman of the meeting fails to have the votes counted, any shareholder who is present in person or by proxy and who objects to the result announced by the chairman of the meeting may demand that the votes be counted immediately after the declaration of the result, and the chairman of the meeting shall have the votes counted promptly.

Article 118 Resolutions of general meeting are divided into ordinary resolutions and special resolutions.

To adopt an ordinary resolution at a general meeting, votes representing more than half of the voting rights represented by the shareholders (including the proxies) present at the meeting must be exercised in favor of the resolution in order for it to be passed.

To adopt a special resolution at a general meeting, votes representing more than 2/3 of the voting rights represented by the shareholders (including the proxies) present at the meeting must be exercised in favor of the resolution in order for it to be passed.

Article 119 The following matters shall be resolved by an ordinary resolution at a general meeting:

- (1) work reports of the Board and the Supervisory Committee;
- (2) profit distribution plan and loss recovery plan formulated by the Board.
- (3) appointment or removal of members of the Board and the shareholder representative supervisors, their remuneration and manner of payment;
- (4) annual budget and final accounts, balance sheet, income statement, and other financial statements;

- (5) annual report; and
- (6) such matters other than those required to be passed by special resolutions under the laws and administrative regulations and the Listing Rules of the stock exchange(s) where the Company" s shares are listed or the Articles of Association.

### Article 120 The following matters shall be resolved by a special resolution at a general meeting:

- (1) increase or reduction in registered capital, share capital,
- (2) the issue of debentures of the Company; issue of shares of any class, stock warrants or other similar securities of the Company;
- (3) division, merger, dissolution, liquidation or change of corporate form, and major acquisition;
- (4) amendments to the Articles of Association;
- (5) repurchase of shares
- (6) purchase or disposal with the amount exceeding 30% of the Company's latest audited net assets for any 12 consecutive months;
- (7) company incentive plan;
- (8) such other matters considered by the shareholders' general meeting, by way of an ordinary resolution, to be of a nature which may have a material impact on the Company and shall be adopted by a special resolution;

In reviewing and considering matters relevant to connected transactions at a shareholders' general meeting, the resolutions could be passed with more than half of favorable votes representing non-connected shareholders present in the meeting. However, when connected transactions matters adopted as special resolution, the resolutions could be passed with more than more than 2/3 of favorable votes representing non-connected shareholders present in the meeting.

Save as otherwise specified in this Article and the Articles of Association, matters (motions) to be considered at the shareholders' general meeting should be adopted as ordinary resolutions.

Article 121 In reviewing and considering matters relevant to connected transactions at a shareholders' general meeting, if required by the Listing Rules of the stock exchange on which the Company's shares are listed, the connected shareholders shall abstain from voting and the number of voting shares represented by them shall be excluded from the total effective votes. The announcement of resolutions passed at the shareholders' general meeting shall contain a complete disclosure of the voting of non-connected shareholders. If connected shareholders cannot abstain from voting due to special situation, company shall solicit the approval of autority.

If the resolution cannot be reached sue to abstention, the connected transaction should be deemed to be invalid.

- Article 122 According to the requirements of securities regulatory authorities and the Listing Rules of the stock exchange on which the Company's shares are listed, results of the esolutions of shareholders' general meeting shall be announced timely.
- Article 123 If the motion is not passed, or if the resolutions of the previous general meeting have been changed by the present shareholders' general meeting, a special highlight shall be made in the announcement of the resolutions of the shareholders' general meeting.
- Article 124 Minutes of a shareholders' general meeting shall be kept by the secretary to the Board.

  The minutes shall set out:
  - (1) date, venue, agenda, and the convener of the meeting;
  - (2) the name of the presider of the meeting, and the directors, supervisors, secretary to the Board, manager and other senior management attending or present at the meeting;
  - (3) the number of shareholders and proxies present at the meeting, the total number of voting shares held by them and the percentage of such shares against the total number of shares of the company;
  - (4) the process of consideration, highlights of the speeches and voting result in respect of each proposal;
  - (5) the inquiries and suggestions of shareholders and the responses or explanations made by the directors or supervisors;

- (6) the names of the lawyer, vote counter and scrutinizer; and
- (7) other issues that shall be recorded in the minutes in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association and as opined by the general meeting.
- Article 125 The convener shall ensure the meeting minutes are true, accurate and complete. The attending directors, supervisors, secretary to the Board, convener or representative thereof and the chairman shall sign on the minutes of the meeting. The minutes of the meeting, the signed attendance record for the shareholders present in person and the powers of attorney for attendance by proxy, the valid information relating to the voting over network or by other means shall be kept for at least 10 years.
- Article 126 The convener shall ensure the shareholders' general meeting is held unceasingly until final resolutions are arrived at. If the shareholders' general meeting is terminated or fails to reach any resolution due to force majeure or for other special reasons, necessary action shall be taken to resume the shareholders' general meeting as soon as possible, or the shareholders' general meeting should be simply terminated, and in both cases a timely announcement shall be made. Meanwhile, the convener shall report to the China securities regulatory authority local office for the Company's domicile and to the stock exchange(s).
- Article 127 The chairman of the meeting shall be responsible for deciding whether a resolution has been adopted. His decision shall be final and shall be announced at the meeting and recorded in the minutes of meeting.
- Article 128 If vote counting is carried out at the shareholders' general meeting, the vote counting result shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. The minutes of the meeting together with the attendance register of the attending shareholders and the proxy forms shall be kept at the premises of the Company.
- Article 129 Copies of the minutes of meeting shall be available for inspection free of charge by shareholders during the business hours of the Company. If a shareholder requests the Company for a copy of such minutes, the Company shall send a copy of such minutes to him within 7 days upon reception of reasonable charges.
- Article 130 When the shareholders' general meeting has passed motions regarding cash distribution, bonus issue or conversion of capital common reserve into capital, the specific proposals will be implemented within 2 months after the close of the shareholders' general meeting.

### **Chapter 9 Special Procedures about Voting of the Class Shareholders**

Article 131 In the case of the Company issuing the different classes of shares, shareholders holding different classes of shares are referred to as class shareholders.

Class shareholders shall enjoy rights and assume obligations in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association.

If the company equity contains Non-voting shares, the name of such shares shall be marked "Non-voting".

If equity capital contains shares with different class of voting rights, each class of share (except the most preference shares) shall be marked "limited voting rights" or "restricted voting rights".

Article 132 Rights conferred on any class of shareholders may not be varied or abrogated unless approved by a special resolution of shareholders at a shareholders' general meeting and by the class shareholders so affected at a separate meeting convened in accordance with Articles 134 to 138.

Where any change in domestic and overseas laws, administrative regulations and applicable Listing Rules or any decision made by the domestic or overseas regulatory authorities gives rise to variation or abrogation of the rights of class shareholders, approval by a shareholders' general meeting or class general meeting is unnecessary.

- Article 133 The following acts shall be deemed as a variation or abrogation of the rights of a particular class of shareholders:
  - (1) to increase or decrease the number of shares of that class or increase or decrease the number of shares of a class having voting rights, rights to receive distributions or other privileges equal or superior to those of shares of that class;
  - (2) to exchange all or part of the shares of that class for shares of another class, or to exchange or grant a right to exchange all or part of the shares of another class for shares of that class;
  - (3) to remove or reduce rights to any accrued or cumulative dividends attached to shares of that class;

- (4) to reduce or remove the preference rights attached to shares of that class to have priority in receiving dividends or in distribution of assets in the event that the Company is liquidated;
- (5) to add, remove or reduce the conversion privileges, options, voting rights, transfer or pre-emptive rights, or rights to acquire the Company's securities attached to shares of that class;
- (6) to remove or reduce the rights to receive payments payable by the Company in particular currencies attached to shares of that class;
- (7) to create a new class of shares having voting rights or rights to receive distributions or other privileges equal or superior to those of the shares of that class;
- (8) to impose restrictions or additional restrictions on the transfer or ownership of the shares of that class;
- (9) to issue rights to subscribe for, or convert into, shares 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 so as to result in a disproportionate distribution of obligations among various classes of shareholders; and
- (12) to vary or abrogate provisions of this chapter.
- Article 134 Shareholders of the affected class, whether having the right to vote in shareholders' general meeting, shall be entitled to vote in class meetings in respect of matters concerning provisions (2) to (8), (11), (12) of Article 133 of the Articles of Association. However, interested shareholder(s) shall have no voting right at such class meetings. The aforementioned term "interested shareholder(s)" means:
  - (1) in the event that the Company makes a repurchase offer to all shareholders in the same proportion or the Company repurchases its own shares by way of public dealings on a stock exchange pursuant to Article 33 hereof, a "controlling shareholder" within the meaning of Article 60 hereof;

- (2) in the event that the Company repurchases its own shares by an off-market agreement pursuant to Article 33 hereof, a holder of the shares to which the proposed agreement relates;
- (3) in the event of a restructuring of the Company, a shareholder within a class who assumes a relatively smaller proportion of obligations than the obligations imposed on shareholders of that class or who has an interest in the proposed restructuring different from the general interests of the shareholders of that class.
- Article 135 A resolution in a class meeting shall be passed by votes representing 2/3 or more of the voting rights of shareholders of that class present at the relevant meeting who are entitled to vote at the class meetings according to Article 134.
- Article 136 A written notice convening a class meeting shall be given 45 days before its convention, to notify shareholders whose names appear in the register of members for such class shares of the matters proposed to be considered and the date and place of the meeting. Shareholders who intend to attend the meeting shall serve a written reply to the Company 20 days prior to the date of the meeting. The day of the meeting shall not be included when counting the day.

In the event that the number of shares (carrying voting rights) held by shareholders who intend to attend the meeting reaches 1/2 or more of the total class shares with voting rights at the meeting, the Company may convene the class meeting; otherwise, the Company shall within 5 days notify the shareholders, again by way of public announcement, of the matters to be considered and the date and place of the meeting. The Company may then proceed to hold the meeting. If there is any requirement by the laws and regulations in the jurisdiction where the shares of the Company are listed, such requirements shall apply.

Article 137 Notice of the shareholders' general meeting for a certain class of shareholders shall only be delivered to shareholders who have the rights to vote at such meeting. The procedure to convene a shareholders' general meeting for a certain class of shareholders shall be similar to that of shareholders' general meeting to the extent practicable. Provisions in the Articles of Association which are related to the procedure to convene a shareholders' general meeting shall apply to the shareholders' general meeting for a certain class of shareholders.

- Article 138 Except other classes of shareholders, the shareholders of domestic shares shall be regarded as a different class of shareholders from shareholders of foreign shares, while shareholders of overseas listed shares shall be regarded as a different class of shareholders from shareholders of non-overseas listed shares. The special voting procedure at a meeting for a certain class of shareholders shall not be applicable for the following cases:
  - (1) upon the approval of the shareholders' general meeting with special resolutions, the Company independently or simultaneously issuing domestic shares and overseas listed foreign shares at intervals of twelve months, of which the number of the domestic shares and overseas listed foreign shares intended to be issued is not more than 20% of the issued and outstanding shares of the respective class;
  - (2) the Company's plan on issuing domestic shares and overseas listed foreign shares at the time of incorporation, which is completed within 15 months upon approval of the China securities regulatory authority; or
  - (3) upon the approval of the China securities regulatory authority, any domestic shares of the Company being transferred by the relevant holder to any overseas investor and listed and traded overseas.
  - (4) upon the approval of the China securities regulatory authority, any shares held by the shareholders of non-overseas listed shares of the Company and listed and traded overseas.
- Article 139 Where shareholders request to convene an interim meeting for a certain class of shareholders, the provisions of Article 89 hereof shall apply.

#### **Chapter 10 Board**

Article 140 Directors shall be elected by the shareholders' general meeting. The term of office of a director shall be 3 years. A director may serve consecutive terms if he is reelected. The written notice concerning intention of nominating director candidates and candidates" willingness to accept nomination shall be sent to the Company 7 days before the date of the shareholders' general meeting. The period for nomination and acceptance of nomination shall be not less than 7 days. (and such 7-day notice period shall commence no earlier than the day following the notice of the meeting for such election and end no later than 7 days before the date of the shareholders; general meeting). Directors need not hold shares of the Company.

Article 141 The term of office of a director shall commence on the date of taking office and end on the expiration of the term of office of the relevant Board. If no replacement director is elected in a timely manner upon the expiration of the term of office of a director, such director shall still perform his duties as a director in accordance with the provisions of laws, regulations, rules and the Articles of Association until the newly-elected director takes office. The shareholders' general meeting shall not remove any director without any reason.

Article 142 If a director neither attends the meeting of the Board in person nor entrusts other directors to attend the meeting for 2 consecutive times, such director shall be deemed to be unable to perform his duties, and the Board shall propose to the shareholders' general meeting to remove and replace such director.

The shareholders' general meeting may remove any director by way of ordinary resolution before expiration of his/her term of office in accordance with relevant laws, regulations and rules (but the director's right to raise any claim in accordance with any contract shall not be affected), except that the removal of any independent director shall comply with relevant provisions.

Article 143 A director may resign prior to the expiry of his term of office. When a director intends to resign, he shall submit a written resignation to the Board and the Board shall make a relevant disclosure thereof within 2 days.

If the resignation of a director causes the number of directors to be less than the statutory minimum quorum, such director shall still perform his duties as a director in accordance with the provisions of laws, regulations, rules and the Articles of Association until the newly-elected director takes office.

Subject to the preceding paragraph, the resignation of a director shall become effective when the written resignation is delivered to the Board. Subject to the relevant laws, regulations and regulatory rules of the place where the Company is listed, if the Board appoints a new director to fill up any interim vacancy or increase the number of the Board, the term of office of such newly-added director shall expire at the next shareholders' general meeting and he can serve consecutive terms if re-elected.

Article 144 Upon the effective date of resignation or the expiration of the term of office of a director, he should complete all hand-over procedures with the Board and his duty of loyalty towards the Company and shareholders shall not discharged necessarily and will survive in a reasonable period specified herein. His obligation to keep the secrets of the Company confidential shall survive the expiration of his term of office until such secrets go into public domain. The survival period of any other duty shall be determined based on the principle of fairness. If a director leaves his post without permission prior to the effective date of his resignation or the expiration of his term of office, or fails to perform his duty of loyalty in accordance with the provisions of laws, regulations, rules and the Articles of Association after the effective date of his resignation or the expiration of his term of office, resulting in any loss to the Company, he shall be held liable for such loss.

Article 145 If not specified in the Articles of Association or without legal authorization by the Board, any director shall not act on behalf of the Company or the Board in his own name. If a director acts in his own name, and the third party might reasonably consider that such director is acting on behalf of the Company or the Board, such director shall state his position and capacity in advance.

If a director perform his duties to the Company in violation of any law, regulation, rule or the Articles of Association, resulting in any loss to the Company, he shall be liable for such loss.

Article 146 The Company shall have a Board, which shall report to the shareholders' general meeting.

The Board shall consist of six directors, three of which are directors and three of which are independent directors. The Board shall have one chairman. The chairman and the vice chairman shall be elected and removed by a simple majority of the whole Board and shall serve for a term of 3 years and may serve consecutive terms if reelected.

- Article 147 A directors shall comply with laws, regulations and the Articles of Association and have the following duties of good faith towards the Company:
  - (1) not to receive or accept any bribe or any other illegal income by exploiting his office or embezzle any property of the Company;
  - (2) not to misappropriate any funds of the Company;

- (3) not to deposit any assets or funds of the Company into any account opened in his own name or the name of any other individual;
- (4) not to lend any funds of the Company to any other person or provide guarantee for any other person with any property of the Company without the consent of the shareholders' general meeting or the Board as required by the Articles of Association;
- (5) not to enter into any contract or transaction with the Company in breach of the Articles of Association or without the consent of the shareholders' general meeting;
- (6) not to take advantage of his position to obtain any business opportunity that should go to the Company or engage in any business similar to that of the Company for himself or any other person without the consent of the shareholders' general meeting;
- (7) not to accept any commission of any transaction with the Company as his own property;
- (8) not to disclose any secret of the Company without authorization;
- (9) not to utilize his affiliates to harm the interest of the Company;
- (10) any other duties of loyalty stipulated by laws, regulations, rules and the Articles of Association.

Any income obtained by a director in breach of this Article shall belong to the Company. If such breach has caused any loss to the Company, such director shall be liable for it.

- Article 148 A director shall comply with laws, regulations and the Articles of Association and have the following duties of diligence towards the Company:
  - (1) to exercise the powers granted to him by the Company in a prudent, conscientious and diligent manner to ensure that the business activities of the Company comply with the requirements of the laws, regulations and economic policies of the State and do not go beyond the scope of business as stipulated in the business license;
  - (2) to treat all shareholders equally;

- (3) to read various business and financial reports of the Company carefully to get a timely understanding of the operation and management of the Company;
- (4) to sign a written confirmation of the regular reports of the Company to ensure that the information disclosed by the Company is true, accurate and complete;
- (5) to furnish true information and data to Supervisory Committee and not to impede Supervisory Committee from performing its duties;
- (6) any other duties of diligence stipulated by laws, regulations, rules and the Articles of Association.

# Article 149 The Board shall exercise the following functions and powers:

- (1) to be responsible for convening the shareholders' general meeting and reporting its work to the shareholders' general meeting;
- (2) to implement resolutions of the shareholders' general meeting;
- (3) to determine the business plan and investment plan of the Company;
- (4) to formulate the annual financial budget and final accounts of the Company;
- (5) to formulate the profit distribution plan and plan for making up losses of the Company
- (6) to formulate policies in relation to corporate debts and finance as well as plans for the increase or decrease of the Company's registered capital, issuance of bonds or other securities and listing;
- (7) to prepare plans for the Company's major acquisitions, major disposal, and repurchase of shares;
- (8) to prepare plans for merger, division, change of company form, or dissolution of the Company;
- (9) to decide on the Company's external investment, asset acquisition or disposal, asset mortgage, entrusted wealth management and connected transactions within the scope authorized by the shareholders' general meeting;

- (10) to decide on the setting up of the Company's branches and internal management departments;
- (11) to appoint or remove the manager and the secretary to the Board of the Company, and to appoint and remove the deputy managers, financial director, secretary to the Board and other senior management of the Company as nominated by the manager, and to determine their remuneration, reward and penalty;
- (12) to formulate a preliminary plan for the allowance standards of independent directors of the Company;
- (13) to formulate the basic management systems of the Company;
- (14) to formulate any proposed amendment to the Articles of Association of the Company
- (15) to formulate share incentive schemes of the Company; (16) to manage the information disclosure of the Company;
- (17) to make proposals to the shareholders' general meeting regarding the appointment or replacement of the auditor of the Company;
- (18) to listen to the work reports of the manager and check the work of the manager;
- (19) to examine and approve the provision by the Company of any external guarantee other than those to be approved by the shareholders' general meeting in accordance with Article 65 hereof;
- (20) such other functions and powers as are stipulated by laws, regulations, rules, the Listing Rules of the exchange where the shares of the Company are listed or the Articles of Association and delegated by the shareholders' general meeting.

The Board shall resolve on the foregoing matters in accordance with Article 163 hereof.

Article 150 The Board shall provide the shareholders' general meeting with an explanation of any non-standard audit opinion issued by a registered accountant on the financial reports of the Company.

- Article 151 The Board shall formulate its rules of procedure to ensure its implementation of the resolutions of the shareholders' general meeting, improve its work efficiency and ensure scientific decision-making.
- Article 152 The Board shall define the authority of making venture capital investment with the assets of the Company and formulate strict examination and decision-making procedures in relation thereto. For any major investment project, the Board shall organize relevant experts and professionals to make an assessment and report it to the shareholders' general meeting for approval. Based on the principle of being helpful to the overall development of the Company, with the authorization by the shareholders' general meeting, the Board may decide on the following matters:
  - (1) the Company's external investments, acquisition or disposal of assets or equity interests or asset mortgages other than those to be approved by shareholders in accordance with Article 64 hereof or the Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange;
  - (2) any connected transaction other than those subject to the review and approval by shareholders as required by the Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange;
  - (3) any guarantee matter other than those to be considered and approved by the shareholders' general meeting in accordance with Article 65 hereof.
- Article 153 When disposing of fixed assets, if the expected value of the fixed assets to be disposed of plus total value of the fixed assets that have been disposed of 4 months before such disposal proposal exceeds 33% of the fixed assets value in the latest balance sheet reviewed by the shareholders' general meeting, the Board shall not dispose of or approve the disposal of such fixed assets until it is approved by the shareholders' general meeting.

The disposal of fixed assets referred to in this Article includes the transfer of rights and interests of some assets, but excludes the provision of guarantee with fixed assets.

The effectiveness of transaction conducted by the Company to dispose of fixed assets shall not be affected by the violation of first provision of this Article.

Article 154 The Board of the Company may set up such special committees as the Audit Committee, the Nomination Committee, and the Remuneration and Appraisal Committee in accordance with the laws and regulations of the PRC and the jurisdiction where the shares of the Company are listed and the relevant requirements stipulated by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Stock Exchange"). All such committees shall consist of directors. The majority of the members of the Nomination Committee and the Remuneration and Appraisal Committee shall be independent directors, who shall be convene the meetings of such committees. All the members of the Audit Committee shall be independent directors, and at least one of the every three members shall be an independent director with accounting and finance expertise. All committees have their respective convener responsible for holding and convening meetings of their respective committees. The functions and operating mechanism of each committee will be vested in the Board, and must comply with the relevant laws and regulations of the PRC and the jurisdiction where the shares of the Company are listed and the relevant requirements stipulated by the Stock Exchange.

The main functions of such committees are as follows:

- (1) The main functions of the Audit Committee are:
  - to make proposals regarding the appointment or replacement of the external auditor;
  - (ii) to supervise the internal audit system of the Company and its implementation;
  - (iii) to be responsible for the communication between the external auditing and the internal auditing;
  - (iv) to examine the financial information of the Company and the disclosure thereof;
  - (v) to examine the internal control system of the Company;
  - (vi) other functions as required by the laws and regulations of the PRC, the jurisdiction where the shares of the Company are listed, and the Stock Exchange.
- (2) The main functions of the Nomination Committee are:
  - to do research and make proposals on the standards and procedures for the selection of directors and managers;
  - (ii) to make a wide search for qualified candidates for directors and managers;

- (iii) to conduct an inspection of, and make proposals on, candidates for directors and managers;
- (iv) other functions as required by the laws and regulations of the PRC, the jurisdiction where the shares of the Company are listed, and the Stock Exchange.
- (3) The main functions of the Remuneration and Appraisal Committee are:
  - (i) to study the appraisal standards for directors and managers, conduct such appraisal and make recommendations;
  - (ii) to study and examine the remuneration policy and plan for directors and senior management;
  - (iii) other functions as required by the laws and regulations of the PRC, the jurisdiction where the shares of the Company are listed, and the Stock Exchange.

The committees may engage intermediaries to provide professional opinions at the expense of the Company.

The special committees shall report to the Board and their proposals shall be submitted to the Board for examination and approval.

- Article 155 All the directors of the Company shall carefully consider and strictly control any debt risks arising from providing guarantee for any external party and shall be jointly liable for any losses caused by any non-compliant or improper provision of such guarantee. The controlling shareholder and its affiliates shall not force the Company to provide guarantee for others.
- Article 156 Any guarantee to be provided by the Company shall be submitted to the Board or the shareholders' general meeting for consideration according to their respective authority.

For any guarantee to be provided by the Company for any external party, the Company must request a counter-guarantee from such party, which shall be provided by a party that is actually able to do so. This provision shall not apply to the case where the Company provides guarantee for any of its controlled subsidiaries in proportion with its equity interest in such subsidiary.

The Company shall faithfully observe its information disclosure obligation in respect of any guarantee provided to any external party and provide the registered accountant with true information on all of such guarantees in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange and the Articles of Association.

- Article 157 The Chairman of the Board shall be the legal representative of the Company and have the following duties and powers:
  - to preside over the shareholders' general meeting, and to convene and preside over meetings of the Board;
  - (2) to supervise and inspect the implementation of resolutions of the Board;
  - (3) to sign certificates of shares, bonds and others marketable securities of the Company;
  - (4) to sign important documents of the Board and other documents that shall be signed by the legal representative of the Company;
  - (5) to exercise the functions and powers of a legal representative;
  - (6) to exercise special disposition right in respect of the affairs of the Company in accordance with laws and in the interest of the Company under emergency of force majeure including severe natural disaster, and report to the Board and shareholders' general meeting after the event in a timely manner;
  - (7) to exercise other functions and powers granted by the Board.

When the chairman of the Board cannot perform his functions and powers, he can designate the vice chairman to act on his behalf; and, when the vice chairman cannot or fails to perform his functions and powers, a director elected by more than half of all the directors shall act on his behalf.

- Article 158 The Board shall organize education and training of directors and newly-elected directors at least once a year by way of professional lectures, media teaching and documents study. The main contents of such education and training shall be as follows:
  - (1) the Company Law, the Securities Law and other laws, regulations, rules and other regulatory documents of domestic and foreign regulatory authorities and the stock exchanges where the shares of the Company are listed;
  - (2) training in respect of the corporate governance and internal controls of the Company;
  - (3) other education and training programs.

Article 159 The regular meeting of the Board shall be convened by the chairman at least 4 times a year before the publication of the quarterly reports, interim report and annual report of the Company. Written notice shall be delivered to all directors at least 14 business days prior to date of the regular meeting.

The chairman of the Board shall convene an interim board meeting within 10 business days in any of the following circumstances:

- (1) when the chairman of the Board considers it necessary;
- (2) when more than 1/3 of the directors propose to do so;
- (3) when Supervisory Committee proposes to do so;
- (4) when more than 1/2 of the independent directors propose to do so;
- (5) when shareholders representing more than 10% of the voting shares in the Company propose to do so;
- (6) when the securities regulatory authority requests to do so.

In the case of any emergency, upon the proposal of the manager of the Company, the Board may convene an interim meeting.

- Article 160 The Board office shall give a written notice to all directors 5 days before any interim board meeting. In case an interim board meeting needs to be held as soon as possible under emergency, the meeting notice may be sent at any time by telephone or oral means but the convener shall make an explanation at the meeting.
- Article 161 For any material matter to be determined by the Board, a notice thereof must be delivered to all directors within the time limit stipulated herein, together with sufficient information, including the relevant background information concerning the agenda and other information and data which may help the directors understand the business progress of the Company. Strict directors may request additional information. If 1/4 or more of the directors or two (2) or more independent directors think that the information is insufficient or the elaboration is unclear, they may jointly propose to the Board to postpone the board meeting or review certain matters at a later time, and the Board shall adopt such proposal.

- Article 162 The notice of a board meeting shall contain the following contents:
  - (1) venue, date and time of the meeting;
  - (2) duration of the meeting;
  - (3) reason for the meeting and topics for discussion;
  - (4) date of issuance of the meeting notice.
- Article 163 The board meeting shall only be held when more than 1/2 of the directors attend the meeting, including directors who designate other directors as their proxies to attend the meeting on their behalf in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association. Every director shall have one vote. Any resolution of the Board shall be subject to approval by a simple majority of the Board. Resolution on any matter set out in provisions (6), (7), (8), (14) and (19) of Article 149 shall be adopted only by consent and affirmative votes of two-thirds or more of the directors present at the relevant board meeting Voting by show of hands or by ballot may be adopted at the board meeting. When negative votes equal affirmative votes, the chairman of the Board shall be entitled to one casting vote.
- Article 164 A director who is affiliated with any legal person or natural person involved in the subject matter of any Board resolution shall not excise his voting right or another director's voting right as his proxy in respect of such resolution. These affiliated directors will not be counted in the quorum for the meetings. The relevant Board meeting may be convened if attended by half or more of the directors who are not so affiliated, and the resolution is subject to approval by half or more of directors who are not so affiliated. If the number of such non-affiliated directors present at the meeting is less than 3, the matter shall be submitted to the shareholders' general meeting.
- Article 165 The interim meeting of the Board may be held via telecommunications or other offsite means or by combination of on-site and off-site means, provided that directors are able to fully express their opinions at such meeting and any resolution adopted at such meeting shall be signed by the directors present at such meeting.
- Article 166 Directors shall attend the board meeting in person. If a director cannot attend the meeting in person for any reason, he may entrust another director in writing to attend the meeting on his behalf in the form of power of attorney whereby stating the authorization contents.

The power of attorney shall specify the proxy's name, entrusted matters, the scope of authority and the valid term, and shall be affixed with the signature or seal of the principal.

The director who attends the meeting of the Board on behalf of another director shall exercise the right of the principal within the scope of authorization. If a director neither attends the meeting of the Board nor entrusts a proxy to be present on his behalf, he shall be deemed to have given up his voting rights at that meeting.

Article 167 Voting at the meeting of the Board shall be conducted by show of hands or by ballot.

Article 168 Minutes of the board meetings shall be made for the matters discussed at such meetings. Directors present at the meetings, the secretary to the Board and the recorder shall sign the minutes.

A director present the meeting shall have the right to require an explanatory note to made in the minutes in respect of his speech at the meeting. The minutes of meetings of the Board shall be kept by the secretary to the Board as files of the Company for a period of 10 years.

Directors shall be responsible for the resolutions of the board of meetings. If any resolution of the Board violates any laws, regulations, or the Articles of Association, resulting in significant losses to the Company, the directors who took part in the resolution shall be liable for compensation to the Company, while the directors who are certified by the meeting minutes as having expressed his opposition to such resolution when it was put to vote shall not be liable for the losses.

Article 169 The minutes of board meeting shall contain the following contents:

- (1) date and place of the meeting as well as the name of the convener;
- (2) names of directors who attend the meeting, directors who entrust other persons to attend the meeting and their proxies;
- (3) agenda of the meeting;
- (4) key points of directors' speeches;

(5) voting method and result for each matter discussed (the voting result shall specify number of affirmative votes, negative votes or abstaining votes as well as the voting of every director).

#### **Chapter 11 Independent Directors**

Article 170 1/3 or more of the members on the Board shall be independent directors, at least one of whom shall be an accounting professional. Independent directors shall faithfully perform their duties, safeguard the interests of the Company and be particularly concerned that the lawful rights and interests of public shareholders are not harmed.

Independent directors shall perform their duties independently and shall not be influenced by the major shareholder or actual controller of the Company or any entity or individual that has a relationship of interest with the Company or its major shareholder or actual controller.

## Article 171 An independent director shall meet the following basic conditions:

- (1) having the qualifications required by laws, regulations, the Listing Rules, and other relevant provisions to be a director of a listed company;
- (2) having the independence as required in the laws, administrative rules, the Listing Rules and other relevant requirements;
- (3) having a basic knowledge of the operation of a listed company and being familiar with relevant laws, regulations, rules and codes;
- (4) having experience of at least 5 years in legal, economic or other aspects that are necessary to perform the duties of an independent director;
- (5) any other conditions stipulated in the Articles of Association.

# Article 172 The following persons shall not serve as independent directors:

(1) any person who hold a position in the listed company or any of its subsidiaries and his directly-related family members and main associates. Directly-related family members mean spouse, parents and children, and main associates mean siblings, parents-in-law, children-in-law, spouses of siblings and siblings of spouse;

- (2) any natural person shareholder who directly or indirectly 1% or more of the issued shares of the listed company or is one of the top-ten shareholders of the listed company and his directly-related family members;
- (3) any person who is employed by any shareholder who holds 5% or more of the issued shares of the listed company or is one of the top-five shareholders of the listed company, and his directly-related family members;
- (4) any person who is employed by the actual controller of the listed company or any of its subsidiaries;
- (5) any person who provides financial, legal or consulting services to the listed company and its controlling shareholder or their respective subsidiaries, including all the members of the project team, review persons at various levels, persons signing the reports, partners and main responsible person of any intermediary which provides such services;
- (6) any person who serves as director, supervisor or senior manager of an entity that has material business dealings with the listed company and its controlling shareholder or their respective subsidiaries, or of the controlling shareholder of such entity;
- (7) any person who falls within any of the foregoing six circumstances in the most recent year;
- (8) any other person who are deemed by the Stock Exchange to be of no independence.
- Article 173 The nomination, election and replacement of independent directors shall be conducted in a regulated manner in accordance with the laws and regulations of the PRC, the jurisdiction where the shares of the Company are listed, and the relevant requirements of the Stock Exchange:
  - (1) The Board, Supervisory Committee or any shareholder(s) individually or collectively holding 1% or more of the issued shares of the Company may nominate candidates for independent directors for election by the shareholders' general meeting.

- (2) The nominator of an independent director shall obtain the consent of the nominee before nomination. The nominator shall have a full understanding of the profession, academic credentials, job title, detailed work experiences and all part-time jobs of the nominee and voice an opinion on the qualification and independence of the nominee to be an independent director. The nominee shall publish an statement that there does not exist any relationship between him and the Company that may influence his independent and objective judgment. Prior to the shareholders' general meeting for election of independent directors, the Board of the Company shall publish such information as required.
- (3) Independent directors shall serve for the same term of office as other directors and may serve consecutive terms if re-elected, provided that the total time of consecutive terms shall not exceed 6 years.
- (4) If an independent director fails to attend the meeting of the Board for 3 consecutive times, the Board shall propose to the shareholders' general meeting to remove such independent director. Except in that case or any other cases specified by the Company Law for removal of independent directors, an independent director shall not be removed without good reason prior to the expiration of his term of office. In the case of any early removal, the Company shall make a special disclosure thereof. Any removed independent director who thinks that the Company has not any proper reason to remove him may make public statement.
- (5) An independent director may resign prior to the expiration of his term of office by submitting a written resignation report to the Board and make an explanation of any circumstance which he thinks has something to do with his resignation or should attract the attention of the shareholders or creditors of the Company. If the resignation of any independent directorresults in the number of independent directors or directors being less than the quorum legally prescribed or stipulated by the Articles of Association, such independent director shall still perform his duties in accordance with the provisions of laws, regulations and the Articles of Association before an newly-elected independent director takes office. The Board shall convene the shareholders' general meeting for such new election within two months. If the shareholders' general meeting is not so convened, the independent director may no longer perform his duties.

- Article 174 In addition to the duties and powers granted to a director by the Company Law and other relevant laws and regulations, independent directors shall have the following special duties and powers:
  - (1) to approve any major connected transaction that requires the approval of the independent directors (i.e., any connected transaction that is not waivered under Rule 14A.23 of the Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange amended from time to time) before submitting it to the Board for discussion, and to engage an intermediary agency to issue an independent financial advisory report as the basis for his judgment before making judgment;
  - (2) to propose to the Board to appoint or remove an accounting firm;
  - (3) to propose to the Board to convene an extraordinary general meeting;
  - (4) to propose to convene a Board meeting;
  - (5) to publicly solicit voting rights from shareholders prior to the shareholders' general meeting; and
  - (6) to appoint external auditing and consulting agencies independently to provide auditing or consulting services on any specific matter of the Company at the expense of the Company.

The exercise of powers set out in provisions (1), (2) shall be subject to the consent of the consent of half or more of all the independent directors before discussing at the Board; The exercise of the power set out in provisions (3), (4) and (5) above shall be subject to the consent of half or more of all the independent directors. The exercise of the power set out in provision (6) above shall be subject to the consent of all independent directors. Where any such proposal is not adopted or any such power cannot be exercise normally, the Company shall disclose the relevant information.

Article 175 Independent directors shall attend meetings of the Board as scheduled, get an understanding of the production and operation of the Company, research and obtain information and data required for making decisions on their own initiative. Independent directors shall submit an annual report on their work to the Company's Annual shareholders' general meeting.

Article 176	In addition to their duties set out above, independent directors shall express independent opinions on the following matters to the Board or the shareholders' general meeting:	
	(1)	nomination, appointment and removal of directors;
	(2)	appointment and removal of senior management of the Company;
	(3)	remuneration of directors and senior management of the Company;
	(4)	failure of the Board to prepare a preliminary cash profit distribution plan;
	(5)	existing or new borrowing or other fund transactions of the Company to or with the shareholders, actual controller and its connected persons of the Company, the total amount of which exceeds RMB 3 million or 5% of the latest audited net capital of the Company, and whether or not the Company has adopted effective measures to recover these arrears;
	(6)	to make a special explanation of, and express an independent opinion on, the accumulative or current guarantees provided by the Company to external parties and the implementation of CSRC's provisions on guarantees in the annual report;
	(7)	any plan of any affiliate of the Company to settle debts with assets;
	(8)	matters which independent directors think may harm the rights and interests of minority shareholders;
	(9)	other matters stipulated in the Articles of Association or the Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong.
Article 177		ependent directors shall express one of the following types of opinions on the ters set out above:
	(1)	Consent;
	(2)	Having reservations and the reasons for that;

- (3) Objection and the reasons for that;
- (4) Being unable to express an opinion and the reasons for that.
- Article 178 The Company shall establish a work system for independent directors and the secretary to the Board shall actively assist independent directors in performing their duties. The Company shall ensure that independent directors have the same right of information as other directors, provide independent directors with relevant materials and information in a timely manner, inform independent directors of the operation of the Company on a regular basis and, when necessary, organize an on-the-spot investigation for independent directors.

For matters that need to be decided by the Board, the Company shall notify Independent Directors in advance pursuant to statutory limit of time and provide sufficient information at the same time. If Independent Directors consider that the information is insufficient, they may request the Company to supplement. If 2 or more Independent Directors consider that the information is insufficient or the elaboration is unclear, they may jointly propose in writing to the Board to postpone the convening of board meeting or the review of such matter, and the Board shall adopt it. The Company and independent directors shall keep the information provided by the Company to Independent Directors for at least 5 years.

- Article 179 The Company shall provide necessary working conditions for independent directors to perform their duties. The secretary to the Board shall actively provide support for independent directors to perform their duties, including briefing and provision of information.
- Article 180 The Company shall bear reasonable expenses incurred by independent directors for engaging intermediary agencies and performing their other duties.
- Article 181 The Company shall grant adequate allowances to independent directors at a standard rate prepared by the Board and approved by the shareholders' general meeting, which is to be disclosed in the annual report of the Company.

Other than such allowances, independent directors shall not receive any additional, undisclosed benefits from the Company or its major shareholders or any other interested entity or individual.

### **Chapter 12 Manager and Senior Management**

- Article 182 The Company shall have one manager, who is to be appointed or removed by the Board.
- Article 183 In exercising their duties and powers, the manager and other senior management shall observe the obligations of good faith and diligence in accordance with laws, regulations and the Articles of Association. The provisions of the Articles of Association concerning the obligations of loyalty and diligence of directors shall equally apply to the manager and other senior management.
- Article 184 The manager shall serve for a term of 3 years and may serve consecutive terms if re-appointed.
- Article 185 The manager shall report to the Board and have the following duties and powers:
  - to be responsible for the production, operation and management of the Company, organize the implementation of resolutions of the Board and report to the Board on work;
  - (2) to organize the implementation of the annual business plans and investment plans of the Company;
  - (3) to draft schemes for setting up the Company's internal management departments;
  - (4) to formulate the basic management systems of the Company;
  - (5) to formulate the basic regulations and rules of the Company;
  - (6) to make proposals regarding the appointment or removal of the deputy manager, financial director of the Company;
  - (7) to appoint or remove managerial personnel other than those to be appointed or removed by the Board;
  - (8) to formulate plans for the wages, benefits, awards and punishments of the employees of the Company and determine the employment and dismissal of such employees;

- (9) to propose to convene an interim meeting of the Board;
- (10) such other duties and powers as are granted by the Articles of Association and the Board.
- Article 186 The deputy manager of the Company shall be nominated by the manager and appointed by the Board. Where the deputy manager is to be removed in accordance with any existing law, regulation, rule or the Articles of Association or the opinion of the manager, the manager shall make a removal proposal to the Board for its consideration and approval. Under the leadership of the manager, the deputy manager shall carry out tasks assigned or delegated by the manager to him and report to the manager.
- Article 187 Any person who holds any position other than a director in the controlling shareholder or actual controller of the Company shall not serve as any senior management of the Company.
- Article 188 The manager shall report to the Board or Supervisory Committee on the execution and implementation of any material contract or the use of funds and the profits and losses of the Company at the request of the Board or Supervisory Committee. The manager must ensure the truthfulness of such reports.
- Article 189 Based on the principle of improving the operating efficiency of the Company, with the authorization of the Board, the office meeting of the manager may decide any transaction and connected transaction that are not subject to the approval by the Board and/ or the shareholders in accordance with the Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange that take effect from time to time.
- Article 190 In handling issues relating to the remuneration, benefits, safe production and labor protection, insurance, dismissal of employees of the Company, the manager shall first consult with the trade union or the employee representatives meeting.
- Article 191 The manager shall formulate detailed work rules of the manager and submit the same to the Board for approval and, upon such approval, implement such rules.

The detailed work rules of the manager shall contain the following contents:

- conditions, procedures and participants of the manager's office meeting;
- (2) specific duties of the manager and other senior management;

- (3) funds of the Company, use of funds, authority to enter into material contracts and systems for reporting to the Board and Supervisory Committee;
- (4) such other matters as are deemed necessary by the Board.
- Article 192 The manager may resign prior to the expiration of his term of office. The detailed procedures for the manager's resignation shall be set out in the labor contract between the manager and the Company.
- Article 193 The senior management shall be liable for any losses caused to the Company by their breach of any law, regulation, rule or the Articles of Association in performing their duties for the Company.

## **Chapter 13 Secretary to the Board**

- Article 194 The Company shall have one secretary to the Board, who shall be a senior management of the Company and report to the Company and the Board. The Board and managers shall provide active support to the secretary to the Board in his work.
- Article 195 The secretary to the Board shall be a natural person who has the necessary professional knowledge and experience, and shall be appointed by the Board. The qualification of the secretary to the Board shall be as follows:
  - (1) having good professional ethics and personal qualities;
  - (2) having a bachelor degree or above with work experience of at least three years focusing on finance, accounting and auditing, business administration, or legal areas;
  - (3) having expertise and knowledge related to the relevant laws and regulations regarding overseas listing;
  - (4) having strong public relations and coordination skills;
  - (5) having qualifications as required by the laws and regulations of the PRC and the jurisdiction where the Company is listed and the Stock Exchange.

A natural person who falls within situations set out in Article 219 hereinafter shall not serve as the secretary to the Board.

The Board of the Company shall file the appointment of the secretary to the Board to China Securities Regulatory Commission and disclose such appointment to the public. The filing information comprises (i) the particulars, a copy of academic certification, relevant work experience of the secretary to the Board; (ii) any training and qualification certificate; (iii) the letter of appointment issued by the Board; and (iv) other information requested by the regulatory departments.

## Article 196 The main tasks of the secretary to the Board shall be:

- (1) to assist directors in handling daily work of the Board, continually provide directors with, or remind them of, and ensure that directors understand, the regulations, policies and requirements of relevant domestic and foreign regulatory authorities in relation to the Company's operation, and assist directors and the manager in observing domestic and foreign laws, regulations, the Articles of Association and other relevant provisions during the performance of their duties;
- (2) to organize and prepare documents of the shareholders' general meeting and the meetings of the Board, keep proper minutes of such meetings, ensure that decisions made at such meetings are in compliance with statutory procedures, and know the implementation of resolutions of the Board;
- (3) to organize and co-ordinate information disclosure to establish a good relationship with investors and enhance the transparency of the Company;
- (4) to participate in organizing any financing in the capital market;
- (5) to handle relations with intermediaries, domestic and foreign regulatory authorities and media, and maintain sound public relations.
- (6) to maintain the confidentiality work for the price sensitive information of the Company and formulate effective confidentiality policies and mechanism. For the leak of price sensitive information caused by reasons of all sorts, necessary remedial countermeasures shall be taken to provide timely explanation and clarification, and the regulatory authority in the jurisdiction where the overseas listing takes place and China Securities Regulatory Commission shall be notified.

- (7) to assume the responsibilities of the liaison personnel between the Company and the securities regulatory authorities to timely prepare and deliver all documents as required by the regulatory authorities, and to complete the relevant tasks designated by the regulatory authorities.
- (8) other functions as required by the laws and regulations of the PRC, the jurisdiction where the shares of the Company are listed, and the Stock Exchange.

## Article 197 The duties of the secretary to the Board shall be:

- (1) to organize and make preparations for meetings of the Board and the shareholders' general meeting, prepare documents for such meetings, make relevant arrangements for such meetings, take minutes of meetings and ensure the accuracy of such minutes, keep documents and minutes of such meetings, keep an eye on the implementation of relevant resolutions on his own initiative, report and make recommendations to the Board on any material issue arising in such implementation, and ensure that the Company possess complete constitutional documents and records;
- (2) to ensure that any material matter to be decided by the Board be carried out strictly in accordance with the prescribed procedures and, at the request of the Board, take part in procuring advice and analysis of matters to be decided by the Board and give opinions and recommendations in relation hereto, and handle such routine work of the Board and its committees as are entrusted to him;
- (3) as the liaison person between the Company and foreign and domestic regulatory authorities, to ensure that the Company prepare and submit such reports and documents as are required by the competent authorities in accordance with the law, and organize the relevant departments of the Company to complete matters in relation to securities regulation;
- (4) to co-ordinate and organize the information disclosure of the Company, establish a sound information disclosure system, attend all the meetings of the Company involving any information disclosure, and become aware of material operating decisions of the Company and related information in a timely manner;

- (5) to be responsible for maintaining the secrecy and confidentiality of the pricesensitive information of the Company, formulate practicable systems and measures of confidentiality, and take necessary remedial actions, make a timely explanation or clarification and give notice to the relevant foreign and domestic regulatory authorities in respect of any leakage of price-sensitive information of the Company;
- (6) to organize marketing and promotion, receive visitors, handle relations with investors, keep in contact with investors, intermediaries and news media, answer public questions, ensure that investors be provided with any information disclosed by the Company in a timely manner, organize on-shore and off-shore promotion activities of the Company, prepare summary reports on marketing activities and important visits, and organize the submission of reports on relevant matters to the domestic and foreign regulatory authorities;
- (7) to manage and keep the registers of shareholders and directors of the Company, records of shareholdings by major shareholders and directors and the list of beneficiary holders of the issued and outstanding bonds of the Company, and ensure that any person entitled to obtain any record or document of the Company be provided with such record or document in a timely manner;
- (8) to assist directors and the manager in observing domestic and foreign laws and regulations, the Articles of Association and other relevant provisions during the course of exercising their duties and powers, remind the Company about any non-compliant decision made or likely to be made by Company which has come to his attention and report the case as it is to the domestic and foreign regulatory authorities in his own right;
- (9) to co-ordinate the provision of necessary information and data to Supervisory Committee of the Company or any other examination authority for the purposes of exercising supervisory functions, and assist in any investigation of the observance by the financial director, directors and manager of the Company of the obligation of good faith;
- (10) to exercise such other duties and powers as may be delegated by the Board or stipulated by the relevant laws and regulations of the place where the shares of the Company are listed or the relevant stock exchanges.

Article 198 The secretary to the Board of the Company in principle shall be assumed by dedicated staff. If the directors of the Company and other senior management assume such position, they must ensure that they have sufficient energy and time to assume the responsibilities of the secretary to the Board. The general manager of the Company (excluding deputy general manager) and personnel in charge of finance matters are not permitted to take up the role of secretary to the Board. A director or other senior management of the Company may concurrently serve as the secretary to the Board. No accountant of the accounting firm engaged by the Company shall concurrently serve as the secretary to the Board.

Where a director concurrently serves as the secretary to the Board and a certain act needs to be done by directors and the secretary to the Board respectively, he shall not do the act in his double capacities.

Article 199 The directors, manager and relevant internal departments of the Company shall support the secretary to the Board in performing his duties in accordance with the law and provide him with requisite organization, staff and funds. The various departments of the Company should actively cooperate with the organization of the secretary to the Board in its work.

Article 200 The Company shall not remove the secretary to the Board without any reason. The change of the secretary to the Board must first be reported to the China securities regulatory authority for the record, the reasons for doing so must be given and a public announcement of such change must be made. The change shall also be notified to the regulatory authority of the foreign place where the shares of the Company are listed. At the same time as the removal of the original secretary to the Board, a new secretary to the Board shall be appointed in accordance with the stipulated procedures and formalities.

# **Chapter 14 Supervisory Committee**

Article 201 The Company shall have a Supervisory Committee.

The Supervisory Committee shall consist of seven supervisors. The supervisors shall serve for a term of 3 years and may serve consecutive terms if re-elected.

The Supervisory Committee shall have one chairman, whose appointment and removal shall be subject to affirmative votes by 2/3 or more of supervisors.

- Article 202 The number of supervisors who are employee representatives shall not be less than one-thirds of all the supervisors. Supervisors who are shareholder representatives and independent supervisors shall be elected or replaced by the shareholders' general meeting by way of accumulative balloting. Supervisors who are employee representatives shall be elected or replaced by the employees of the Company via democratic election.
- Article 203 Directors and senior management shall not concurrently serve as supervisors.
- Article 204 The Supervisory Committee shall meet at least once every six months. The chairman of Supervisory Committee shall convene and preside over the meetings of Supervisory Committee. A supervisor may propose to convene an extraordinary meeting of Supervisory Committee. If the chairman fails to perform his duties or does not perform his duties, a supervisor elected by a simple majority of the supervisors shall convene or preside over the meeting.
- Article 205 The meetings of Supervisory Committee shall be held prior to the publication of regular reports. Notice of any regular meeting shall be given to all supervisors 10 days before the meeting and notice of any interim meeting shall be given to all supervisors 5 days before the meeting.

Notice of a meeting of Supervisory Committee shall contain the following contents:

- (1) date and venue of the meeting;
- (2) matters to be discussed (proposals);
- (3) person convening and presiding over the meeting, person proposing to convene the interim meeting and his written proposal;
- (4) materials and information required by supervisors for voting;
- (5) request that supervisors attend the meeting in person;
- (6) contact person and contact information.

The notice of a meeting shall at least include the contents set out in provisions (1) and (2) above and an explanation why an interim meeting should be convened as soon as possible in any emergency.

- Article 206 If a supervisor fails to attend the meeting of Supervisory Committee in person or by proxy for 2 consecutive times, he shall be deemed to be unable to perform his duties, and removed by the shareholders' general meeting or the Employees Representative Meeting.
- Article 207 Supervisors shall ensure that any information disclosed by the Company be true, accurate and complete.
- Article 208 A supervisor may resign before the expiration of his term of office. The provisions of the Articles of Association regarding the resignation of directors shall also apply to supervisors.
- Article 209 Supervisors shall faithfully perform their supervisory duties in accordance with laws, regulations and the Articles of Association and have obligations of loyalty and diligence towards the Company.

The provisions of the Articles of Association regarding the loyalty obligation of directors shall equally apply to directors, and the provisions (1), (2), (3) and (6) of Article 148 hereof regarding the diligence obligation of directors shall equally apply to supervisors.

- Article 210 Supervisors shall be liable for any losses caused to the Company by their breach of any law, regulation, rule or the Articles of Association in performing their duties for the Company.
- Article 211 The Supervisory Committee shall report to the shareholders' general meeting and exercise the following duties and powers in accordance with legal provisions:
  - (1) to check the financial matters of the Company;
  - (2) to supervise the performance by directors and senior management of their duties and make proposals regarding the removal of any director, supervisor or senior management who has violated any law, regulation, the Articles of Association or resolution of the shareholders' general meeting;

- (3) to request any director or senior management to rectify his act that is harmful to the interest of the Company and, if necessary, report such act to the shareholders' general meeting or the competent authority of the State;
- (4) to review and provide a written review opinion on any regular report of the Company prepared by the Board;
- (5) to propose to convene an interim shareholders' general meeting and, when the Board does not perform its duty to convene and preside over the shareholders' general meeting as stipulated in the Company Law, to convene and preside over the shareholders' general meeting;
- (6) to make proposals to the shareholders' general meeting;
- (7) to bring a legal action against any director or senior management in accordance with Article 152 of the Company Law;
- (8) to attend the meetings of the Board as observers and make enquiries or recommendations in respect of any matter to be resolved by the Board;
- (9) to verify the financial reports, business reports, profit distribution plans and other financial information to be submitted by the Board to the shareholders' general meeting and, if discovering any problem, commission a registered accountant or licensed auditor to review such reports;
- (10) other duties and powers stipulated in the Articles of Association.
- Article 212 In exercising its duties and powers, Supervisory Committee may as necessary engage law firms, accounting firms or other professionals to provide help at the expense of the Company.
- Article 213 When attending the meetings of the Board as observers, supervisors shall assist the Board in giving replies and make explanations in respect of enquiries and suggestions made by shareholders, other than matters involving the business secrets of the Company that may not be disclosed at the shareholders' general meeting.

When attending the meetings of the Board as observers, supervisors shall supervise the legality of the meeting procedures, the abstaining from voting by connected directors and such other matters as whether the contents of any resolution of the Board comply with the provisions of laws and the Articles of Association or meet the actual needs of the Company.

Article 214 The Supervisory Committee shall formulate its rules of procedure and define its mode of discussion and voting procedures to ensure the work efficiency and scientific decision-making of Supervisory Committee.

The rules of procedure of Supervisory Committee shall specify the convening and voting procedures of the meetings of Supervisory Committee. The rules of procedure of Supervisory Committee shall be attached to the Articles of Association and shall be formulated by Supervisory Committee and approved by the shareholders' general meeting.

- Article 215 In any of the following circumstances, Supervisory Committee shall convene an interim meeting within 10 days:
  - (1) When the chairman of Supervisory Committee believes it is necessary;
  - (2) When One third of the members of Supervisory Committee jointly propose the need to convene such meeting;
  - (3) When all of the external supervisors propose the need to convene such meeting;

A written notice shall be issued to all of the members of Supervisory Committee five days prior to the extraordinary meeting. In case of In case of emergency and an extraordinary meeting of the Supervisory Committee that is held as soon as possible, the notice of such meeting can be given through telephone or other verbal manners but the convener shall make explanations at such meeting.

Article 216 The meeting of Supervisory Committee may proceed only if it is attended by at least two-thirds of the supervisors. Supervisors shall attend the meetings of Supervisory Committee in person. If any supervisor cannot attend any such meeting for any reason, he may appoint another supervisor as his proxy to attend such meeting on his behalf. Every supervisor has the right to speak and make any proposal at the meeting of Supervisory Committee. The Supervisory Committee shall consider any proposal made by any supervisor.

Article 217 The Supervisory Committee shall vote on its resolutions by show of hands or any other means of voting acceptable to it. Each supervisor shall have one vote.

Resolutions of the Supervisory Committee shall be passed by more than two thirds of the Supervisory Committee.

Article 218 The Supervisory Committee shall keep minutes of its meetings which shall be signed by supervisors present at the meetings and the recorder. A supervisor shall be entitled to request an explanatory note on his speech at the meeting to be included in the minutes. The minutes of meetings of Supervisory Committee shall be kept by the secretary to the Board as files of the Company.

The minutes of meetings of Supervisory Committee shall be kept for a period of 10 years.

## **Chapter 15 Qualifications and Duties of**

# the Directors, Supervisors, Managers and Other Senior management

- Article 219 A person may not serve as a director, supervisor, manager, or any other member of senior management of the Company if any of the following circumstances applies:
  - (1) having no or restricted legal capacity;
  - (2) having committed an offence of corruption, bribery, infringement of property, misappropriation of property or sabotaging the social economic order and has been punished because of committing such offence; or who has been deprived of his political rights, in each case where less than 5 years have elapsed since the date of the completion of implementation of such punishment or deprivation;
  - (3) being a former director, factory manager or manager of a company or enterprise which has entered into insolvent liquidation due to poor operation and management and being personally liable for the insolvency of such company or enterprise, where less than 3 years have elapsed since the date of the completion of the insolvency and liquidation of the company or enterprise;
  - (4) being a former legal representative of a company or enterprise of which the business license has been revoked due to violation of the law and having incurred personal liability in relation thereto, where less than 3 years have elapsed since the date of the revocation of the business license;

- (5) having a relatively large amount of debts due and outstanding;
- (6) being subject to a penalty of prohibition from engaging in stock market activities imposed by the securities regulatory authority of the State Council, where the term of the penalty has not yet expired;
- (7) being subject to investigation by judicial body for violation of criminal law where the said investigation has not yet been concluded;
- (8) not being eligible for enterprise leadership according to the laws and administrative regulations;
- (9) not being a natural person;
- (10) having been convicted of contravention of provisions of relevant securities regulations by a relevant competent authority, and such conviction involves a finding that he has acted fraudulently or dishonestly, where less than 5 years have elapsed since the date of the conviction;
- (11) any other circumstances as prescribed by the laws, the securities regulatory institutions and stock exchange of the place where the shares of the Company are listed.

In the case of election or appointment of directors in violation of this Article, such election, appointment or employment shall be null and void. Where the directors present circumstances as prescribed in this Article, they shall be dismissed by the company.

- Article 220 The validity of an act of a director, manager, and any other member of senior management member on behalf of the Company vis-à-vis a bona fide third party is not affected by any irregularity in his office, election or qualification.
- Article 221 In addition to obligations imposed by the laws, administrative regulations or Listing Rules of the stock exchanges on which the Company's shares are listed, each of the Company's directors, supervisors, managers, and other senior management owes the following duties to each shareholder, in the exercise of the functions and powers of the Company entrusted to him:
  - not to cause the Company to carry out any business outside the scope of business stipulated in its business license;

- (2) to act honestly in the best interests of the Company;
- (3) not to expropriate in any way the Company's property, including (without limitation) opportunities advantageous to the Company;
- (4) not to expropriate individual rights of shareholders, including (without limitation) rights to distribution and voting rights, save pursuant to a restructuring of the Company submitted to shareholders' general meeting for approval in accordance with the Articles of Association.
- Article 222 Each of the Company's directors, supervisors, managers, and other senior management owes a duty, in the exercise of his powers and discharge of his duties, to exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.
- Article 223 Each of the Company's directors, supervisors, managers and other senior management shall exercise his powers or carry out his duties in accordance with the principle of honesty and shall not put himself in a position where his duty and his interest may conflict. Such principle includes (without limitation) discharging the following obligations:
  - (1) to act honestly in the best interests of the Company;
  - (2) to exercise powers within the scope of his authorities and not to exceed those authorities;
  - (3) to exercise the discretion vested in him personally and not to allow himself to act under the control of another and, unless and to the extent permitted by the laws, administrative regulations or with the informed consent of shareholders given in a shareholders' general meeting, not to delegate his power of discretion;
  - (4) to treat shareholders of the same class equally and to treat shareholders of different classes fairly;
  - (5) except in accordance with the Articles of Association or with the informed consent of shareholders given in shareholders' general meeting, not to enter into any contract, transaction or arrangement with the Company;
  - (6) without the informed consent of shareholders given in shareholders' general meeting, not to use the Company's property for his own benefit by any means;

- (7) not to exploit his position to accept bribes or other illegal income or expropriate the Company's property by any means, including (without limitation) opportunities advantageous to the Company;
- (8) without the informed consent of shareholders given in shareholders' general meeting, not to accept commissions in connection with the Company's transactions;
- (9) to abide by the Articles of Association, faithfully execute his duties and protect the Company's interests, and not to exploit his position and power in the Company to advance his own private interests;
- (10) not to compete with the Company in any form unless with the consent of shareholders given in shareholders' general meeting;
- (11) not to misappropriate the Company's funds or to lend the Company's funds to others, not to open accounts in his own name or other names for the deposit of the Company's assets and not to provide guarantee obligations of the shareholder(s) of the Company or other individual(s) secured by the Company's assets; (12) unless otherwise permitted by informed shareholders in shareholders' general meeting, to keep in confidence information relating to the Company acquired by him in the course of and during his tenure and not to use such information for purposes other than in furtherance of the interests of the Company, save that disclosure of such information to the court or other governmental authorities is permitted if:
  - 1. disclosure is made pursuant to the law;
  - 2. the interests of the public require disclosure;
  - 3. the interests of the relevant director, supervisor, manager and other senior management require disclosure.

Any income received by a director from violating the provisions of this Article shall belong to the Company and any losses incurred by the Company shall be borne by such director.

- Article 224 Each director, supervisor, manager and other senior management of the Company shall not cause the following persons or entities ("associates") to do what he or it is prohibited from doing:
  - (1) the spouse or minor child of that director, supervisor, manager, and other senior management;
  - (2) a person acting in the capacity of trustee of that director, supervisor, manager, and other senior management or any person referred to in provision (1) of this Article:
  - (3) a person acting in the capacity of partner of that director, supervisor, manager, and other senior management or any person referred to in provisions (1) and (2) of this Article;
  - (4) a company in which that director, supervisor, manager and other senior management, alone or jointly with one or more persons referred to in provisions (1), (2) and (3) above or other directors, supervisors, managers, and other senior management of the Company have a actual controlling interest; and the directors, supervisors, managers,
  - (5) other senior management of the controlled company referred to in provision (4) of this Article.
- Article 225 The fiduciary duties of the directors, supervisors, managers, and other senior management of the Company do not necessarily cease with the termination of their tenure. The duty of confidence in relation to trade secrets of the Company survives the termination of their tenure. Other duties may continue for such period as fairness may require depending on the time lapse between the termination of tenure and the occurrence of the event concerned and the circumstances under which the relationships between them and the Company are terminated.
- Article 226 Except for circumstances prescribed in Article 59 of the Articles of Association, a director, supervisor, manager, and other senior management of the Company may be relieved of liability for specific breaches of his duty by the informed consent of shareholders given at a shareholders' general meeting.

Article 227 Where a director, supervisor, manager, and other senior management of the Company is in any way, directly or indirectly, materially interested in a contract, transaction or arrangement made or proposed to be made with the Company (other than his contract of service with the Company), he shall declare the nature and extent of his interests to the Board at the earliest opportunity, whether or not the contract, transaction or arrangement or proposal therefore is otherwise subject to the approval of the Board.

A director shall not vote nor shall be counted in the quorum on any Board resolution approving any contract, arrangement or any other proposal in which he or any of his associates has a material interest (as defined by the Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange taking effect from time to time). Unless the interested director, supervisor, manager, and other senior management has disclosed his interests in accordance with the preceding provision of this Article and the contract, transaction or arrangement is approved by the Board at a meeting in which the interested director, supervisor, manager, and other senior management is not counted in the quorum and refrained from voting, the Company is entitled to rescind the contract, transaction or arrangement in which that director, supervisor, manager, and other senior management is materially interested except as against a bona fide party thereto acting without notice of the breach of duty by the interested director, manager, and other senior management. A director, supervisor, manager, and other senior management of the Company are deemed to be interested in a contract, transaction or arrangement in which an associate of him is interested.

Article 228 Where a director, supervisor, manager, and other senior management of the Company gives to the Board a general notice in writing stating that, by reason of the facts specified in the notice, he is interested in contracts, transactions or arrangements of any description which may subsequently be made by the Company, such notice shall be deemed for the purposes of the preceding provision of this Article to be a sufficient declaration of his interests, so far as the relevant content has been stated in such notice, provided that such general notice shall have been given before the date on which the question of entering into the relevant contract, transaction or arrangement is first taken into consideration on behalf of the Company.

Article 229 The Company shall not in any manner pay taxes for or on behalf of its directors, supervisors, managers, and other senior management.

Article 230 The Company shall not directly or indirectly make a loan to, or provide any guarantee in connection with the making of a loan to, a director, supervisor, manager, and other senior management of the Company or of the Company's parent company or any of their respective associates.

However, the following transactions are not subject to such prohibition:

- (1) the provision by the Company of a loan or a guarantee for a loan to a company which is a subsidiary of the Company;
- (2) the provision by the Company of a loan or a guarantee in connection with the making of a loan or any other funds to any of its directors, supervisors, managers, and other senior management to meet expenditure incurred or to be incurred by him for the purposes of the Company or for the purpose of enabling him to perform his duties properly, in accordance with the terms of a service contract approved by the shareholders in shareholders' general meeting; and
- (3) The Company may make a loan or provide a guarantee in connection with the making of a loan to any of the relevant directors, supervisors, managers, and other senior management or their respective associates if the ordinary course of business of the Company includes the lending of money or the giving of guarantee, provided that the loan or the guarantee is on normal commercial terms.
- Article 231 A loan made by the Company in breach of the above provisions shall be forthwith repayable by receiving the loan regardless of the terms of the loan.
- Article 232 A loan guarantee provided by the Company in breach of Article 230 shall be unenforceable against the Company, except that:
  - (1) the loan was advanced to an associate of any of the directors, supervisors, managers, and other senior management of the Company or of the Company's parent company where the lender did not know the relevant circumstances; or
  - (2) the security provided by the Company has been lawfully disposed of by the lender to a bona fide purchaser.
- Article 233 For the purposes of the foregoing provisions of this Chapter, a guarantee includes an undertaking or property provided to secure the performance of obligations by the obligor.

- Article 234 In addition to any rights and remedies provided by the laws and administrative regulations, where a director, supervisor, manager, and other member of senior management of the Company is in breach of his duties to the Company, the Company has a right to:
  - claim damages from the director, supervisor, manager, and other member of senior management in compensation for losses sustained by the Company as a result of such breach;
  - (2) rescind any contract or transaction entered into by the Company with the director, supervisor, manager, and other member of senior management or with a third party (where such third party knows or should know that there is such a breach of duties by such director, supervisor, manager, and other member of senior management);
  - (3) demand the director, supervisor, manager, and other member of senior management to surrender the profits made by him in breach of his duties;
  - (4) recover any monies received by the director, supervisor, manager, and other member of senior management which should have been otherwise received by the Company, including (without limitation) commissions; and
  - (5) demand payment of the interest earned or which may have been earned by the director, supervisor, manager, and other member of senior management on the monies that should have been paid to the Company.
- Article 235 The Company shall enter into a contract in writing with each director, supervisor and senior management of the Company, at least including:
  - (1) The directors, supervisors and senior officers of the company undertake to comply with the Company Law, the Special Regulations, the Articles of Association of the company and other rules formulated by Stock Exchanges, and reach the agreement that the company is entitled to the remedies provided herein. Neither the agreement nor the posts of directors, supervisors and senior officers shall be assigned.
  - (2) The directors, supervisors and senior officers of the company undertake to abide and perform the obligations to the shareholders provided in the Articles of Association.

(3) The arbitration clause provided under Article 282.

The Company shall, with the prior approval of shareholders in shareholders' general meeting, enter into a contract in writing with a director or supervisor wherein his emoluments are stipulated, including:

- emoluments in respect of his service as director, supervisor or member of senior management of the Company;
- (2) emoluments in respect of his service as director, supervisor or member of senior management 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 or any of its subsidiaries;
- (4) compensation for loss of office, or as consideration for or in connection with his retirement from office.

Except under a contract entered into in accordance with the foregoing, no proceedings may be brought by a director or supervisor against the Company for any benefits in respect of the matters mentioned in this Article.

Article 236 The contract for emoluments entered into between the Company and its directors or supervisors should provide that in the event of a takeover of the Company, the directors and supervisors shall, subject to the prior approval of the shareholders in shareholders' general meeting, have the right to receive compensation or other payment for loss of office or retirement. A takeover of the Company as referred to above means:

- (1) a takeover offer made by any person to all shareholders; or
- (2) an offer made by any person with a view to rendering the offer or a "controlling shareholder" within the meaning of Article 60.

If the relevant director or supervisor does not comply with this Article, any sum so received by him shall belong to those persons who have sold their shares as a result of the said offer made. The expenses incurred in distributing that sum pro rata amongst those persons shall be borne by the relevant director or supervisor and shall not be paid out of that sum.

## **Chapter 16 Financial and Accounting System and Profit Distribution**

- Article 237 The Company shall establish its financial and accounting system in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations and PRC accounting standards formulated by the finance regulatory department of the State Council.
- Article 238 The Company shall prepare an annual financial accounting report at the end of each financial year, which shall be examined by an audit firm in accordance with the laws.
- Article 239 The Board shall place before the shareholders at every annual general meeting such financial reports as are required by any laws, administrative regulations or directives promulgated by local government and competent department to be prepared by the Company. The report shall be examined by an audit firm.
- Article 240 The Company shall deposit its financial reports at the Company for inspection by the shareholders at least 20 days before the convening of the annual general meeting of shareholders. Each shareholder of the company is entitled to obtain financial reports mentioned in this chapter.

The Company shall send the above report to each holder of overseas listed foreign hares by prepaid mail at least 21 days before the convening of the annual general meeting of shareholders. The address of the recipient shall be the registered address as shown on the register of members.

Subject to compliance the laws, administrative regulations, departmental rules, the relevant requirements of the securities regulatory authority in the jurisdiction in which the shares of the Company are listed, the Company may also send the aforesaid reports through announcement (including public in the Company's website).

Article 241 The financial statements of the Company shall, in addition to being prepared in accordance with PRC accounting standards and regulations, be prepared in accordance with either international accounting standards or that of the place overseas where the Company's shares are listed. If there is any material difference between the financial statements prepared respectively in accordance with the two accounting standards, explanations shall be made in the financial statements. When the Company is to distribute its after-tax profits for that financial year, the lower of the after-tax profits as shown in the two financial statements shall be adopted.

Article 242 The interim results or financial information published or disclosed by the Company shall be prepared in accordance with the PRC accounting standards and regulations as well as the international accounting standards or such accounting standards in the place of listing overseas.

Article 243 The Company shall announce its interim financial report within 90 days after the end of the first six months of each financial year, and announce the annual financial report within 120 days after the end of each financial year.

Article 244 The Company shall not keep accounts other than those provided by law.

Any assets of the Company shall not be kept under any account opened in the name of any individual.

Article 245 When distributing each year's after-tax profits, the Company shall set aside 10% of its after-tax profits for the Company's statutory surplus reserve fund. When the aggregate balance in the statutory surplus reserve fund has reached 50% or more of the Company's registered capital, the Company needs not make any further allocations to that fund.

Where the Company's statutory surplus reserve fund is not enough to make up losses of the Company for the preceding year, the current year's profits shall be applied firstly to make up the losses before being allocated to the statutory reserve and statutory public welfare fund in accordance with the preceding provision. Subject to a resolution being passed at a shareholders' general meeting, after allocation has been made to the Company's statutory reserve fund from its after-tax profits, the Company may set aside funds for the discretionary reserve fund.

The Company shall not distribute its profits to shareholders before making up losses and making allocations to the statutory reserve fund.

Except for circumstances that not distributed in proportion prescribed in the Articles of Association, the remaining profit after taxation, after recovery of losses and appropriation of reserve funds shall be distributed to shareholders in proportion to their shareholdings.

Where the shareholders' general meeting distributes its profits before recovery of losses and appropriation of reserve funds to the shareholders in breach of the provisions of the preceding provision, the shareholders must refund to the Company the profits distributed in violation of the provisions.

No profit shall be distributed in respect of the shares of the Company which are held by the Company.

- Article 246 Share dividends shall be distributed on the basis of the after-tax distributable profit, which shall be the smaller one of the following two figures:
  - (1) The aggregate amount of after-tax distributable profit in the financial report audited by an accounting firm in accordance with the Chinese accounting standards; or
  - (2) The aggregate amount of after-tax distributable profit in the financial report based on the audited financial report prepared in accordance with Chinese accounting standards and adjusted in accordance with international accounting standards or accounting standards of the place where the main overseas public offering occurs.
- Article 247 The reserve fund of the Company shall be used for making up for the loss, expansion of the operation or increase of capitalization of the Company, provided that the capital reserve fund shall not be used for making up for the loss of the Company;

When the statutory reserve fund is capitalized, the retained portion of the fund shall not be less than 25% of the registered share capital of the Company before the capitalization.

# Article 248 Capital reserve fund includes the following items:

- (1) premium received when shares are issued at a premium over their par value; and
- (2) any other income required to be included in the capital reserve fund by the competent finance department of the State Council.

Article 249 The Company may distribute dividends in the following manners:

- (1) Cash;
- (2) Shares.

Article 250 Profit distribution policies of the Company are specified as follows:

- (1) Profit distribution policies of the Company focus on reasonable returns of the investors and maintain their continuity and stability;
- (2) The Company may distribute the dividends in the form of cash or shares, and may pay interim profit in cash;
- (3) Profit shall be distributed in cash at least one time for every 3 consecutive years. The specific proportion is determined at the discretion of the Board in accordance with the operating results of the Company and the requirements of the securities regulatory authority in the jurisdiction where the shares of the Company are listed, subject to the review and approval at the shareholders' meeting.

The dividends and other payments paid by the Company shall be denominated and declared in RMB, and shall be paid to shareholders of non-overseas listed shares in RMB. The dividends and other payments paid by the Company shall be denominated and declared in RMB, and shall be paid to shareholders of overseas listed shares in foreign currency . If the Company needs to pay shareholders of overseas listed shares in foreign currency, such payments shall comply with the relevant foreign exchange control regulations promulgated by the government. According to the tax laws in China, the Company withholds the tax arising from the dividends income paid to the shareholders and pays such tax on behalf of such shareholders.

Any amount paid upon any shares before a call is made shall bear interest thereon. However, the shareholder is not entitled to any dividends of such pre-paid share capital declared subsequently.

Article 251 The Company shall appoint receiving agents on behalf of the holders of overseas listed shares to receive on behalf of such shareholders dividends declared and all other monies owing by the Company in respect of such overseas listed shares.

The receiving agents appointed by the Company shall satisfy the relevant requirements of the laws of the place and relevant regulations of the stock exchange where the Company's shares are listed.

The receiving agents appointed on behalf of holders of overseas listed shares in Hong Kong shall be a company registered as a trust company under the Trustee Ordinance of Hong Kong.

Subject to compliance with the relevant laws, administrative regulations and rules of Stock Exchanges, the Company may exercise a right to forfeit unclaimed dividends, provided that such right shall be exercisable only after the applicable limitation period expires.

The Company shall have the right to cease sending dividend warrants to holders of overseas-listed shares by mail, provided that the Company shall only exercise such right if such dividend warrants are not cashed for two consecutive times. If such dividend warrant fails to be served on the recipient after it is sent for the first time and is returned, the Company may exercise this right.

While exercising the right of issue warrants to the holders, unless the company believes the original warrants has been destroyed or lost, the company shall not issue any new warrants to replace such lost warrants.

The Company shall have the right to sell the shares held by uncontactable holders of overseas-listed shares in such ways as the Board think fit, provided that the following conditions shall be complied with:

- (1) The Company has distributed dividends for at least 3 times in 12 years, and nobody claims the dividends during the period; and
- (2) After expiry of the 12-year period, the Company shall put up an advertisement in one or more newspapers at the place where the shares of the Company are listed, stating the Company's intention to sell the shares and inform the security regulatory authority of the place where the shares of the Company are listed.
- Article 252 After the shareholders' general meeting of the Company adopts a profit distribution plan by way of resolution, the Board of the Company shall promptly complete the distribution of dividends (or shares) within two months of the convening of shareholders' general meeting.

#### Chapter 17 Appointments of Accounting Firm and Internal Audit

Article 253 The Company shall appoint an independent firm of certified public accountants which is qualified under the relevant regulations of the State to audit the Company's annual financial statements and review the Company's other financial reports. The first accounting firm of the Company may be appointed by the inaugural meeting of the Company before the first annual general meeting of shareholders and the accounting firm so appointed shall hold office until the conclusion of the first annual general meeting.

The company shall engage accounting firms qualified for "securities-related businesses" to render services such as the auditing of accounting statements, verification of net assets and other relevant consulting matters. The term such engagement will be one year and may be renewed.

Article 254 Unless be provided by Article 257 herein, the appointment of accounting firms shall be decided by the shareholders' assembly meeting, and the Board shall not appoint the accounting firm before the resolution is adopted by the shareholders' assembly meeting.

The accounting firm appointed by the Company shall hold office from the conclusion of the annual general meeting of shareholders at which the appointment is made until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of shareholders.

Article 255 The accounting firm appointed by the Company shall have the following rights:

- (1) the right to inspect at any time the books, records and vouchers of the Company, and to require the directors, managers and other senior management of the Company to provide any relevant information and explanation thereof;
- (2) the right to require the Company to take all reasonable steps to obtain from its subsidiaries such information and explanation as are necessary for the performance of duties of such accounting firm; and
- (3) the right to attend shareholders' general meetings and to receive all notices of, and other communications relating to, any shareholders' general meeting which any shareholder is entitled to receive, and to be heard at any shareholders' general meeting in relation to matters concerning its role as the accounting firm of the Company.

- Article 256 The Company warrants that the Company will provide the engaged accounting firm with true and complete accounting vouchers, accounting books, financial accounting reports and other accounting information, and the Company shall not refuse to provide or conceal or falsify such documents.
- Article 257 Before the convening of the shareholders' general meeting, the Board may fill any casual vacancy in the office of the accounting firm by appointing other accounting firm but while there is still any such vacancy, the surviving or continuing accounting firm, if any, may continue to act.
- Article 258 The shareholders in shareholders' general meeting may, by ordinary resolution, remove an accounting firm before the expiration of its office, notwithstanding the stipulations in the contract between the Company and the firm, but without prejudice to the firm's right to claim, if any, for damages in respect of such removal.
- Article 259 The remuneration of an accounting firm or the manner in which such remuneration is to be fixed shall be determined by the shareholders in shareholders' general meeting. The remuneration of an accounting firm appointed by the Board shall be determined by the Board.
- Article 260 The Company's appointment, removal and non-reappointment of an accounting firm shall be resolved by shareholders in shareholders' general meeting. The shareholders' resolution of the shareholders' general meeting shall be filed with the securities regulatory authority of the State Council.

Where it is proposed that any resolution be passed at a shareholders' general meeting concerning the appointment of an accounting firm, which is not an incumbent firm, to fill a casual vacancy in the office of the accounting firm, or to reappoint a retiring accounting firm which was appointed by the Board to fill a casual vacancy, or to remove the accounting firm before the expiration of its term of office, the following provisions shall apply:

(1) A copy of the proposal about appointment or removal shall be sent to the firm proposed to be appointed or proposing to cease to act or the firm which has ceased to act in the relevant financial year before notice of meeting is given to the shareholders. Ceasing to act includes leaving by removal, resignation and retirement.

- (2) If the firm which is about to cease to act makes representations in writing and requests the Company to notify the shareholders of such representations, the Company shall (unless the representations are received too late):
  - in any notice given to shareholders about a resolution to be made, state the representations that have been made by such accounting firm; and
  - send the duplicate copy of the statement in the form of an attachment to the notice to shareholders in a way stipulated by the Articles;
- (3) If the Company fails to send the statement of relevant accounting firm according to the above provisions of Item (2) above, the accounting firm may ask the statement be read out at the Shareholders' general meeting and make further appeal.
- (4) An accounting firm to leave the post shall be entitled to attend the following meetings:
  - (a) Shareholders' general meeting at which its term of office shall expire;
  - (b) Shareholders' general meeting at which the vacancy due to its removal is to be filled up;
  - (c) Shareholders' general meeting convened due to its resignation from its post.

The accounting firm leaving the post shall be entitled to receive all notices of the aforesaid meetings or other information in relation to the meetings and speak at the aforesaid meeting with regard to matters involving its duties as the previous accounting firm engaged by the Company.

Article 261 When the Company removes or does not renew the employment of an accounting firm, it shall give a thirty (30)-day advance notice to the accounting firm. The accounting firm shall have the right to present its views at the shareholders' general meeting. Where the accounting firm resigns, it shall state to the shareholders' general meeting whether there is any improper circumstances.

Any accounting firm may resign by depositing at the Company's legal address a written resignation notice which shall become effective on the date of such deposit or on such later date as may be stipulated in such notice. Such notice shall include the followings:

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

The Company shall within 14 days after receiving such notice send a copy of the notice to the competent authority. If the notice contains a statement under subprovision (2) of the preceding provision, a copy of such statement shall be placed at the Company for shareholders' inspection. The Company shall also send a copy of such statement by prepaid mail to every holder of overseas-listed shares to the address registered in the share register.

Where the accounting firm's notice of resignation contains a statement of any such circumstances, it may require the Board to convene an extraordinary general meeting for the purpose of listening an explanation of the circumstances in connection with its resignation.

- Article 262 The Company implements an internal audit system and is equipped with full-time auditors. The Company's financial revenues and expenditures and economic activities are under internal auditing supervision.
- Article 263 The internal audit system and the responsibilities of the auditors of the Company shall be implemented upon the approval by the Board. Audit director shall be responsible and report on its work to the Board.

#### **Chapter 18 Merger and division of the Company**

Article 264 For merger or division of the Company, the Board shall propose a proposal. After such proposal has been adopted in accordance with the procedures specified in the Articles of Association, relevant examination and approval procedures shall be carried out according to law. Shareholders that oppose to such proposal on the merger or division of the Company shall have the right to require the Company or shareholders that are in favor of such proposal to purchase their shares at a fair price.

The contents of resolutions approving the merger or division of the Company shall be compiled in a special document for shareholders' inspection. Holders of overseas-listed foreign shares of the Company shall be served copies of the above-mentioned document by way of mail.

Article 265 Merger of the Company may take the form of merger by absorption and merger by new establishment.

When a company absorbs other companies, it is merger by absorption, and the absorbed companies shall be dissolved. When two or more companies merge to establish a new company, it is merger by new establishment, and all parties being merged shall be dissolved.

For merger of companies, all parties to the merger shall enter into a merger agreement and prepare a balance sheet and a property list. The Company shall notify its creditors within a period of 10 days from the date on which the merger resolution is passed and publish newspaper announcements regarding the merger within 30 days of that date.

The creditors may, within 30 days from the date on which they receive the written notification, or within 45 days from the date, on which the announcement is made in case of those who have not received the written notification, requests the Company to make full repayment of their debts or provide corresponding guarantees.

The Company shall not merge or divide if it is not able to make full repayment of its debts or provide corresponding guarantees.

Upon completion of the merger, the Company that exists or the newly established company shall assume the creditors' rights and debts of the parties to the merger.

Article 266 If the Company is to be divided, its property shall be divided accordingly.

For division of the Company, all parties to the division shall enter into a division agreement and prepare a balance sheet and a property list. The Company shall notify its creditors within a period of 10 days from the date on which the division resolution is passed and publish newspaper announcements regarding the division within 30 days of that date.

The companies in existence after the division shall assume the joint liability for the debts owed by the Company prior to the division in accordance with the agreement reached except where the Company before the division and its creditors have otherwise reached a written agreement on repayment of the debts.

Article 267 Where the merger or division of the Company involves a change in registered particulars, such change shall be registered with the Company registry in accordance with the laws. Where the Company is dissolved, it shall cancel its registration in accordance with the laws. Where a new company is established, its establishment shall be registered in accordance with the laws.

#### Chapter 19 Dissolution and liquidation of the Company

- Article268 In any of the following circumstances, the Company shall be dissolved and liquidated in accordance with the laws:
  - (1) its business term expired;
  - (2) a resolution for dissolution is passed at a shareholders' general meeting;
  - (3) dissolution is necessary due to a merger or division of the Company;
  - (4) the business license of the Company is revoked, the Company is ordered to close down or cancelled; or
  - (5) where the Company is in serious difficulties in operations or management, and its continual existence will lead to substantial loss to the benefits of the shareholders and there are no other solutions to resolve the matters, the shareholders holding 10% or above of the total voting rights of the Company may request to the People's Court for dissolution of the Company.
- Article 269 Where the Company finds itself in the conditions as prescribed in sub-provision (1) of the preceding article of the Articles of Association, it may continue to exist through revision of the Articles of Association.

In the above mentioned case, such a revision shall be subject to adoption by the shareholders present at the shareholders' general meeting, who hold more than 2/3 of the voting rights.

Where the Company dissolves due to item (1), (2), (4) and (5) in the preceding provision, it shall establish a liquidation committee within 15 days and begin to liquidate. The members of a liquidation committee shall be decided by the Board or the shareholders' general meeting. Where the Company fails to establish a liquidation committee within the time limit, the creditors may request to the People's Court for liquidation of the Company.

Article 270 Where the Board decides to liquidate the Company due to causes other than the declaration of insolvency, the Board shall state in the notice convening a shareholders' general meeting for that purpose that the Board have made a comprehensive investigation into the situation of the Company and is in the opinion that the Company can settle the debts of the Company within 12 months after commencement of the liquidation.

Upon the passing of the resolution by the shareholders' general meeting for the liquidation of the Company, all functions and powers of the Board shall cease immediately.

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

Article 271 The liquidation committee shall notify creditors within a period of 10 days from the date of its establishment and publish newspaper announcements within 60 days. Creditors" rights shall be registered by the liquidation committee.

The creditors shall declare their creditors" rights to the liquidation committee within 30 days from the date on which they receive the written notification, or within forty 45 days from the date on which the announcement is made, in the case of those who have not received such notification. When declaring his or her creditors' rights, a creditor shall specify the matters in respect of each creditor's right, and provide supporting materials. Creditors' rights shall be registered by the liquidation committee. During the period when creditors declare their creditors' rights, the liquidation committee shall not pay off the debts to them.

- Article 272 The liquidation committee shall exercise the following functions and powers during liquidation:
  - (1) thoroughly examine the property of the Company and prepare a balance sheet and property list respectively;
  - (2) notify creditors by a notice or announcement;
  - (3) dispose of outstanding business of the Company in relation to the liquidation;
  - (4) pay off all outstanding taxes and taxes arising during the course of liquidation in full;
  - (5) liquidate claims and debts;
  - (6) dispose of the remaining property after full repayment of the Company's debts; and
  - (7) participate in civil litigations on behalf of the Company.
- Article 273 After the liquidation committee has thoroughly examined the Company's property and prepared a balance sheet and property list, it shall formulate a liquidation plan and submit such plan to the shareholders' general meeting or the competent authorities for confirmation.

The property of the Company shall be used for settlement in the following order:

- (1) pays off the liquidation expenses;
- (2) pays off the wages of its staff, the social insurance premiums and the statutory compensations;
- (3) pays its tax arrears; and
- (4) clears up its debts.

Where the Company paid off its debts in accordance with the preceding provision, its remaining property shall be distributed to the shareholders according to the kinds and proportion of shares they hold.

During liquidation, the Company shall not engage in any new business activities. The

property of the Company shall not be distributed to its shareholders before the Company has made the payments as specified in the provisions of the preceding provision.

Article 274 Where liquidation is carried out as a result of the dissolution of the Company, after having thoroughly examined the Company's property and prepared a balance sheet and property list, if the liquidation committee discovers that the Company's property is insufficient to pay off its debts in full, it shall apply to the People's court for a declaration of bankruptcy.

After the People's court has ruled to declare the Company bankrupt, the Company's liquidation committee shall hand over the liquidation matters to the People's court.

Article 275 Following the completion of liquidation, the liquidation committee shall prepare a liquidation report, a statement of the revenue and expenditure during the liquidation and the financial books, and, upon verification thereof by an accountant registered in China, submit the same to the shareholders' general meeting or the competent authorities for confirmation.

Within 30 days from the date of confirmation of the above-mentioned document by the shareholders' general meeting or the competent authorities, the liquidation committee shall deliver the same to the Company registry, apply for cancellation of the Company's registration and publicly announce the Company's termination.

Article 276 Members of a liquidation committee shall be devoted to their duties and perform their liquidation obligations in accordance with the laws, and, they shall not take advantage of their functions and powers to accept bribes or other illegal income, or to take illegal possession of the property of the Company.

Where a member of the liquidation committee causes losses to the Company or its creditors intentionally or through gross negligence, he or she shall be liable for compensation.

Article 277 Where the Company is declared bankrupt according to the laws, bankruptcy liquidation shall be conducted in accordance with the law on enterprise bankruptcy.

# Chapter 20 Procedure for amendments of Articles of Association

Article 278 The Company may, pursuant to the requirements of the laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association, amend the Articles of Association.

- Article 279 The Company shall amend the Articles of Association if any of the following circumstances occur:
  - (1) after the revision of the Company Law, relevant laws or administrative regulations, the provisions of the Articles of Association conflict with the revised laws or administrative regulations;
  - (2) where the Company's situation changes, thus causes the inconsistency with the matters recorded in the Articles of Association; or
  - (3) revision of the Articles of Association as decided by the shareholders' general meeting.
- Article 280 Where the amendments adopted by the shareholders' general meeting to be made to the Articles of Association shall be subject to the examination and approval of the competent authority, such amendments shall be submitted to the original examination and approving authority for the approval to be effective. Where an amendment involves matters in relation to the registration of the Company, the procedures for modification of registration shall be completed in accordance with the laws.

The Board shall amend the Articles of Association in accordance with the resolutions of the shareholders' general meeting and the approval of the competent authority.

Article 281 Where the provisions to be revised in the Articles of Association concern the information required to be disclosed by laws and regulations, such changes, in accordance with laws or regulations, shall be announced.

## **Chapter 21 Resolution of Disputes**

- Article 282 The Company shall follow the rules for dispute resolution mentioned below:
  - (1) Whenever any disputes or claims arise between: holders of the overseas-listed Foreign shares and the Company; holders of the overseas-listed Foreign shares and the Company's directors, supervisors, managers or any other member of the senior management; or holders of the overseas-listed Foreign shares and holders of non-overseas listed shares, in respect of any rights or obligations under the Articles of Association, the Company Law, and other relevant laws and administrative regulations concerning the affairs of the Company, such disputes or claims shall be submitted by the relevant parties to arbitration.

Where a dispute or claim referred to in the preceding provision is submitted to arbitration, such claim or dispute must be submitted to arbitration in its entirety, and all persons 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 such dispute or claim, shall, where such person is the Company, the Company's shareholder, director, supervisor, manager, or any other member of the senior management of the Company, submit to the arbitration. Disputes in respect of the definition of shareholders and disputes in relation to the share register may not be resolved by arbitration.

(2) A claimant may choose the arbitration to be carried out at either China International Economic or Trade Arbitration Commission in accordance with its Arbitration Rules or 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 must submit to the Arbitral Body chosen by the claimant.

If a claimant chooses the arbitration to be carried out at Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, any party to the dispute or claim may apply for a hearing to take place in Shenzhen in accordance with the Securities Arbitration Rules of Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre.

- (3) Where the dispute or claims stated in provision (1) of this Article is to be resolved by way of arbitration, the laws of the PRC shall apply, save as otherwise provided in laws and administrative regulations.
- (4) The award of an Arbitral Body shall be final and conclusive and binding on all parties.
- Article 283 For disputes other than those stated in Article 282, parties may choose to settle such disputes by litigation or arbitration.

# **Chapter 22 Notices and Announcements**

Article 284	The notices of the Company shall be given in the following ways:
	(1) in the written form
	(i) by hand;
	(ii) by mail;
	(iii) by e-mail;
	(iv) by way of an announcement; or
	(v) by fax.
	(2) in verbal form
	(i) by oral communication in person;
	(ii) by telephone.
	(3) subject to compliance with laws, administrative regulations, departmental rule and the rules of the securities regulatory authority of the place where the share of the Company are listed, by posting on the website of the Company and website designated by the stock exchange and the Stock Exchange;
	(4) by other ways which are recognized by the securities regulatory authority of the place where the shares of the Company are listed or stipulated in the Articles of Association.
Article 285	Any notice of the Company given by announcement shall be deemed to be receive by all relevant persons once the announcement is published.
Article 286	The notice of convening a shareholders' general meeting shall be given by way of announcements. The notice of convening a board meeting shall be given in the writter form. The notice of convening an extraordinary general meeting shall be given in the written form or verbal form. The notice of convening a meeting of the Board of the supervisors shall be given in the written form. The notice of convening an extraordinary meeting of the Board of the supervisors shall be given in the written form or verbal.

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Article 287

Where a notice is delivered by hand, the recipient shall acknowledge receipt by signing (or sealing) the delivery receipt, and the date on which the recipient signs the delivery receipt shall be the service date. Where a notice is sent by mail, the 5th business day from the day of posting at the post office shall be the service day. Where a notice is given by e-mail, the date of such e-mail entering the recipients' designated electronic data exchange system shall be the service day. Where a notice is given by way of announcement, the date on which the announcement is first published shall be the service date. Where an announcement is given by fax, the date on the fax record showing the send date shall be the service date.

Article 288

Where the Company gives notices to holders of overseas-listed shares by way of announcements, it shall submit the electronic version for immediate release to Stock Exchange via its Electronic Publication System on the same date in accordance with the Listing Rules of the listing place for the publish of announcements on the website of Stock Exchange. In addition, the Company shall serve the announcements by hand or by prepaid mail to the holders of overseas-listed shares according to the addresses on the register of members, so that the shareholders have sufficient notice and sufficient time to exercise their rights or to act in accordance with the terms of the notices.

Holders of overseas-listed Foreign shares may apply in writing to choose to receive corporate communication which shall be sent to shareholders by electronic means or by mail and to choose to receive either Chinese version or English version, or receive Chinese and English version at the same time. They may give advance notice within a reasonable time to modify the means of receiving and language versions of the aforesaid information according to the appropriate procedures.

Article 289

In respect of shareholders who failed to provide the registered addresses or cannot be contacted due to mistakes and omissions of their addresses, relevant notices shall be deemed as being received by such shareholders if the Company presents and keeps such notices at the legal address of the Company for twenty-four (24) hours.

In the case of joint holders of a share, all notices, information or other documents shall be served or sent to anyone of the joint holders by the Company.

Article 290

Any notices, documents, information or written statements given by shareholders or directors to the Company may be delivered to the legal address or the registered agent of the Company by hand or by registered mails.

Article 291 Where shareholders or directors prove notices, documents, information or written statements had been sent to the Company, they have to provide evidence of such notices, documents, information or written statements sent at designated time by the usual way of delivery or by prepaid mail to the right address.

In respect of ways of the Company to provide and/or distribute corporate communication to its shareholders in accordance with the Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange, where the Company obtains the prior written consent or implied consent of the shareholders in compliance with relevant provisions of relevant laws, regulations or the Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange (amended from time to time), it may release or provide the corporate communication to its shareholders by electronic ways or publishing the information on the its website, notwithstanding the above context specified that the corporate communication shall be provided and/or distributed to shareholders in the written form. The corporate communication includes but not limited to circulars, annual reports, interim reports, quarterly reports, notices of meetings of the Board, and other corporate communications as required under the Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange.

## **Chapter 23 Supplementary Provisions**

- Article 292 The Articles of Association shall be written in Chinese. In the event of any discrepancy between the Articles of Association in other languages or other versions of the Articles of Association and the Articles of Association, the most recent Chinese version registered with company registry shall prevail. In the event of any discrepancy between the version in other languages and the Chinese version of the Articles of Association, the Chinese version shall prevail.
- Article 293 Unless the Articles of Association otherwise requires, the terms "no less than", "within" and "no more than" referred to in the Articles of Association include the number itself. The terms "less than", "more than" do not include the number itself.
- Article 294 "Accounting firm" in these Articles of Association shall have the same meaning as "auditors".
- Article 295 The right of interpretation shall belong to the Board of the Company whereas the right of amendment shall belong to the shareholders' general meeting.