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SUMMARY OF MATERIAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND PRC COMPANY LAW

The Hong Kong laws applicable to a company incorporated in Hong Kong are the Companies Ordinance and the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance and are supplemented by common law and the rules of equity that are applicable to Hong Kong. As a joint stock limited company established in the PRC that is seeking a [REDACTED] of shares on the Stock Exchange, our Company is governed by the PRC Company Law and all other rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to the PRC Company Law.

Set out below is a summary of certain material differences between Companies Ordinance applicable to a company incorporated in Hong Kong and the PRC Company Law applicable to a joint stock limited company incorporated under the PRC Company Law. This summary is, however, not intended to be an exhaustive comparison.

Incorporation of Corporate

Under the Companies Ordinance, a company with share capital shall be incorporated by the Registrar of Companies in Hong Kong and the company will acquire an independent corporate existence upon its incorporation. A company may be incorporated as a public company or a private company. Pursuant to the Companies Ordinance, the articles of association of a private company incorporated in Hong Kong shall contain provisions that restrict a member's right to transfer shares. A public company's articles of association do not contain such provisions.

Under the PRC Company Law, a joint stock limited company may be incorporated by promotion or stock flotation. The newly amended PRC Company Law which came into effect on 26 October 2018, has no provisions on minimum registered capital of joint stock limited companies, except that laws, administrative regulations and State Council decisions have separate provisions on paid-in registered capital and the minimum registered capital of joint stock limited companies, in which case the company should follow such provisions.

Hong Kong law does not prescribe minimum capital requirement for a Hong Kong company.

Share Capital

Under Hong Kong law, the directors of a Hong Kong company may, with the prior approval of the shareholders if required, issue new shares of the company.

The PRC Company Law provides that any increase in our Company's registered capital must be approved by its shareholders' general meeting and the relevant PRC governmental and regulatory authorities.

Under the PRC Securities Law, a joint stock limited company which applies for the listing of its shares must have a total share capital of not less than RMB30 million. There is no such restriction on companies incorporated in Hong Kong under Hong Kong law.

Under the PRC Company Law, the shares may be subscribed for in the form of money or non-monetary assets (other than assets not entitled to be used as capital contributions under relevant laws and administrative regulations). If capital contribution is made other than in cash, valuation and verification of the assets contributed must be carried out and converted into shares according to the laws. Non-monetary assets used for capital contributions shall not be overvalued or undervalued. Where laws or administrative regulations provide otherwise, those provisions shall prevail. There is no such restriction on a Hong Kong company under the Hong Kong law.

Restrictions on Shareholding and Transfer of Shares

Under PRC laws, our Company's Domestic Shares, which are denominated and subscribed for in Renminbi, may only be subscribed for and traded by the State, PRC legal persons, natural persons, qualified foreign institutional investors, or eligible foreign strategic investors. Overseas listed H shares, which are denominated in Renminbi and subscribed for in a foreign currency, may only be subscribed for and traded by investors from Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan or any country and territory outside the PRC, or qualified domestic institutional investors. However, qualified institutional investors and individual investors may trade the Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link and the Northbound Shanghai Trading Link (or the Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link) shares via participating in the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect.

Under the PRC Company Law, a promoter of a joint stock limited company is not allowed to transfer the shares it holds for a period of one year after the date of establishment of the company. Shares issued prior to the public offering cannot be transferred within one year from the listing date of the shares on a stock exchange. Shares transferred each year by the directors, supervisors and senior management of a joint stock limited company during their respective term of office shall not exceed 25% of the total shares they held in the company, and the shares they held in the company cannot be transferred within one year from the listing date of the shares, and also cannot be transferred within half a year after such person leave office. The articles of association may set other restrictive requirements on the transfer of the company's shares held by its directors, supervisors and senior management. There are no such restrictions on shareholding and transfers of shares under Hong Kong law apart from six-month lockup on the company's issue of shares and the 12-month lockup on controlling shareholders' disposal of shares.

Financial Assistance for Acquisition of Shares

The PRC Company Law does not prohibit or restrict a joint stock limited company or its subsidiaries from providing financial assistance for the purpose of an acquisition of its own or its holding company's shares. However, the Mandatory Provisions contain special restrictions provisions on a company and its subsidiaries on providing aforesaid financial assistance similar to those under the Companies Ordinance.

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Variation of Class Rights

The PRC Company Law has no specific provision relating to variation of class rights. However, the PRC Company Law states that the State Council can promulgate separate regulations relating to other kinds of shares. The Mandatory Provisions contain elaborate provisions relating to the circumstances which are deemed to be variations of class rights and the approval procedures required to be followed in respect thereof. The relevant provisions have been incorporated in the Articles of Association, summary of which is set out in "Appendix V – Summary of Articles of Association" to this document.

Under the Companies Ordinance, no rights attached to any class of shares can be varied except (i) with the approval of a special resolution of the holders of the relevant class of shares at a separate meeting, (ii) with the consent in writing of the holders representing at least 75% of the total voting rights of the relevant class of shares, or (iii) if there are provisions in the articles of association relating to the variation of those rights, then in accordance with those provisions.

Directors, Senior Management and Supervisors

The PRC Company Law, unlike Companies Ordinance, does not contain any requirements relating to the declaration of directors' interests in material contracts, restrictions on companies providing certain benefits to directors and guarantees in respect of directors' liability and prohibitions against compensation for loss of office without shareholders' approval. The Mandatory Provisions, however, contain certain restrictions on interested contracts and specify the circumstances under which a director may receive compensation for loss of office.

Supervisory Board

Under the PRC Company Law, a joint stock limited company's directors and members of the senior management are subject to the supervision of supervisory board. There is no mandatory requirement for the establishment of supervisory board for a company incorporated in Hong Kong. The Mandatory Provisions provide that each supervisor owes a duty, in the exercise of his powers, to act in good faith and honestly in what he considers to be in the best interests of the company and to exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.

Derivative Action by Minority Shareholders

Pursuant to Hong Kong law, minority shareholders may initiate a derivative action on behalf of all shareholders against directors, who have committed a breach of their fiduciary duties to the company if the directors control a majority of votes at a general meeting, thereby effectively preventing a company from suing the directors in breach of their duties in its own name. The PRC Company Law provides shareholders of a joint stock limited company with the right so that in the event where the directors and senior management violate their obligations

and cause damages to a company, the shareholders individually or jointly holding more than 1% of the shares in the company for more than 180 consecutive days may request in writing the supervisory board to initiate proceedings in the people's court. In the event that the supervisory board violates their obligations and cause damages to company, the above said shareholders may send written request to the board of directors to initiate proceedings in the people's court. Upon receipt of aforesaid written request from the shareholders, if the supervisory board or the board of directors refuses to initiate such proceedings, or has not initiated proceedings within 30 days from the date of receipt of the request, or if under urgent situations, failure of initiating immediate proceeding may cause irremediable damages to the company, the above said shareholders shall, for the benefit of the company's interests, have the right to initiate proceedings directly to the people's court in their own name.

The Mandatory Provisions also provides further remedies against the directors, supervisors and senior management who breach their duties to the company.

Protection of Minorities

Under Hong Kong law, a shareholder who complains that the business of a company incorporated in Hong Kong are conducted in a manner unfairly prejudicial to his interests may petition to the court to either appoint a receiver or manager over the property or business of the company or make an appropriate order regulating the affairs of the company. In addition, if the application of members reaches a specified number, the Financial Secretary of Hong Kong may appoint inspectors who are given extensive statutory powers to investigate the affairs of a company incorporated in Hong Kong. The PRC Company Law provides that, a company which encounters substantial operational or management difficulties, and its continuance will cause significant loss to the interests of its shareholders and the situation cannot be resolved by other means, shareholders of the company who hold more than ten percent of the voting rights of all shareholders may apply to a people's court for the dissolution of the company. The Mandatory Provisions, however, except as required by laws and regulations or the Listing Rules provides that a controlling shareholder shall not exercise its voting rights in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the shareholders generally or of a proportion of the shareholders of a company to relieve a director or supervisor of his duty to act honestly in the best interests of the company or to approve the expropriation by a director or supervisor of the company's assets or the individual rights of other shareholders.

Notice of Shareholders' General Meetings

Under the PRC Company Law, notice of a shareholders' annual general meeting and an interim general meeting must be given to shareholders no less than 20 days and 15 days before the date of such meeting, respectively. For a company incorporated in Hong Kong, the minimum period of notice is 21 days in the case of an annual general meeting and 14 days in other cases.

Quorum for Shareholders' General Meetings

Under the Companies Ordinance, the quorum for a general meeting must be at least two shareholders unless the articles of association of the company otherwise provided. For companies with only one shareholder, the quorum must be one shareholder. The PRC Company Law does not specify the quorum for a shareholders' general meeting.

Voting

Under the Companies Ordinance, an ordinary resolution of shareholders' general meetings should be passed by more than half of the votes and a special resolution of shareholders' general meetings should be passed by no less than 75% of such votes. Under the PRC Company Law, the passing of any resolution requires affirmative votes of shareholders representing more than half of the voting rights held by the shareholders who attend the general meeting except in cases of proposed amendments to a company's articles of association, increase or decrease of registered capital, merger, division or dissolution, or change of corporation form, which require affirmative votes of shareholders representing more than two-thirds of the voting rights held by the shareholders who attend the general meeting.

Financial Disclosure

Under the PRC Company Law, a joint stock limited company is required to make available at the company for inspection by shareholders its financial report 20 days before its shareholders' annual general meeting. In addition, a joint stock limited company of which the shares are publicly issued must publish its financial report. The Companies Ordinance requires a company incorporated in Hong Kong to send to every shareholder a copy of its financial statements, auditors' report and directors' report, which are to be presented before the company's annual general meeting, not less than 21 days before such meeting. The Mandatory Provisions and regulations requires that a company must, in addition to preparing financial statements according to the PRC GAAP, have its financial statements prepared and audited in accordance with international accounting standards or accounting standards of the overseas listing place, and such financial statements must also contain a statement of the financial effect of the material differences (if any) from the financial statements prepared in accordance with the PRC GAAP. The lower of the after-tax profits stated in the abovementioned two kinds of financial statements shall prevail in the allocation of after-tax profits for the accounting year. The company shall publish its financial reports twice in each accounting year. An interim financial report shall be published within 60 days after the end of the first six months of each accounting year, while an annual financial report shall be published within 120 days after the end of each accounting year.

The Special Regulations require that there should not be any contradiction between the information disclosed within and outside the PRC and that, to the extent that there are differences in the information disclosed in accordance with the relevant PRC and overseas laws, regulations and requirements of the relevant stock exchanges, such differences should also be disclosed simultaneously.

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Information on Directors and Shareholders

The PRC Company Law gives shareholders the right to inspect the company's articles of association, minutes of the shareholders' general meetings, share register, counterfoil of company debentures, resolutions of board meetings, resolutions of the supervisory board and financial and accounting reports, which is similar to the shareholders' rights of Hong Kong companies under Hong Kong law.

Receiving Agent

Under the PRC Company Law and Hong Kong law, dividends once declared become liabilities payable to shareholders. The limitation period for debt recovery action under Hong Kong law is six years, while under the PRC laws this limitation period is three years. The Mandatory Provisions require the relevant company to appoint a trust company registered under the Hong Kong Trustee Ordinance (Chapter 29 of the Laws of Hong Kong) as a receiving agent to receive on behalf of holders of shares dividends declared and all other monies owed by the company in respect of its shares.

Corporate Reorganisation

Reorganisation involving a company incorporated in Hong Kong may be effected in a number of ways, such as a transfer of the whole or part of the business or property of the company in the course of voluntary winding up to another company pursuant to Section 237 of the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance or a compromise or arrangement between the company and its creditors or between the company and its members under Division 2 of Part 13 of the Companies Ordinance, which requires the sanction of the court. Under the PRC laws, merger, division, dissolution or change the form of a joint stock limited company has to be approved by shareholders at the shareholders' general meeting.

Dispute Arbitration

In Hong Kong, disputes between shareholders on the one hand, and a company incorporated in Hong Kong or its directors on the other hand, may be resolved through legal proceedings in the courts. The Mandatory Provisions provide that such disputes should be submitted to arbitration at either the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre or the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission, at the claimant's choice.

Mandatory Deductions

Under the PRC Company Law, a joint stock limited company is required to contribute 10% of the profit into their statutory reserve funds upon distribution of their post-tax profits of the current year. There are no corresponding provisions under Hong Kong law.

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Remedies of the Company

Under the PRC Company Law, if a director, supervisor or senior management in carrying out his duties infringes any law, administrative regulation or the articles of association of a company, which results in damage to the company, that director, supervisor or senior management should be responsible to the company for such damages. In addition, the Listing Rules require listed companies' articles to provide for remedies of the company similar to those available under Hong Kong law (including rescission of the relevant contract and recovery of profits from a director, supervisor or senior management).

Dividends

The Company has the power in certain circumstances to withhold, and pay to the relevant tax authorities, any tax payable under PRC laws on any dividends or other distributions payable to a shareholder. Under Hong Kong law, the limitation period for an action to recover a debt (including the recovery of dividends) is six years, whereas under PRC laws, the relevant limitation period is three years.

Fiduciary Duties

In Hong Kong, there is the common law concept of the fiduciary duty of directors. Under the PRC Company Law and the Special Regulations, directors, supervisors and senior management should be loyal and diligent. Under the Mandatory Provisions, directors, supervisors and senior management are not permitted, without the knowledge and approval of the shareholders' general meeting, to engage in any activities which compete with the interests of the company.

Closure of Register of Shareholders

The Companies Ordinance requires that the register of shareholders of a company must not generally be closed for the registration of transfers of shares for more than 30 days (extendable to 60 days in certain circumstances) in a year, whereas, as required by the Mandatory Provisions, share transfers shall not be registered within 30 days before the date of a shareholders' general meeting or within five days before the base date set for the purpose of distribution of dividends.

Amendment to Articles of Association

A PRC issuer may not permit or cause any amendment to be made to its articles of association which would contravene the PRC Company Law, the Mandatory Provisions and the Listing Rules.

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Documents available for Inspection

A PRC issuer is required to make available at a place in Hong Kong for inspection by the public and shareholders free of charge, and for copying by its shareholders at reasonable charges of the following:

- a complete duplicate register of shareholders;
- a report showing the state of our Company's issued share capital;
- our Company's latest audited financial statements and the reports of the directors, auditors and supervisors, if any, thereon;
- special resolutions;
- reports showing the number and nominal value of securities repurchased by our Company since the end of the last financial year, the aggregate amount paid for such securities and the maximum and minimum amounts paid in respect of each class of securities repurchased (including a classification by class shares);
- copy of the latest annual reports with the SAIC or other competent PRC authority;
 and
- for shareholders only, copies of minutes of shareholders' general meetings.

Receiving Agents

Under Hong Kong law, a PRC issuer is required to appoint one or more receiving agents in Hong Kong and pay to such agent(s) dividends declared and other monies owed in respect of the H Shares. Such monies will be held by the receiving agents, pending payment, in trust for the holders of such H Shares.

Statements in Share Certificates

A PRC issuer is required to ensure that all of its listing documents and share certificates include the statements stipulated below and to 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 the share registrar a signed form in respect of such shares bearing statements to the following effect, that the acquirer of shares:

 agrees with the company and each shareholder, and it agrees with each shareholder, to observe and comply with the PRC Company Law, the Special Regulations and its articles of association;

- agrees with the company, each shareholder, director, supervisor, manager and other senior management and it (acting both for the company and for each director, supervisor, manager and other senior management) agrees with each shareholder to refer all differences and claims arising from the articles of association or any rights or obligations conferred or imposed by the PRC Company Law or other relevant laws or administrative regulations concerning its affairs to arbitration in accordance with the articles of association. Any reference to arbitration shall be deemed to authorise the arbitration bodies to conduct hearings in open session and to publish its award. Such arbitration shall be final and conclusive;
- agrees with the company and each shareholder that shares are freely transferable by the holder thereof; and
- authorises the company to enter into a contract on his behalf with each director and senior management whereby such directors and senior management undertake to observe and comply with their obligations to shareholders as stipulated in the articles of association.

Legal Compliance

A PRC issuer is required to observe and comply with the PRC Company Law, the Special Regulations and its articles of association.

Contract between the PRC Issuer and Directors, Senior Management and Supervisors

A PRC issuer is required to enter into a contract in writing with every director and senior management containing at least the following provisions:

- an undertaking by the director or senior management to the company to observe and comply with the PRC Company Law, the Special Regulations, its articles of association, the Hong Kong Takeovers Code and an agreement that it must have the remedies provided in its articles of association and that neither the contract nor his office is capable of assignment;
- an undertaking by the director or senior management to the company acting as agent for each shareholder to observe and comply with every obligation to the Shareholders as stipulated in the articles of association; and
- an arbitration clause which provides that whenever any differences or claims arise from the contract, the articles of association or any rights or obligations conferred or imposed by the PRC Company Law or other relevant law and administrative regulations concerning affairs between our Company and its directors or senior management and between a holder of H Shares and a director or senior management, such differences or claims shall be referred to arbitration at either the China

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International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission in accordance with its rules or the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre in accordance with its Securities Arbitration Rules, at the election of the claimant and that once a claimant refers a dispute or claim to arbitration, the other party shall also submit to the arbitral body elected by the claimant. Such arbitration shall be final and conclusive. If the party seeking arbitration elects to arbitrate the dispute or claim at Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, then either party may apply to have such arbitration conducted in Shenzhen, according to the Securities Arbitration Rules of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre. The arbitration of disputes or claims referred to above are applicable to PRC laws, unless otherwise provided by law or administrative regulations. The arbitral award of the arbitral body is final and shall be binding on the parties thereto. Disputes over who is a shareholder and over the share register do not have to be resolved through arbitration.

A PRC issuer is also required to enter into a contract in writing with every supervisor containing statements in substantially the same terms as the provisions above.

Subsequent Listing

A PRC issuer must not apply for the listing of its H Shares on a PRC stock exchange unless the Stock Exchange is satisfied that the relative rights of the holders of its H Shares are adequately protected.

English Translation

All notices or other documents required under the Listing Rules to be sent by a PRC issuer to the Stock Exchange or to holders of the H Shares are required to be in English, or accompanied by a certified English translation.

General

If any change in the PRC laws or market practise materially alters the validity or accuracy of any basis upon which the additional requirements have been prepared, the Stock Exchange may impose additional requirements or make listing of H Shares by a PRC issuer subject to special conditions as the Stock Exchange may consider appropriate. Whether or not such changes in the PRC laws or market practise occur, the Stock Exchange retains its general power under the Listing Rules to impose additional requirements and make special conditions in respect of any company's listing of shares.

Other Legal And Regulatory Provisions

Upon the listing on the Stock Exchange, the relevant provisions of the SFO, the Hong Kong Takeovers Code and other relevant ordinances and regulations will apply to a PRC issuer.

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Securities Arbitration Rules

The Securities Arbitration Rules of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre contain provisions allowing, upon application by any party, an arbitral tribunal may conduct a hearing in Shenzhen for cases involving the affairs of companies incorporated in the PRC and listed on the Stock Exchange so that PRC parties and witnesses may attend. Where any party applies for a hearing to take place in Shenzhen, the arbitral tribunal shall, where satisfied that such application is based on bona fide grounds, order the arbitration to take place in Shenzhen conditional upon all parties, including witnesses and the arbitrators, being permitted to enter Shenzhen for the purpose of the hearing. Where a party, other than a PRC party, or any arbitrator is not permitted to enter Shenzhen, then the arbitral tribunal shall order that the hearing be conducted in any practicable manner, including the use of electronic media. For the purpose of the Securities Arbitration Rules, a PRC party means a party domiciled in the PRC other than the territories of Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan.

Any person wishing to have detailed advice on PRC laws or the laws of any jurisdiction is recommended to seek independent legal advice.

This Appendix contains a summary of laws and regulations on companies and securities in the PRC, certain major differences between the PRC Company Law and Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance and the Companies Ordinance as well as the additional regulatory provisions of the Stock Exchange on joint stock limited companies of the PRC. The principal objective of this summary is to provide potential investors with an overview of the principal laws and regulations applicable to us.

This summary is with no intention to include all the information which may be important to the potential investors. For discussion of laws and regulations specifically governing the business of the Company, please refer to section entitled "Regulatory Overview" in this document.

PRC LEGAL SYSTEM

The PRC legal system is based on the Constitution of the PRC (《中華人民共和國憲法》) (the "Constitution") and is made up of written laws, administrative regulations, local regulations, separate regulations, autonomous regulations, rules and regulations of departments, rules and regulations of local governments, international treaties of which the PRC government is a signatory, and other regulatory documents. Court verdicts do not constitute binding precedents. However, they may be used as judicial reference and guidance.

According to the Constitution and the Legislation Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國立法法》) (the "Legislation Law"), the National People's Congress (the "NPC") and the Standing Committee of the NPC ("SCNPC") are empowered to exercise the legislative power of the State. The NPC has the power to formulate and amend basic laws governing civil and criminal matters, state organs and other matters. The Standing Committee of the NPC is

empowered to formulate and amend laws other than those required to be enacted by the NPC and to supplement and amend any parts of laws enacted by the NPC during the adjournment of the NPC, provided that such supplements and amendments are not in conflict with the basic principles of such laws.

The State Council is the highest organ of the PRC administration and has the power to formulate administrative regulations based on the Constitution and laws.

The people's congresses of provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities and their respective standing committees may formulate local regulations based on the specific circumstances and actual requirements of their own respective administrative areas, provided that such local regulations do not contravene any provision of the Constitution, laws or administrative regulations.

The ministries and commissions of the State Council, PBOC, the State Audit Administration as well as the other organs endowed with administrative functions directly under the State Council may, in accordance with the laws as well as the administrative regulations, decisions and orders of the State Council and within the limits of their power, formulate rules.

The people's congresses of larger cities and their respective standing committees may formulate local regulations based on the specific circumstances and actual requirements of such cities, which will become enforceable after being reported to and approved by the standing committees of the people's congresses of the relevant provinces or autonomous regions but such local regulations shall conform with the Constitution, laws, administrative regulations, and the relevant local regulations of the relevant provinces or autonomous regions. People's congresses of national autonomous areas have the power to enact autonomous regulations and separate regulations in light of the political, economic and cultural characteristics of the nationality (nationalities) in the areas concerned.

The people's governments of the provinces, autonomous regions, and municipalities directly under the central government and the comparatively larger cities may enact rules, in accordance with laws, administrative regulations and the local regulations of their respective provinces, autonomous regions or municipalities.

The Constitution has supreme legal authority and no laws, administrative regulations, local regulations, autonomous regulations or separate regulations may contravene the Constitution. The authority of laws is greater than that of administrative regulations, local regulations and rules. The authority of administrative regulations is greater than that of local regulations and rules. The authority of local regulations is greater than that of the rules of the local governments at or below the corresponding level. The authority of the rules enacted by the people's governments of the provinces or autonomous regions is greater than that of the rules enacted by the people's governments of the comparatively larger cities within the administrative areas of the provinces and the autonomous regions.

The NPC has the power to alter or annul any inappropriate laws enacted by its Standing Committee, and to annul any autonomous regulations or separate regulations which have been approved by its Standing Committee but which contravene the Constitution or the Legislation Law. The SCNPC has the power to annul any administrative regulations that contravene the Constitution and laws, to annul any local regulations that contravene the Constitution, laws or administrative regulations, and to annul any autonomous regulations or local regulations which have been approved by the standing committees of the people's congresses of the relevant provinces, autonomous regions or municipalities directly under the central government, but which contravene the Constitution and the Legislation Law. The State Council has the power to alter or annul any inappropriate ministerial rules and rules of local governments. The people's congresses of provinces, autonomous regions or municipalities directly under the central government have the power to alter or annul any inappropriate local regulations enacted or approved by their respective standing committees. The people's governments of provinces and autonomous regions have the power to alter or annul any inappropriate rules enacted by the people's governments at a lower level.

According to the Constitution and the Legislation Law, the power to interpret laws is vested in the SCNPC. According to the Decision of the Standing Committee of the NPC Regarding the Strengthening of Interpretation of Laws (《全國人民代表大會常務委員會關於加強法律解釋工作的決議》) passed on 10 June 1981, the Supreme People's Court of the PRC (the "Supreme People's Court") has the power to give general interpretation on questions involving the specific application of laws and decrees in court trials. The State Council and its ministries and commissions are also vested with the power to give interpretation of the administrative regulations and department rules which they have promulgated. At the regional level, the power to give interpretations of the local laws and regulations as well as administrative rules is vested in the regional legislative and administrative organs which promulgate such laws, regulations and rules.

PRC JUDICIAL SYSTEM

Under the Constitution and the PRC Law on the Organisation of the People's Courts (《中華人民共和國人民法院組織法》), the PRC judicial system is made up of the Supreme People's Court, the local people's courts, military courts and other special people's courts.

The local people's courts are comprised the primary people's courts, the intermediate people's courts and the higher people's courts. The primary people's courts are organised into civil, criminal, administrative, supervision and enforcement divisions. The intermediate people's courts are organised into divisions similar to those of the primary people's courts, and are entitled to organise other courts as needed such as the intellectual property division.

The higher level people's courts supervise the primary and intermediate people's courts. The people's procuratorates also have the right to exercise legal supervision over the civil proceedings of people's courts of the same level and lower levels. The Supreme People's Court is the highest judicial body in the PRC. It supervises the judicial administration of the people's courts at all levels.

The people's courts apply a two-tier appellate system. A party may appeal against a judgement or order of a local people's court to the people's court at the next higher level. Second judgements or orders given at the next higher level are final. First judgements or orders of the Supreme People's Court are also final. However, if the Supreme People's Court or a people's court at a higher level finds an error in a judgement or an order which has been given in any people's court at a lower level, or the presiding judge of a people's court finds an error in a judgement which has been given in the court over which he presides, the case may then be retried according to the judicial supervision procedures.

The PRC Civil Procedure Law (《中華人民共和國民事訴訟法》) (the "Civil Procedure Law") sets forth the criteria for instituting a civil action, the jurisdiction of the people's courts, the procedures to be followed for conducting a civil action and the procedures for enforcement of a civil judgement or order. All parties to a civil action conducted within the PRC must comply with the Civil Procedure Law. Generally, a civil case is initially heard by a local court of the municipality or province in which the defendant resides. The parties to a contract may, by express agreement, select a judicial court where civil actions may be brought, provided that the judicial court is either the plaintiff's or the defendant's domicile, the place of execution or implementation of the contract or the place of the object of the action, provided that the provisions of this law regarding the level of jurisdiction and exclusive jurisdiction shall not be violated.

A foreign national or enterprise generally has the same litigation rights and obligations as a citizen or legal person of the PRC. If a foreign country's judicial system limits the litigation rights of PRC citizens and enterprises, the PRC courts may apply the same limitations to the citizens and enterprises of that foreign country within the PRC. If any party to a civil action refuses to comply with a judgement or ruling made by a people's court or an award made by an arbitration panel in the PRC, the other party may apply to the people's court for the enforcement of the same.

There are time limits of two years imposed on the right to apply for such enforcement. If a person fails to satisfy a judgement made by the court within the stipulated time, the court will, upon application by either party, enforce the judgement in accordance with the law.

A party seeking to enforce a judgement or ruling of a people's court against a party who is not personally or whose property is not within the PRC may apply to a foreign court with jurisdiction over the case for recognition and enforcement of the judgement or ruling.

A foreign judgement or ruling may also be recognised and enforced by the people's court according to PRC enforcement procedures if the PRC has entered into or acceded to an international treaty with the relevant foreign country, which provides for such recognition and enforcement, or if the judgement or ruling satisfies the court's examination according to the principle of reciprocity, unless the people's court finds that the recognition or enforcement of such judgement or ruling will result in a violation of the basic legal principles of the PRC, its sovereignty or security or against social and public interest.

THE PRC COMPANY LAW, SPECIAL REGULATIONS AND MANDATORY PROVISIONS

A joint stock limited company which is incorporated in the PRC and seeking a listing on the Stock Exchange is mainly subject to the following three laws and regulations in the PRC:

- The PRC Company Law (《中華人民共和國公司法》) which was promulgated by the SCNPC on 29 December 1993, came into effect on 1 July 1994, revised on 25 December 1999, 28 August 2004, 27 October 2005, 28 December 2013 and 26 October 2018 respectively and the latest revision of which was implemented on 26 October 2018;
- The Special Regulations of the State Council on Share Offering and Listing Overseas by Joint-Stock Limited Liability Companies (《國務院關於股份有限公司境外募集股份及上市的特別規定》) (the "Special Regulations") which were promulgated by the State Council on 4 August 1994 pursuant to Articles 85 and 155 of the PRC Company Law in force at that time, and were applicable, to the overseas share offering and listing of joint stock limited companies; and
- The Mandatory Provisions of Articles of Association of Companies Listing Overseas (《到境外上市公司章程必備條款》) (the "Mandatory Provisions") which were issued jointly by the former Securities Commission of the State Council and the former State Economic Restructuring Commission on 27 August 1994, stating the mandatory provisions which must be incorporated into the articles of association of a joint stock limited company seeking an overseas listing. As such, the Mandatory Provisions are set out in the Articles of Association of the Company, the summary of which is set out in "Appendix V Summary of Articles of Association" to this document.

Set out below is a summary of the major provisions of the PRC Company Law, the Special Regulations and the Mandatory Provisions applicable to the Company.

General

A joint stock limited company refers to an enterprise legal person incorporated under the PRC Company Law with its registered capital divided into shares of equal par value. The liability of its shareholders is limited to the amount of shares held by them and the company is liable to its creditors for an amount equal to the total value of its assets.

A state-owned enterprise ("SOE") that is reorganised into a joint stock limited company shall comply with the conditions and requirements specified by laws and administrative regulations for the modification of its operation mechanisms, the disposal and valuation of the company's assets and liabilities and the establishment of internal management organisations.

A joint stock limited company shall conduct its business in accordance with laws and administrative regulations. It may invest in other limited liability companies and joint stock limited companies and its liabilities with respect to such invested companies are limited to the amount invested. Unless otherwise provided by law, the joint stock limited company may not be a contributor that undertakes joint and several liabilities for the debts of the invested companies.

Incorporation

A joint stock limited company may be incorporated by promotion or public subscription.

A joint stock limited company may be incorporated by a minimum of two but not more than 200 promoters, and at least half of the promoters must have residence within the PRC. According to the Special Regulations, SOEs or enterprises with the majority of their assets owned by the PRC government may be restructured into joint stock limited companies which may issue shares to overseas investors in accordance with the relevant regulations. These companies, if incorporated by promotion, may have less than five promoters and may issue new shares once incorporated.

According to the Securities Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國證券法》) (the "PRC Securities Law"), the total share capital of a company seeking to list its shares on a stock exchange shall be no less than RMB30 million.

The promoters must convene an inaugural meeting within 30 days after the issued shares have been fully paid up, and must give notice to all subscribers or make an announcement of the date of the inaugural meeting 15 days before the meeting. The inaugural meeting may be convened only with the presence of promoters or subscribers representing at least half of the shares in the company. At the inaugural meeting, matters including the adoption of articles of association and the election of members of the board of directors and members of the board of supervisors of the company will be dealt with. All resolutions of the meeting require the approval of subscribers with more than half of the voting rights present at the meeting. Within 30 days after the conclusion of the inaugural meeting, the board of directors must apply to the registration authority for registration of the establishment of the joint stock limited company. A company is formally established, and has the status of a legal person, after the business licence has been issued by the relevant registration authority. Joint stock limited companies established by the subscription method shall file the approval on the offering of shares issued by the securities administration department of the State Council with the company registration authority for record.

A joint stock limited company's promoters shall be liable for: (i) the payment of all expenses and debts incurred in the incorporation process jointly and severally if the company cannot be incorporated; (ii) the refund of subscription monies to the subscribers, together with interest, at bank rates for a deposit of the same term jointly and severally if the company cannot be incorporated; and (iii) damages suffered by the company as a result of the default of the promoters in the course of incorporation of the company. According to the Interim Provisional Regulations on the Administration of Share Issuance and Trading (《股票發行與交易管理暫行條例》) promulgated by the State Council on 22 April 1993 (which is only applicable to the

issuance and trading of shares in the PRC and their related activities), if a company is established by means of public subscription, the promoters of such company are required to sign on this document to ensure that this document does not contain any misrepresentation, serious misleading statements or material omissions, and assume joint and several responsibility for it.

Share Capital

The promoters of a company can make capital contributions in cash or in kind, which can be valued in currency and transferable according to law such as intellectual property rights or land use rights based on their appraised value. If capital contribution is made other than in cash, valuation and verification of the property contributed must be carried out and converted into shares.

A company may issue registered or bearer share. However, shares issued to promoter(s) or legal person(s) shall be in the form of registered share and shall be registered under the name(s) of such promoter(s) or legal person(s) and shall not be registered under a different name or the name of a representative.

The Mandatory Provisions provide that shares issued to foreign investors and listed overseas shall be issued in registered form and shall be denominated in Renminbi and subscribed for in foreign currency. Under Mandatory Provisions, shares issued by the company in RMB to domestic investors shall be called domestic shares. Shares issued by the company in foreign currency to foreign investors shall be called foreign shares. Foreign shares which are listed overseas shall be called overseas listed and foreign invested shares.

A company may offer its shares to the public overseas with approval by the securities administration department of the State Council. Specific provisions shall be specifically formulated by the China Securities Regulatory Commission (the "CSRC"). Under the Special Regulations, upon approval of the CSRC, a company may agree, in the underwriting agreement in respect of an issue of overseas listed and foreign invested shares, to retain not more than 15% of the aggregate number of overseas listed and foreign invested shares proposed to be issued after accounting for the number of underwritten shares.

The share offering price may be equal to or greater than nominal value, but shall not be less than nominal value.

The transfer of shares by shareholders should be conducted via the legally established stock exchange or in accordance with other methods as stipulated by the State Council. Transfer of registered shares by a shareholder must be made by means of an endorsement or by other means stipulated by laws or administrative regulations.

Bearer shares are transferred by delivery of the share certificates to the transferee.

Shares held by a promoter of a company shall not be transferred within one year after the date of the company's incorporation. Shares issued by a company prior to the public offer of its shares shall not be transferred within one year from the date of listing of the shares of the company on a stock exchange. Directors, supervisors and senior management of a company shall not transfer over 25% of the shares held by each of them in the company each year during their term of office and shall not transfer any share of the company held by each of them within one year after the listing date.

There is no restriction under the PRC Company Law as to the percentage of shareholding a single shareholder may hold in a company.

Transfers of shares may not be entered in the register of shareholders within 20 days before the date of a shareholders' meeting or within five days before the record date set for the purpose of distribution of dividends.

Allotment and Issue of Shares

All issue of shares of a joint stock limited company shall be based on the principles of equality and fairness. The same class of shares must carry equal rights. Shares issued at the same time and within the same class must be issued on the same conditions and at the same price. It may issue shares at par value or at a premium, but it may not issue shares below the par value.

A company shall obtain the approval of the CSRC to offer its shares to the overseas public. Under the Special Regulations, shares issued to foreign investors by joint stock limited companies and listed overseas are known as "overseas listed and foreign invested shares." Shares issued to investors within the PRC by joint stock limited companies, which also issues overseas listed and foreign invested shares, are known as "domestic shares." Upon approval of the securities regulatory authority of the State Council, a company issuing overseas listed and foreign invested shares in total shares determined by the issuance programme may agree with underwriters in the underwriting agreement to retain not more than 15% of the aggregate number of overseas listed and foreign invested shares outside the underwritten amount. The issuance of the retained shares is deemed to be a part of this issuance.

Registered Shares

Under the PRC Company Law, the shareholders may make capital contributions in cash, or alternatively may make capital contributions with such valuated non-monetary property as physical items, intellectual property rights, and land-use rights that may be valued in monetary term and may be transferred in accordance with the law. Pursuant to the Special Regulations, overseas listed and foreign invested shares issued shall be in registered form, denominated in Renminbi and subscribed for in a foreign currency. Domestic shares issued shall also be in registered form.

Under the PRC Company Law, when the company issues shares in registered form, it shall maintain a register of shareholders, stating the following matters:

- the name and domicile of each shareholder:
- the number of shares held by each shareholder;
- the serial numbers of shares held by each shareholder; and
- the date on which each shareholder acquired the shares.

Increase of Share Capital

According to the PRC Company Law, when the joint stock limited company issues new shares, resolutions shall be passed by a shareholders' general meeting, approving the class and number of the new shares, the issue price of the new shares, the commencement and end of the new share issuance and the class and amount of new shares to be issued to existing shareholders.

When the company launches a public issuance of new shares with the approval of the securities regulatory authorities of the State Council, it shall publish a prospectus and financial and accounting reports, and prepare the share subscription form. After the new share issuance has been paid up, the change shall be registered with the company registration authorities and an announcement shall be made.

Reduction of Share Capital

A company may reduce its registered capital in accordance with the following procedures prescribed by the PRC Company Law:

- it shall prepare a balance sheet and a property list;
- the reduction of registered capital shall be approved by a shareholders' general meeting;
- it shall inform its creditors of the reduction in capital within 10 days and publish an announcement of the reduction in the newspaper within 30 days after the resolution approving the reduction has been passed;
- creditors may within 30 days after receiving the notice, or within 45 days of the
 public announcement if no notice has been received, require the company to pay its
 debts or provide guarantees covering the debts;
- it shall apply to the relevant administration of industry and commerce for the registration of the reduction in registered capital.

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Repurchase of Shares

According to the PRC Company Law, a joint stock limited company may not purchase its shares other than for one of the following purposes: (i) to reduce its registered capital; (ii) to merge with another company that holds its shares; (iii) to grant its shares to its employees as incentives; (iv) to purchase its shares from shareholders who are against the resolution regarding the merger or division with other companies at a shareholders' general meeting; (v) where its shares are used to convert corporate bonds issued by a listed company that can be converted into stocks; or (vi) where it is necessary for a listed company to maintain its corporate value and stockholders' equity.

The purchase of shares on the grounds set out in (i) to (ii) above shall require approval by way of a resolution passed by the shareholders' general meeting. Following the purchase of shares in accordance with the foregoing, such shares shall be cancelled within 10 days from the date of purchase in the case of (i) above and transferred or cancelled within six months in the case of (ii) or (iv) above, or in the event of a purchase made pursuant to Item (iii), (v) or (vi), hold a total number of its own shares not more than 10% of the total shares issued by the company and transfer or cancel within three years of the purchase.

Transfer of Shares

Shares held by shareholders may be transferred in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations. Pursuant to the PRC Company Law, transfer of shares by shareholders shall be carried out at a legally established securities exchange or in other ways stipulated by the State Council. No modifications of registration in the share register caused by transfer of registered shares shall be carried out within 20 days prior to the convening of shareholder's general meeting or five days prior to the base date for determination of dividend distributions. However, where there are separate provisions by law on alternation of registration in the share register of listed companies, those provisions shall prevail. Pursuant to the Mandatory Provisions, no modifications of registration in the share register caused by transfer of shares shall be carried out within 30 days prior to convening of shareholder's general meeting or five days prior to any base date for determination of dividend distributions.

Under the PRC Company law, shares issued prior to the public issuance of shares shall not be transferred within one year from the date of the joint stock limited company's listing on a stock exchange. Directors, supervisors and the senior management shall declare to the company their shareholdings in the company and any changes of such shareholdings. They shall not transfer more than 25% of all the shares they hold in the company annually during their tenure. They shall not transfer the shares they hold within one year from the date on which the company's shares are listed and commenced trading on a stock exchange, nor within six months after their resignation from their positions with the company.

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Shareholders

Under the PRC Company Law and the Mandatory Provisions, the rights of holders of ordinary shares of a joint stock limited company include:

- the right to attend or appoint a proxy to attend shareholders' general meetings and to vote thereat:
- the right to transfer shares in accordance with laws, administrative regulations and provisions of the articles of association;
- the right to inspect the company's articles of association, share register, counterfoil
 of company debentures, minutes of shareholder's general meetings, resolutions of
 meetings of the board of directors, resolutions of meetings of the board of
 supervisors and financial and accounting reports and to make proposals or enquires
 on the company's operations;
- the right to bring an action in the people's court to rescind resolutions passed by shareholder's general meetings and board of directors where the articles of association is violated by the above resolutions;
- the right to receive dividends and other types of interest distributed in proportion to the number of shares held:
- in the event of the termination or liquidation of the company, the right to participate in the distribution of residual properties of the company in proportion to the number of shares held; and
- other rights granted by laws, administrative regulations, other regulatory documents and the company's articles of association.

The obligations of a shareholder include the obligation to abide by the Company's articles of association, to pay the subscription moneys in respect of the shares subscribed for and in accordance with the form of making capital contributions, to be liable for the company's debts and liabilities to the extent of the amount of his or her subscribed shares and any other shareholders' obligation specified in the company's articles of association.

Shareholders' General Meetings

The shareholders' general meeting is the organ of authority of the company, which exercises its powers in accordance with the PRC Company Law.

Under the PRC Company Law, the shareholders' general meeting exercises the following principal powers:

- to decide on the company's operational policies and investment plans;
- to elect or remove the directors and supervisors (other than the supervisor representative of the employees of the company) and to decide on matters relating to the remuneration of directors and supervisors;
- to examine and approve reports of the board of directors;
- to examine and approve reports of the board of supervisors;
- to examine and approve the company's proposed annual financial budget and final accounts;
- to examine and approve the company's proposals for profit distribution plans and loss recovery plans;
- to decide on any increase or reduction of the company's registered capital;
- to decide on the issue of bonds by the company;
- to decide on issues such as merger, division, dissolution and liquidation of the company and other matters;
- to amend the company's articles of association; and
- other powers as provided for in the articles of association.

Shareholders' annual general meetings are required to be held once every year. Under the PRC Company Law, an extraordinary shareholders' general meeting is required to be held within two months after the occurrence of any of the following:

- the number of directors is less than the number stipulated by the law or less than two-thirds of the number specified in the articles of association;
- the aggregate losses of the company which are not recovered reach one-third of the company's total paid-up share capital;
- when shareholders alone or in aggregate holding 10% or more of the company's shares request the convening of an extraordinary general meeting;
- whenever the board of directors deems necessary;

- when the board of supervisors so requests; or
- other circumstances as provided for in the articles of associations.

Under the PRC Company Law, shareholders' general meetings shall be convened by the board of directors, and presided over by the chairman of the board of directors. In the event that the chairman is incapable of performing or does not perform his duties, the meeting shall be presided over by the vice chairman. In the event that the vice chairman is incapable of performing or not performing his duties, a director nominated by more than half of directors shall preside over the meeting.

Where the board of directors is incapable of performing or not performing its duties of convening the shareholders' general meeting, the board of supervisors shall convene and preside over such meeting in a timely manner. In case the board of supervisors fails to convene and preside over such meeting, shareholders alone or in aggregate holding more than 10% of the company's shares for 90 days consecutively may unilaterally convene and preside over such meeting.

Under the PRC Company Law, notice of shareholders' general meeting shall state the time and venue and matters to be considered at the meeting and shall be given to all shareholders 20 days before the meeting. Notice of extraordinary shareholder's general meetings shall be given to all shareholders 15 days prior to the meeting.

There is no specific provision in the PRC Company Law regarding the number of shareholders constituting a quorum in a shareholders' meeting. Pursuant to the Special Regulations and the Mandatory Provisions, shareholder's general meeting may be convened where the number of voting shares held by the shareholders present at the meeting reaches one half or more of the company's total voting shares. If this is not attained, the company shall within five days notify the shareholders again of the matters to be considered and time and venue of the meeting to shareholders in the form of public announcement. The company may convene the shareholders' general meeting after such public announcement. Pursuant to the Mandatory Provisions, modification or abrogation of rights conferred to any class of shareholders shall be passed both by special resolution of shareholders' general meeting and by class meeting convened respectively by shareholders of the affected class.

Pursuant to the Special Regulations, where the company convenes annual shareholders' general meeting, shareholders holding more than 5% of voting shares have a right to submit to the company new proposals in writing, in which the matters falling within the scope of shareholders' general meeting shall be placed in the agenda of the meeting.

Under the PRC Company Law, shareholders present at shareholders' general meeting have one vote for each share they hold, save that shares held by the company are not entitled to any voting rights.

Pursuant to the provisions of the articles of association or a resolution of the shareholders' general meeting, the accumulative voting system may be adopted for the election of directors and supervisors at the shareholders' general meeting. Under the accumulative voting system, each share shall be entitled to vote equivalent to the number of directors or supervisors to be elected at the shareholders' general meeting and shareholders may consolidate their voting rights when casting a vote.

Pursuant to the PRC Company Law and the Mandatory Provisions, resolutions of the shareholders' general meeting shall be adopted by more than half of the voting rights held by the shareholders present at the meeting. However, resolutions of the shareholders' general meeting regarding the following matters shall be adopted by more than two-thirds of the voting rights held by the shareholders present at the meeting: (i) amendments to the articles of association; (ii) the increase or decrease of registered capital; (iii) the issue of any types of shares, warrants or other similar securities; (iv) the issue of debentures; (v) the merger, division, dissolution, liquidation or change in the form of the company; (vi) 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 should be adopted by a special resolution.

Under the PRC Company Law, meeting minutes shall be prepared in respect of decisions on matters discussed at the shareholders' general meeting. The chairman of the meeting and directors attending the meeting shall sign to endorse such minutes. The minutes shall be kept together with the shareholders' attendance register and the proxy forms.

Board

Under the PRC Company Law, a joint stock limited company shall have a board of directors, which shall consist of 5 to 19 members. Members of the board of directors may include representatives of the employees of the company, who shall be democratically elected by the company's staff at the staff representative assembly, general staff meeting or otherwise. The term of a director shall be stipulated in the articles of association, but no term of office shall last for more than three years. Directors may serve consecutive terms if re-elected. A director shall continue to perform his duties in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations and articles of association until a duly re-elected director takes office, if re-election is not conducted in a timely manner upon the expiry of his term of office, or if the resignation of directors results in the number of directors being less than the quorum.

Under the PRC Company Law, the board of directors mainly exercises the following powers:

- to convene the shareholders' general meetings and report on its work to the shareholders' general meetings;
- to implement the resolutions passed in shareholders' general meetings;

- to decide on the company's business plans and investment proposals;
- to formulate the company's proposed annual financial budget and final accounts;
- to formulate the company's profit distribution proposals and loss recovery proposals;
- to formulate proposals for the increase or reduction of the company's registered capital and the issuance of corporate bonds;
- to prepare plans for the merger, division, dissolution and change in the form of the company;
- to formulate the company's basic management system; and
- to exercise any other power under the articles of association.

Board Meetings

Under the PRC Company Law, meetings of the board of directors of a joint stock limited company shall be convened at least twice a year. Notice of meeting shall be given to all directors and supervisors 10 days before the meeting. Interim board meetings may be proposed to be convened by shareholders representing more than 10% of voting rights, more than one-third of the directors or the board of supervisors. The chairman shall convene and preside over such meeting within 10 days after receiving such proposal. Meetings of the board of directors shall be held only if half or more of the directors are present. Resolutions of the board of directors shall be passed by more than half of all directors. Each director shall have one vote for resolutions to be approved by the board of directors. Directors shall attend board meetings in person. If a director is unable to attend a board meeting, he may appoint another director by a written power of attorney specifying the scope of the authorisation to attend the meeting on his behalf.

If a resolution of the board of directors violates the laws, administrative regulations or the articles of association, and as a result of which the company sustains serious losses, the directors participating in the resolution are liable to compensate the company. However, if it can be proved that a director expressly objected to the resolution when the resolution was voted on, and that such objection was recorded in the minutes of the meeting, such director may be released from that liability.

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Chairman of the Board

Under the PRC Company Law, the board of directors shall appoint a chairman and may appoint a vice chairman. The chairman and the vice chairman are elected with approval of more than half of all the directors. The chairman shall convene and preside over board meetings and examine the implementation of board resolutions. The vice chairman shall assist the work of the chairman. In the event that the chairman is incapable of performing or not performing his duties, the duties shall be performed by the vice chairman. In the event that the vice chairman is incapable of performing or not performing his duties, a director nominated by more than half of the directors shall perform his duties.

Qualification of Directors

The PRC Company Law provides that the following persons may not serve as a director:

- a person who is unable or has limited ability to undertake any civil liabilities;
- a person who has been convicted of an offence of bribery, corruption, embezzlement
 or misappropriation of property, or the destruction of socialist market economy
 order; or who has been deprived of his political rights due to his crimes, in each case
 where less than five years have elapsed since the date of completion of the sentence;
- a person who has been a former director, factory manager or manager of a company
 or an enterprise that has entered into insolvent liquidation and who was personally
 liable for the insolvency of such company or enterprise, where less than three years
 have elapsed since the date of the completion of the bankruptcy and liquidation of
 the company or enterprise;
- a person who has been a legal representative of a company or an enterprise that has
 had its business licence revoked due to violations of the law and has been ordered
 to close down by law and the person was personally responsible, where less than
 three years have elapsed since the date of such revocation; or
- a person who is liable for a relatively large amount of debts that are overdue.

Other circumstances under which a person is disqualified from acting as a director are set out in the Mandatory Provisions.

Board of Supervisors

A joint stock limited company shall have a board of supervisors composed of not less than three members. The board of supervisors is made up of representatives of the shareholders and an appropriate proportion of representatives of the employees of the company. The actual proportion shall be stipulated in the articles of association, provided that the proportion of

representatives of the employees shall not be less than one-third of the supervisors. Representatives of the employees of the company in the board of supervisors shall be democratically elected by the employees at the employees' representative assembly, employees' general meeting or otherwise.

The directors and senior management may not act concurrently as supervisors.

The board of supervisors shall appoint a chairman and may appoint a vice chairman. The chairman and the vice chairman of the board of supervisors are elected with approval of more than half of all the supervisors. The chairman of the board of supervisors shall convene and preside over the meetings of the board of supervisors. In the event that the chairman of the board of supervisors is incapable of performing or not performing his duties, the vice chairman of the board of supervisors shall convene and preside over the meetings of the board of supervisors. In the event that the vice chairman of the board of supervisors is incapable of performing or not performing his duties, a supervisor nominated by more than half of the supervisors shall convene and preside over the meetings of the board of supervisors.

Each term of office of a supervisor is three years and he or she may serve consecutive terms if re-elected. A supervisor shall continue to perform his duties in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations and articles of association until a duly re-elected supervisor takes office, if re-election is not conducted in a timely manner upon the expiry of his term of office, or if the resignation of supervisors results in the number of supervisors being less than the quorum.

The board of supervisors exercises the following powers:

- to review the company's financial position;
- to supervise the directors and senior management in their performance of their duties and to propose the removal of directors and senior management who have violated laws, regulations, the articles of association or the resolutions of shareholders' meeting;
- when the acts of directors and senior management are harmful to the company's interests, to require correction of those acts;
- to propose the convening of extraordinary shareholders' general meetings and to convene and preside over shareholders' general meetings when the board of directors fails to perform the duty of convening and presiding over shareholders' general meeting under this law;
- to initiate proposals for resolutions to shareholders' general meeting;
- to initiate proceedings against directors and senior management; and
- other powers specified in the articles of association.

Supervisors may attend board meetings and make enquiries or proposals in respect of board resolutions. The board of supervisors may initiate investigations into any irregularities identified in the operation of the company and, where necessary, may engage an accounting firm to assist their work at the company's expense.

Manager and Senior Management

Under the PRC Company Law, a company shall have a manager who shall be appointed or removed by the board of directors. The manager shall report to the board of directors and may exercise the following powers:

- to supervise the business and administration of the company and arrange for the implementation of resolutions of the board of directors;
- to arrange for the implementation of the company's annual business plans and investment proposals;
- to formulate the general administration system of the company;
- to formulate the company's detailed rules;
- to recommend the appointment and dismissal of deputy managers and person in charge of finance;
- to appoint or dismiss other administration officers (other than those required to be appointed or dismissed by the board of directors); and
- to other powers conferred by the board of directors or the articles of association.

The manager shall comply with other provisions of the articles of association concerning his/her powers. The manager shall attend board meetings.

According to the PRC Company Law, senior management shall mean the manager, deputy manager(s), person-in-charge of finance, board secretary (in case of a listed company) of a company and other personnel as stipulated in the articles of association.

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Duties of Directors, Supervisors and Senior Management

Directors, supervisors and senior management of the company are required under the PRC Company Law to comply with the relevant laws, regulations and the articles of association, and have fiduciary and diligent duties to the company. Directors, supervisors and senior management are prohibited from abusing their powers to accept bribes or other unlawful income and from misappropriating of the company's properties. Directors and senior management are prohibited from:

- misappropriation of the company's capital;
- depositing the company's capital into accounts under his own name or the name of other individuals;
- loaning company funds to others or providing guarantees in favour of others supported by the company's assets in violation of the articles of association or without prior approval of the shareholders' general meeting or board of directors;
- entering into contracts or deals with the company in violation of the articles of association or without prior approval of the shareholders' general meeting;
- using their position and powers to procure business opportunities for themselves or others that should have otherwise been available to the company or operating for their own benefits or managing on behalf of others businesses similar to that of the company without prior approval of the shareholders' general meeting;
- accept and possess commissions paid by a third party for transactions conducted with the company;
- unauthorised divulgence of confidential business information of the company; or
- other acts in violation of their duty of loyalty to the company.

A director, supervisor or senior management who contravenes any law, regulation or the company's articles of association in the performance of his duties resulting in any loss to the company shall be personally liable to the company.

Finance and Accounting

Under the PRC Company Law, a company shall establish financial and accounting systems according to laws, administrative regulations and the regulations of the financial department of the State Council and shall at the end of each financial year prepare a financial and accounting report which shall be audited by an accounting firm as required by law. The company's financial and accounting report shall be prepared in accordance with provisions of the laws, administrative regulations and the regulations of the financial department of the State Council.

Pursuant to the PRC Company Law, the company shall deliver its financial and accounting reports to all shareholders within the time limit stipulated in the articles of association and make its financial and accounting reports available at the company for inspection by the shareholders at least 20 days before the convening of an annual general meeting of shareholders. It must also publish its financial and accounting reports.

When distributing each year's after-tax profits, it shall set aside 10% of its after-tax profits into a statutory common reserve fund (except where the fund has reached 50% of its registered capital).

If its statutory common reserve fund is not sufficient to make up losses of the previous year, profits of the current year shall be applied to make up losses before allocation is made to the statutory common reserve fund pursuant to the above provisions.

After allocation of the statutory common reserve fund from after-tax profits, it may, upon a resolution passed at the shareholders' general meeting, allocate discretionary common reserve fund from after-tax profits.

The remaining after-tax profits after making up losses and allocation of common reserve fund shall be distributed in proportion to the number of shares held by the shareholders, unless otherwise stipulated in the articles of association.

Shares held by the Company shall not be entitled to any distribution of profit.

The premium received through issuance of shares at prices above par value and other incomes required by the financial department of the State Council to be allocated to the capital reserve fund shall be allocated to the company's capital reserve fund.

The Company's reserve fund shall be applied to make up losses of the company, expand its business operations or be converted to increase the registered capital of the company. However, the capital reserve fund may not be applied to make up the company's losses. Upon the conversion of statutory common reserve fund into capital, the balance of the statutory common reserve fund shall not be less than 25% of the registered capital of the company before such conversion.

The Company shall have no other accounting books except the statutory accounting books. Its assets shall not be deposited in any accounts opened in the name of any individual.

Appointment and Retirement of Accounting Firms

Pursuant to the PRC Company Law, the appointment or dismissal of accounting firms responsible for the auditing of the company shall be determined by shareholders' general meeting or board of directors in accordance with provisions of articles of association. The accounting firm should be allowed to make representations when the shareholders' general

meeting or board of directors conducts a vote on the dismissal of the accounting firm. The company should provide true and complete accounting evidences, books, financial and accounting reports and other accounting data to the accounting firm it employs without any refusal, withholding and misrepresentation.

The Special Regulations provide that a company shall employ an independent accounting firm complying with the relevant regulations of the State to audit its annual report and review and check other financial reports of the company. The accounting firm's term of office shall commence from their appointment at a shareholders' annual general meeting to the end of the next shareholders' annual general meeting.

Distribution of Profits

According to the PRC Company Law, a company shall not distribute profits before losses are covered and the statutory common reserve is drawn. Under the Mandatory Provisions, a company shall appoint receiving agents on behalf of holders of the overseas listed and foreign invested shares to receive on behalf of such shareholders dividends and other distributions payable in respect of their overseas listed and foreign invested shares.

Amendments to Articles of Association

Any amendments to the company's articles of association must be made in accordance with the procedures set out in the company's articles of association. Any amendment of provisions incorporated in the articles of association in connection with the Mandatory Provisions will only be effective after approval by the company's approval department authorised by the State Council and the CSRC. In relation to matters involving the company's registration, its registration with the authority must also be changed.

Dissolution and Liquidation

According to the PRC Company Law, a company shall be dissolved by reason of the following: (i) the term of its operations set down in the articles of association has expired or other events of dissolution specified in the articles of association have occurred; (ii) the shareholders' general meeting have resolved to dissolve the company; (iii) the company is dissolved by reason of merger or division; (iv) the business licence is revoked; the company is ordered to close down or be dissolved; or (v) the company is dissolved by the people's court in response to the request of shareholders holding shares that represent more than 10% of the voting rights of all its shareholders, on the grounds that the company suffers significant hardship in its operation and management that cannot be resolved through other means, and the ongoing existence of the company would bring significant losses for shareholders.

In the event of (i) above, it may carry on its existence by amending its articles of association. The amendment of the articles of association in accordance with provisions set out above shall require approval of more than two-thirds of voting rights of shareholders attending a shareholders' general meeting.

Where the company is dissolved in the circumstances described in subparagraphs (i), (ii), (iv), or (v) above, a liquidation group shall be established and the liquidation process shall commence within 15 days after the occurrence of an event of dissolution. The members of the company's liquidation group shall be composed of its directors or the personnel appointed by the shareholders' general meeting. If a liquidation group is not established within the stipulated period, creditors may apply to the people's court and request the court to appoint relevant personnel to form the liquidation group. The people's court should accept such application and form a liquidation group to conduct liquidation in a timely manner.

The liquidation group shall exercise the following powers during the liquidation period:

- to handle the company's assets and to prepare a balance sheet and an inventory of the assets;
- to notify creditors through notice or public announcement;
- to deal with the company's outstanding businesses related to liquidation;
- to pay any tax overdue as well as tax amounts arising from the process of liquidation;
- to claim credits and pay off debts;
- to handle the company's remaining assets after its debts have been paid off; and
- to represent the company in civil lawsuits.

The liquidation group shall notify the company's creditors within 10 days after its establishment and issue public notices in newspapers within 60 days. A creditor shall lodge his claim with the liquidation group within 30 days after receiving notification, or within 45 days of the public notice if he did not receive any notification. A creditor shall state all matters relevant to his creditor rights in making his claim and furnish evidence. The liquidation group shall register such creditor rights. The liquidation group shall not make any debt settlement to creditors during the period of claim.

Upon liquidation of properties and the preparation of the balance sheet and inventory of assets, the liquidation group shall draw up a liquidation plan to be submitted to the shareholders' general meeting or people's court for confirmation.

The company's remaining assets after payment of liquidation expenses, wages, social insurance expenses and statutory compensation, outstanding taxes and debts shall be distributed to shareholders according to their shareholding proportion. It shall continue to exist during the liquidation period, although it can only engage in any operating activities that are related to the liquidation. The company's properties shall not be distributed to the shareholders before repayments are made in accordance to the foregoing provisions.

Upon liquidation of the company's properties and the preparation of the balance sheet and inventory of assets, if the liquidation group becomes aware that the company does not have sufficient assets to meet its liabilities, it must apply to the people's court for a declaration for bankruptcy.

Following such declaration, the liquidation group shall hand over all matters relating to the liquidation to the people's court.

Upon completion of the liquidation, the liquidation group shall submit a liquidation report to the shareholders' general meeting or the people's court for verification. Thereafter, the report shall be submitted to the registration authority of the company in order to cancel the company's registration, and a public notice of its termination shall be issued. Members of the liquidation group are required to discharge their duties honestly and in compliance with the relevant laws. Members of the liquidation group shall be prohibited from abusing their powers to accept bribes or other unlawful income and from misappropriating the company's properties.

A member of the liquidation group is liable to indemnify the company and its creditors in respect of any loss arising from his intentional or gross negligence.

Overseas Listing

According to the Special Regulations, a company shall obtain the approval of the CSRC to list its shares overseas. A company's plan to issue overseas listed and foreign invested shares and domestic shares which has been approved by the CSRC may be implemented by the board of directors of the company by way of separate issue within 15 months after approval is obtained from the CSRC.

Loss of Share Certificates

If a registered share certificate is lost, stolen or destroyed, the relevant shareholder may apply, in accordance with the relevant provisions set out in the Civil Procedure Law, to a people's court to declare such certificate invalid. After the people's court declares the invalidity of such certificate, the shareholder may apply to the company for a replacement share certificate. A separate procedure regarding the loss of overseas listed and foreign invested share certificates is provided for in the Mandatory Provisions.

Suspension and Termination of Listing

The PRC Company Law has deleted provisions governing suspension and termination of listing. The PRC Securities Law stipulates that the trading of shares of a company on a stock exchange may be suspended if so decided by the stock exchange under one of the following circumstances:

(i) the registered capital or shareholding distribution no longer complies with the necessary requirements for a listed company;

- (ii) the company failed to make public its financial position in accordance with the requirements or there is false information in the company's financial report with the possibility of misleading investors;
- (iii) the company has committed a major breach of the law;
- (iv) the company has incurred losses for three consecutive years; or
- (v) other circumstances as required by the listing rules of the relevant stock exchange(s).

Under the PRC Securities Law, in the event that the conditions for listing are not satisfied within the period stipulated by the relevant stock exchange in the case described in (i) above, or the company has refused to rectify the situation in the case described in (ii) above, or the company fails to become profitable in the next subsequent year in the case described in (iv) above, the relevant stock exchange shall have the right to terminate the listing of the shares of the company.

Merger and Demerger

Companies may merge through merger by absorption or through the establishment of a newly merged entity. If it merges by absorption, the company which is absorbed shall be dissolved. If it merges by forming a new corporation, both companies will be dissolved.

SECURITIES LAW AND REGULATIONS

The PRC has promulgated a number of regulations that relate to the issue and trading of shares and disclosure of information. In October 1992, the State Council established the Securities Committee and the CSRC. The Securities Committee is responsible for coordinating the draughting of securities regulations, formulating securities-related policies, planning the development of securities markets, directing, coordinating and supervising all securities-related institutions in the PRC and administering the CSRC. The CSRC is the regulatory arm of the Securities Committee and is responsible for the draughting of regulatory provisions of securities markets, supervising securities companies, regulating public offers of securities by PRC companies in the PRC or overseas, regulating the trading of securities, compiling securities related statistics and undertaking relevant research and analysis. In April 1998, the State Council consolidated the two departments and reformed the CSRC.

The Interim Provisional Regulations on the Administration of Share Issuance and Trading (《股票發行與交易管理暫行條例》) deals with the application and approval procedures for public offerings of equity securities, trading in equity securities, the acquisition of listed companies, deposit, clearing and transfer of listed equity securities, the disclosure of information with respect to a listed company, investigation, penalties and dispute settlement.

On 25 December 1995, the State Council promulgated and implemented the Regulations of the State Council Concerning Domestic Listed Foreign Shares of Joint Stock Limited Companies (《國務院關於股份有限公司境內上市外資股的規定》). These regulations deal mainly with the issue, subscription, trading and declaration of dividends and other distributions of domestic listed and foreign invested shares and disclosure of information of joint stock limited companies having domestic listed and foreign invested shares.

The PRC Securities Law took effect on 1 July 1999 and was revised on 28 August 2004, 27 October 2005, 29 June 2013 and 31 August 2014, respectively. This is the first national securities law in the PRC, which is divided into 12 chapters and 240 articles regulating, among other things, the issue and trading of securities, takeovers by listed companies, securities exchanges, securities companies and the duties and responsibilities of the State Council's securities regulatory authorities. The PRC Securities Law comprehensively regulates activities in the PRC securities market. Article 238 of the PRC Securities Law provides that domestic enterprises shall obtain prior approval from the State Council's regulatory authorities to list its shares outside the PRC. Currently, the issue and trading of foreign issued shares (including H shares) are mainly governed by the rules and regulations promulgated by the State Council and the CSRC.

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect

On 10 April 2014, CSRC and SFC issued the Joint Announcement of China Securities Regulatory Commission and Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission - Principles that Should be Followed when the Pilot Programme that Links the Stock Markets in Shanghai and Hong Kong is Expected to be Implemented and approved in principle the launch of the pilot programme that links the stock markets in Shanghai and Hong Kong (《中國證券監督管理委 員會香港證券及期貨事務監察委員會聯合公告 - 預期實行滬港股票市場交易互聯互通機制試 點時將需遵循的原則 》) (hereinafter referred to as "Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect") by the Shanghai Stock Exchange (hereinafter referred to as "SSE"), the Stock Exchange, China Securities Depository and Clearing Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as "CSDCC") and HKSCC. Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect comprises the two portions of Northbound Trading Link and Southbound Trading Link. Southbound Trading Link refers to the entrustment of China securities houses by China investors to trade stocks listed on the Stock Exchange within a stipulated range via filing by the securities trading service company established by the SSE with the Stock Exchange. During the initial period of the pilot programme, the stocks of Southbound Trading Link consist of constituent stocks of the Stock Exchange Hang Seng Composite Large Cap Index and the Hang Seng Composite MidCap Index as well as stocks of A+H stock companies concurrently listed on the Stock Exchange and the SSE. The total limit of Southbound Trading Link is RMB250 billion and the daily limit is RMB10.5 billion. During the initial period of the pilot programme, it is required by SFC that China investors participating in Southbound Trading Link are only limited to institutional investors and individual investors with a securities account and capital account balance of not less than RMB500,000.

On 10 November 2014, CSRC and SFC issued a Joint Announcement, approving the official launch of Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect by SSE, the Stock Exchange, CSDCC and HKSCC. Pursuant to the Joint Announcement, trading of stocks under Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect will commence on 17 November 2014.

On 30 September 2016, CSRC issued the Filing Provision on the Placement of Shares by Hong Kong Listed Companies with Domestic Original Shareholders under Southbound Trading Link(《關於港股通下香港上市公司向境內原股東配售股份的備案規定》)which came into effect on the same day. The act of the placement of shares by Hong Kong listed companies with domestic original shareholders under Southbound Trading Link shall be filed with CSRC. Hong Kong listed companies shall file the application materials and approved documents with CSRC after obtaining approval from the Stock Exchange for their share placement applications. CSRC will carry out supervision based on the approved opinion and conclusion of the Hong Kong side.

According to the CSRC Pilot Programme for the Deepening Reforms on Overseas Listing Systems and the "Full Liquidity" of H Shares (《中國證監會深化境外上市制度改革開展H股"全流通"試點》) issued by the CSRC on 29 December 2017 and the Reply to the Press by the CSRC Spokesperson, Chang Depeng regarding the implementation of the "Full Liquidity" Pilot Programme of H Shares (《中國證監會新聞發言人常德鵬就開展H股"全流通"試點相關事宜答記者問》) issued by the CSRC on 29 December 2017 and approved by the State Council, the CSRC carried out the "Full Liquidity" Pilot Programme of H-share Listed Companies, which required enterprises involved in the pilot programme to perform some procedures and meet the following four basic conditions:

- (1) fulfilled the relevant legal provisions and policy requirements of foreign investment access, state-owned assets management, state security and industrial policy.
- (2) their respective industries are in line with the development concept of innovative, coordinated, green, open and sharing, the development direction of the industrial policy of the state, as well as the national strategy of serving the real economy and supporting the "One Belt, One Road" construction, they also have to be high-quality enterprises.
- (3) the equity structures of existing shares are relatively simple and their respective market value will be not less than HK\$1 billion.
- (4) the corporate governance is standard, the internal decision-making procedures are in compliance with the laws, which can practicably and adequately protect shareholders' rights of knowledge, participation and voting.

On 14 November 2019, CSRC issued the Guidance of Applying "Full Liquidity" for Domestic Unlisted Shares of H Shares Company (《H股公司境內未上市股份申請「全流通」業務指引》), and the Reply to the Press by the CSRC Spokesperson regarding the Fully Implementation of the "Full Liquidity" Reform of H Shares (《中國證監會新聞發言人就全面推開H股「全流通」改革答記者問》) issued by the CSRC on 15 November 2019, H Shares company can apply for "full liquidity" alone or together with refinance application. Unlisted corporation can apply for "full liquidity" together with IPO application. Once been approved by CSRC, shareholders of domestic unlisted shares shall change shares registration according to relevant rules of China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, as well as relevant rules of shares registration and shares listing of HK market, and shall disclose information lawfully.

ARBITRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF ARBITRAL AWARDS

The Arbitration Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國仲裁法》) (the "Arbitration Law") was passed by the Standing Committee of the NPC on 31 August 1994, became effective on 1 September 1995 and was amended on 27 August 2009 and 1 September 2017. Under the Arbitration Law, an arbitration committee may, before the promulgation by the PRC Arbitration Association of arbitration regulations, formulate interim arbitration rules in accordance with the Arbitration Law and the Civil Procedure Law. Where the parties have by agreement provided arbitration as the method for dispute resolution, the people's court will refuse to handle the case except when the arbitration agreement is declared invalid.

The Mandatory Provisions require an arbitration clause to be included in the articles of association of an issuer. Matters in arbitration include any disputes or claims in relation to the issuer's affairs or as a result of any rights or obligations arising under its articles of association, the PRC Company Law or other relevant laws and administrative regulations.

Where a dispute or claim of rights referred to in the preceding paragraph is referred to arbitration, the entire claim or dispute must be referred to arbitration, 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, must comply with the arbitration. Disputes in respect of the definition of shareholder and disputes in relation to the issuer's register of shareholders need not be resolved by arbitration.

A claimant may elect for arbitration to be carried out at either the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (中國國際經濟貿易仲裁委員會) ("CIETAC") in accordance with its rules or the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre ("HKIAC") in accordance with its Securities Arbitration Rules (the "Securities Arbitration Rules"). Once a claimant refers a dispute or claim to arbitration, the other party shall submit to the arbitral body elected by the claimant. If the claimant elects for arbitration to be carried out at the HKIAC, any party to the dispute or claim may apply for a hearing to take place in Shenzhen in accordance with the Securities Arbitration Rules. In accordance with the Arbitration Regulations of CIETAC (《中國國際經濟貿易仲裁委員會仲裁規則》) which was amended on

4 November 2014 and implemented on 1 January 2015, CIETAC shall deal with economic and trading disputes over contractual or non-contractual transactions, including disputes involving Hong Kong based on the agreement of the parties. The arbitration commission is established in Beijing and its branches and centres have been set up in Shenzhen, Shanghai, Tianjin and Chongqing.

Under the Arbitration Law and the Civil Procedure Law, an arbitral award is final and binding on the parties. If a party fails to comply with an award, the other party to the award may apply to the people's court for enforcement. A people's court may refuse to enforce an arbitral award made by an arbitration commission if there is any irregularity on the procedures or composition of arbitrators specified by law or the award exceeds the scope of the arbitration agreement or is outside the jurisdiction of the arbitration commission.

A party seeking to enforce an arbitral award of PRC arbitration panel against a party who, or whose property, is not within the PRC, may apply to a foreign court with jurisdiction over the case for enforcement. Similarly, an arbitral award made by a foreign arbitration body may be recognised and enforced by the PRC courts in accordance with the principles of reciprocity or any international treaty concluded or acceded to by the PRC. The PRC acceded to the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (the "New York Convention") adopted on 10 June 1958 pursuant to a resolution of the Standing Committee of the NPC passed on 2 December 1986. The New York Convention provides that all arbitral awards made in a state which is a party to the New York Convention shall be recognised and enforced by all other parties to the New York Convention, subject to their right to refuse enforcement under certain circumstances, including where the enforcement of the arbitral award is against the public policy of the state to which the application for enforcement is made. It was declared by the Standing Committee of the NPC simultaneously with the accession of the PRC that (i) the PRC will only recognise and enforce foreign arbitral awards on the principle of reciprocity and (ii) the PRC will only apply the New York Convention in disputes considered under PRC laws to arise from contractual and non-contractual mercantile legal relations.

An arrangement was reached between Hong Kong and the Supreme People's Court for the mutual enforcement of arbitral awards. On 18 June 1999, the Supreme People's Court adopted the Arrangement on Mutual Enforcement of Arbitral Awards between Mainland China and Hong Kong (《關於內地與香港特別行政區相互執行仲裁裁決的安排》), which became effective on 1 February 2000. In accordance with this arrangement, awards made by PRC arbitral authorities under the Arbitration Law can be enforced in Hong Kong, and Hong Kong arbitration awards are also enforceable in the PRC.

SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL PRC AND HONG KONG LEGAL AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS

Judicial judgement and its enforcement

According to the Arrangement on Mutual Recognition and Enforcement of Judgements in Civil and Commercial Matters by the Courts of the Mainland China and of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Pursuant to Agreed Jurisdiction by Parties Concerned (《最高 人民法院關於內地與香港特別行政區法院相互認可和執行當事人協議管轄的民商事案件判決 的安排》) promulgated by the Supreme People's Court on 3 July 2008 and implemented on 1 August 2008, in the case of final judgement, defined with payment amount and enforcement power, made between the court of China and the court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in a civil and commercial case with written jurisdiction agreement, any party concerned may apply to the People's Court of China or the court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for recognition and enforcement based on this arrangement. "Choice of court agreement in written" refers to a written agreement defining the exclusive jurisdiction of either the People's Court of China or the court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in order to resolve dispute with particular legal relation occurred or likely to occur by the party concerned. Therefore, the party concerned may apply to the Court of China or the court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to recognise and enforce the final judgement made in China or Hong Kong that meet certain conditions of the aforementioned regulations.