IMPORTANT NOTICE TO INVESTORS: FULLY ELECTRONIC APPLICATION PROCESS

We have adopted a fully electronic application process for the Hong Kong Public Offering. We will not provide any printed copies of this prospectus or any printed copies of any application forms for use by the public.

This prospectus is available at the website of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk under the "HKEXnews > New Listings > New Listing Information" section, and our website at www.gds-services.com If you require a printed copy of this prospectus, you may download and print from the website addresses above.

The contents of the electronic version of the prospectus are identical to the printed prospectus as registered with the Registrar of Companies in Hong Kong pursuant to Section 342C of the Companies (WUMP) Ordinance.

Set out below are procedures through which you can apply for the Hong Kong Offer Shares electronically. We will not provide any physical channels to accept any application for the Hong Kong Offer Shares by the public.

If you are an intermediary, broker or agent, please remind your customers, clients or principals, as applicable, that this prospectus is available online at the website addresses above.

If you have any questions about the application for the Hong Kong Offer Shares, you may call the enquiry hotline of our Hong Kong Share Registrar and **White Form eIPO** Service Provider, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at +852 2862 8690 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2020, Thursday, October 22, 2020, Friday, October 23, 2020; 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 24, 2020, Sunday, October 25, 2020, Monday, October 26, 2020; and from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Tuesday, October 27, 2020.

A. APPLICATIONS FOR THE HONG KONG OFFER SHARES

1. How to apply

We will not provide any printed application forms for use by the public.

To apply for the Hong Kong Offer Shares, you may:

(1) apply online through the White Form eIPO service at www.eipo.com.hk; or

- (2) apply through **CCASS EIPO** service to electronically cause HKSCC Nominees to apply on your behalf, including by:
 - (a) instructing your broker or custodian who is a CCASS Clearing Participant or a CCASS Custodian Participant to give electronic application instructions via CCASS terminals to apply for the Hong Kong Offer Shares on your behalf; or
 - (b) (if you are an existing CCASS Investor Participant) giving electronic application instructions through the CCASS Internet System (https://ip.ccass.com) or through the CCASS Phone System by calling +852 2979 7888 (using the procedures in HKSCC's "An Operating Guide for Investor Participants" in effect from time to time). HKSCC can also input electronic application instructions for CCASS Investor Participants through HKSCC's Customer Service Centre at 1/F, One & Two Exchange Square, 8 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong by completing an input request.

If you apply through channel (1) above, the Hong Kong Offer Shares successfully applied for will be issued in your own name.

If you apply through channels (2)(a) or (2)(b) above, the Hong Kong Offer Shares successfully applied for will be issued in the name of HKSCC Nominees and deposited directly into CCASS to be credited to your or a designated CCASS Participant's stock account.

None of you or your joint applicant(s) may make more than one application, except where you are a nominee and provide the required information in your application.

We, the Joint Representatives, the **White Form eIPO** Service Provider and their respective agents may reject or accept any application, in full or in part, for any reason at their discretion.

2. Who can apply

Eligibility for the Application

You can apply for the Hong Kong Offer Shares if you or any person(s) for whose benefit you are applying:

- (a) are 18 years of age or older; and
- (b) have a Hong Kong address.

If an application is made by a person under a power of attorney, we and the Joint Representatives may accept it at their discretion, and on any conditions we think fit, including requiring evidence of the attorney's authority.

The number of joint applicants may not exceed four and they may not apply by means of the **White Form eIPO** service for the Hong Kong Offer Shares.

Unless permitted by the Hong Kong Listing Rules or any relevant waivers that have been granted by the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (details of the relevant waivers are set out in "Waivers from Compliance with the Listing Rules and Exemptions from Strict Compliance with the Companies (WUMP)"), you cannot apply for any Hong Kong Offer Shares if:

- (a) you are an existing beneficial owner of Shares and/or a substantial shareholder of any of the Company's subsidiaries and/or consolidated affiliated entities;
- (b) you are the Company's director or chief executive and/or a director or chief executive officer of its subsidiaries and/or consolidated affiliated entities;
- (c) you are a close associate of any of the above persons;
- (d) you are a person who will become a core connected person of the Company immediately upon the completion of the Global Offering; or
- (e) you have been allocated or have applied for any International Offer Shares or otherwise participate in the International Offering.

Items Required for the Application

If you apply for the Hong Kong Offer Shares online through the **White Form eIPO** service, you must:

- (a) have a valid Hong Kong identity card number; and
- (b) provide a valid e-mail address and a contact telephone number.

If you are applying for the Hong Kong Offer Shares online by instructing your **broker** or **custodian** who is a CCASS Clearing Participant or a CCASS Custodian Participant to give **electronic application instructions** via CCASS terminals, please contact them for the items required for the application.

3. Terms and conditions of an application

By applying through the application channels specified in this prospectus you:

- (a) undertake to execute all relevant documents and instruct and authorize the Company and/or the Joint Representatives (or their agents or nominees), as their agents, to execute any documents for you and to do on your behalf all things necessary to register any Hong Kong Offer Shares allocated to you in your name or in the name of HKSCC Nominees as required by the Articles of Association;
- (b) agree to comply with the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies (WUMP) Ordinance and the Cayman Companies Law;
- (c) confirm that you have read the terms and conditions and application procedures set out in this prospectus and agree to be bound by them;
- (d) confirm that you have received and read this prospectus and have relied only on the information and representations in this prospectus in making your application and will not rely on any other information or representations, except those in any supplement to this prospectus;
- (e) confirm that you are aware of the restrictions on the Global Offering set out in this prospectus;
- (f) agree that none of the Company, the Relevant Persons and the **White Form eIPO**Service Provider is or will be liable for any information and representations not in this prospectus (and any supplement to this prospectus);
- (g) undertake and confirm that you or the person(s) for whose benefit you have made the application have not applied for or taken up, or indicated an interest for, and will not apply for or take up, or indicate an interest for, any International Offer Shares nor participated in the International Offering;
- (h) agree to disclose to the Company, the Hong Kong Share Registrar, the receiving bank and the Relevant Persons any personal data that any of them may require about you and the person(s) for whose benefit you have made the application;
- (i) if the laws of any place outside Hong Kong apply to your application, agree and warrant that you have complied with all such laws and neither the Company nor the Relevant Persons will breach any laws outside Hong Kong as a result of the acceptance of your offer to purchase, or any action arising from your rights and obligations under the terms and conditions in this prospectus;
- (j) agree that once your application has been accepted, you may not rescind it because of an innocent misrepresentation;

- (k) agree that your application, any acceptance of it and the resulting contract will be governed by, and construed in accordance with the laws of Hong Kong;
- (l) warrant that the information you have provided is true and accurate;
- (m) agree to accept the Hong Kong Offer Shares applied for or any lesser number allocated to you under the application;
- (n) authorize (i) the Company to place your name(s) or the name of HKSCC Nominees on the Company's register of members as the holder(s) of any Hong Kong Offer Shares allocated to you and such other registers as required under the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association and (ii) the Company and/or its agents to send any Share certificate(s) and/or any e-Refund payment instructions and/or any refund check(s) to you or the first-named applicant for joint applications by ordinary post at your own risk to the address stated on the application, unless you have fulfilled the criteria mentioned in "— Personal Collection" below to collect the Share certificate(s) and/or refund check(s) in person;
- declare and represent that this is the only application made and the only application intended by you to be made to benefit you or the person for whose benefit you are applying;
- (p) understand that the Company, its directors and the Joint Representatives will rely on your declarations and representations in deciding whether or not to allocate any of the Hong Kong Offer Shares to you and that you may be prosecuted for making a false declaration;
- (q) (if the application is made for your own benefit) warrant that no other application has been or will be made for your benefit by giving electronic application instructions to HKSCC directly or indirectly or through the White Form eIPO service or by any one as your agent or by any other person; and
- (r) (if you are making the application as an agent for the benefit of another person) warrant that (i) no other application has been or will be made by you as agent for or for the benefit of that person or by that person or by any other person as agent for that person by giving electronic application instructions to HKSCC and (ii) you have due authority to give electronic application instructions on behalf of that other person as its agent.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Company and all other parties involved in the preparation of this prospectus acknowledge that each applicant and CCASS Participant who gives or causes to give **electronic application instructions** is a person who may be entitled to compensation under Section 40 of the Companies (WUMP) Ordinance (as applied by Section 342E of the Companies (WUMP) Ordinance).

4. Minimum application amount and permitted numbers

Your application through the **White Form eIPO** service or the **CCASS EIPO** service must be for a minimum of 100 Hong Kong Offer Shares and in one of the numbers set out in the table. You are required to pay the amount next to the number you select.

No. of Hong Kong Offer Shares applied for	Amount payable on application	No. of Hong Kong Offer Shares applied for	Amount payable on application	No. of Hong Kong Offer Shares applied for	Amount payable on application	No. of Hong Kong Offer Shares applied for	Amount payable on application
	HK\$		HK\$		HK\$		HK\$
100	8,686.66	2,000	173,733.24	10,000	868,666.22	300,000	26,059,986.60
200	17,373.32	2,500	217,166.56	20,000	1,737,332.44	400,000	34,746,648.80
300	26,059.99	3,000	260,599.87	30,000	2,605,998.66	500,000	43,433,311.00
400	34,746.65	3,500	304,033.18	40,000	3,474,664.88	600,000	52,119,973.20
500	43,433.31	4,000	347,466.49	50,000	4,343,331.10	700,000	60,806,635.40
600	52,119.97	4,500	390,899.80	60,000	5,211,997.32	800,000	69,493,297.60
700	60,806.64	5,000	434,333.11	70,000	6,080,663.54	900,000	78,179,959.80
800	69,493.30	6,000	521,199.73	80,000	6,949,329.76	1,000,000	86,866,622.00
900	78,179.96	7,000	608,066.35	90,000	7,817,995.98	2,000,000	173,733,244.00
1,000	86,866.62	8,000	694,932.98	100,000	8,686,662.20	3,000,000	260,599,866.00
1,500	130,299.93	9,000	781,799.60	200,000	17,373,324.40	$4,000,000^{(1)}$	347,466,488.00

Note:

No application for any other number of the Hong Kong Offer Shares will be considered and any such application is liable to be rejected.

5. Applying through the White Form eIPO Service

General

Individuals who meet the criteria in "— 2. Who can apply" above may apply through the **White Form eIPO** service for the Offer Shares to be allocated and registered in their own names through the designated website at **www.eipo.com.hk**.

⁽¹⁾ Maximum number of Hong Kong Offer Shares you may apply for.

Detailed instructions for application through the **White Form eIPO** service are set out on the designated website. If you do not follow the instructions, your application may be rejected and may not be submitted to the Company. If you apply through the designated website, you authorize the **White Form eIPO** Service Provider to apply on the terms and conditions in this prospectus, as supplemented and amended by the terms and conditions of the **White Form eIPO** Service Provider.

If you have any questions on how to apply through the **White Form eIPO** service for the Hong Kong Offer Shares, please contact the telephone enquiry line of the **White Form eIPO** Service Provider at +852 2862 8690 which is available from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2020, Thursday, October 22, 2020, Friday, October 23, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 24, 2020, Sunday, October 25, 2020, Monday, October 26, 2020 and from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Tuesday, October 27, 2020.

Time for submitting applications under the White Form eIPO service

You may submit your application through the **White Form eIPO** service through the designated website at www.eipo.com.hk (24 hours daily, except on the last day for applications) from 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 until 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 and the latest time for completing full payment of application monies in respect of such applications will be 12:00 noon on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, the last day for applications, or such later time as described in "Effect of bad weather and Extreme Conditions on the opening and closing of the application lists" below.

Commitment to sustainability

The obvious advantage of **White Form eIPO** service is to save the use of paper via the self-serviced and electronic application process. Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, being the designated **White Form eIPO** Service Provider, will contribute HK\$2 for each "GDS Holdings Limited" **White Form eIPO** application submitted via **www.eipo.com.hk** to support sustainability.

6. Applying through CCASS EIPO service

General

You may instruct your broker or custodian who is a CCASS Clearing Participant or a CCASS Custodian Participant to give **electronic application instructions** via CCASS terminals to apply for the Hong Kong Offer Shares on your behalf. CCASS Participants may give **electronic application instructions** to apply for the Hong Kong Offer Shares and to arrange payment of the money due on application and payment of refunds under their participant agreements with HKSCC and the General Rules of CCASS and the CCASS Operational Procedures.

If you are a CCASS Investor Participant, you may give these electronic application instructions through the CCASS Internet System (https://ip.ccass.com) or through the CCASS Phone System by calling +852 2979 7888 (using the procedures in HKSCC's "An Operating Guide for Investor Participants" in effect from time to time). HKSCC can also input electronic application instructions for CCASS Investor Participants through HKSCC's Customer Service Centre at 1/F, One & Two Exchange Square, 8 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong by completing an input request.

You will be deemed to have authorized HKSCC and/or HKSCC Nominees to transfer the details of your application to the Company, the Joint Sponsors, the Joint Representatives and the Hong Kong Share Registrar.

Applying through CCASS EIPO service

Where you have applied through **CCASS EIPO** service (either indirectly through a **broker** or **custodian** or directly) and an application is made by HKSCC Nominees on your behalf:

- (a) HKSCC Nominees will only be acting as a nominee for you and is not liable for any breach of the terms and conditions of this prospectus; and
- (b) HKSCC Nominees will do the following things on your behalf:
 - agree that the Hong Kong Offer Shares to be allocated shall be registered in the name of HKSCC Nominees and deposited directly into CCASS for the credit of the CCASS Participant's stock account on your behalf or your CCASS Investor Participant's stock account;
 - agree to accept the Hong Kong Offer Shares applied for or any lesser number allocated:
 - undertake and confirm that you have not applied for or taken up, or indicated an interest for, and will not apply for or take up, or indicate an interest for, any International Offer Shares nor participated in the International Offering;
 - (if the electronic application instructions are given for your benefit) declare
 that only one set of electronic application instructions has been given for
 your benefit;
 - (if you are an agent for another person) declare that you have only given one set of **electronic application instructions** for the other person's benefit and are duly authorized to give those instructions as its agent;

- confirm that you understand that the Company, its directors and the Joint Representatives will rely on your declarations and representations in deciding whether or not to allocate any of the Hong Kong Offer Shares to you and that you may be prosecuted for making a false declaration;
- authorize the Company to place HKSCC Nominees' name on its register of
 members as the holder of the Hong Kong Offer Shares allocated to you, and
 despatch Share certificate(s) and/or refund monies in accordance with the
 arrangements separately agreed between the Company and HKSCC;
- confirm that you have read the terms and conditions and application procedures set out in this prospectus and agree to be bound by them;
- confirm that you have received and read this prospectus and have relied only on the information and representations in this prospectus in causing the application to be made and will not rely on any other information or representations, except those in any supplement to this prospectus;
- agree that neither the Company nor any of the Relevant Persons is or will be liable for any information and representations not in this prospectus (and any supplement to this prospectus);
- agree to disclose to the Company, the Hong Kong Share Registrar, the receiving bank and the Relevant Persons any personal data which they may require about you;
- agree (without prejudice to any other rights which you may have) that once HKSCC Nominees' application has been accepted, it cannot be rescinded for innocent misrepresentation;
- agree that any application made by HKSCC Nominees on your behalf is irrevocable on or before the fifth day after the time of the opening of the application lists (excluding any days which is a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in Hong Kong), such agreement to take effect as a collateral contract with the Company, and to become binding when you give the instructions and such collateral contract to be in consideration of the Company's agreement that it will not offer any Hong Kong Offer Shares to any person on or before the fifth day after the time of the opening of the application lists (excluding any days which is a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in Hong Kong) except by means of one of the procedures referred to in this prospectus. However, HKSCC Nominees may revoke the application on or before the fifth day after the time of the opening of the application lists (excluding any days which is a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in Hong Kong) if a person responsible for this prospectus under Section 40 of the Companies (WUMP) Ordinance (as applied by Section 342E of the Companies (WUMP) Ordinance) gives a public

notice under that section on or before the fifth day after the time of the opening of the application lists (excluding any day which is a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in Hong Kong) which excludes or limits that person's responsibility for this prospectus;

- agree that once HKSCC Nominees' application is accepted, neither that
 application nor your electronic application instructions can be revoked, and
 that acceptance of that application will be evidenced by the Company's
 announcement of the results of the Hong Kong Public Offering;
- agree to the arrangements, undertakings and warranties under the participant
 agreement between you and HKSCC, read with the General Rules of CCASS
 and the CCASS Operational Procedures, for giving electronic application
 instructions to apply for the Hong Kong Offer Shares;
- agree with the Company, for itself and for the benefit of each shareholder (and so that the Company will be deemed by its acceptance in whole or in part of the application by HKSCC Nominees to have agreed, for the Company and on behalf of each shareholder, with each CCASS Participant giving electronic application instructions) to observe and comply with its Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies (WUMP) Ordinance and the Cayman Companies Law; and
- agree that your application, any acceptance of it and the resulting contract will be governed by, and construed in accordance with the laws of Hong Kong.

Effect of Applying through CCASS EIPO service

By applying through **CCASS EIPO** service, you (and, if you are joint applicants, each of you jointly and severally) are deemed to have done the following things. Neither HKSCC nor HKSCC Nominees will be liable to the Company or any other person in respect of the things mentioned below:

- (a) instructed and authorized HKSCC to cause HKSCC Nominees (acting as nominee for the relevant CCASS Participants) to apply for the Hong Kong Offer Shares on your behalf;
- (b) instructed and authorized HKSCC to arrange payment of the maximum Public Offer Price, brokerage, SFC transaction levy and Hong Kong Stock Exchange trading fee by debiting your designated bank account and, in the case of a wholly or partially unsuccessful application and/or if the Public Offer Price is less than the maximum Public Offer Price initially paid on application, refund of the application monies (including brokerage, SFC transaction levy and Hong Kong Stock Exchange trading fee) by crediting your designated bank account; and

(c) instructed and authorized HKSCC to cause HKSCC Nominees to do on your behalf all the things stated in this prospectus.

Time for inputting electronic application instructions⁽¹⁾

CCASS Clearing/Custodian Participants can input **electronic application instructions** at the following times on the following dates:

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Wednesday, October 21, 2020 — 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, October 22, 2020 — 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday, October 23, 2020 — 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 27, 2020 — 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
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CCASS Investor Participants can input **electronic application instructions** from 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 until 12:00 noon on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 (24 hours daily, except on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, the last day for applications).

The latest time for inputting your **electronic application instructions** will be 12:00 noon on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, the last day for applications, or such later time as described in "Effect of bad weather and Extreme Conditions on the opening and closing of the application lists" below.

If you are instructing your **broker** or **custodian** who is a CCASS Clearing Participant or a CCASS Custodian Participant to give **electronic application instructions** via CCASS terminals to apply for the Hong Kong Offer Shares on your behalf, you are advised to contact your **broker** or **custodian** for the latest time for giving such instructions which may be different from the latest time as stated above.

Note:

(1) The times in this subsection are subject to change as HKSCC may determine from time to time with prior notification to CCASS Clearing Participants, CCASS Custodian Participants and/or CCASS Investor Participants.

Personal data

The following Personal Information Collection Statement applies to any personal data held by the Company, the Hong Kong Share Registrar, the receiving bank and the Relevant Persons about you in the same way as it applies to personal data about applicants other than HKSCC Nominees. By applying through **CCASS EIPO** service, you agree to all of the terms of the Personal Information Collection Statement below.

Personal information collection statement

This Personal Information Collection Statement informs applicant for, and holder of, the Hong Kong Offer Shares, of the policies and practices of the Company and its Hong Kong Share Registrar in relation to personal data and the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Chapter 486 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

Reasons for the collection of your personal data

It is necessary for applicants and registered holders of the Hong Kong Offer Shares to supply correct personal data to the Company or its agents and the Hong Kong Share Registrar when applying for the Hong Kong Offer Shares or transferring the Hong Kong Offer Shares into or out of their names or in procuring the services of the Hong Kong Share Registrar.

Failure to supply the requested data may result in your application for the Hong Kong Offer Shares being rejected, or in delay or the inability of the Company or its Hong Kong Share Registrar to effect transfers or otherwise render their services. It may also prevent or delay registration or transfers of the Hong Kong Offer Shares which you have successfully applied for and/or the dispatch of share certificate(s) to which you are entitled.

It is important that the holders of the Hong Kong Offer Shares inform the Company and the Hong Kong Share Registrar immediately of any inaccuracies in the personal data supplied.

Purposes

Your personal data may be used, held, processed, and/or stored (by whatever means) for the following purposes:

- (a) processing your application and refund check, where applicable, verification of compliance with the terms and application procedures set out in this prospectus and announcing results of allocation of the Hong Kong Offer Shares;
- (b) compliance with applicable laws and regulations in Hong Kong and elsewhere;
- (c) registering new issues or transfers into or out of the names of the holders of the Company's Class A ordinary shares including, where applicable, HKSCC Nominees;
- (d) maintaining or updating the Company's Register of Members;
- (e) verifying identities of the holders of the Company's Class A ordinary shares;
- (f) establishing benefit entitlements of holders of our Class A ordinary shares, such as dividends, rights issues and bonus issues;

- (g) distributing communications from the Company and its subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities;
- (h) compiling statistical information and profiles of the holder of our Class A ordinary shares;
- (i) disclosing relevant information to facilitate claims on entitlements; and
- (j) any other incidental or associated purposes relating to the above and/or to enable the Company and the Hong Kong Share Registrar to discharge their obligations to holders of the Company's Class A ordinary shares and/or regulators and/or any other purposes to which the securities' holders may from time to time agree.

Transfer of personal data

Personal data held by the Company and its Hong Kong Share Registrar relating to the holders of the Hong Kong Offer Shares will be kept confidential but the Company and its Hong Kong Share Registrar may, to the extent necessary for achieving any of the above purposes, disclose, obtain or transfer (whether within or outside Hong Kong) the personal data to, from or with any of the following:

- (a) the Company's appointed agents such as financial advisers, receiving bankers and overseas principal share registrar;
- (b) where applicants for the Hong Kong Offer Shares request a deposit into CCASS, HKSCC or HKSCC Nominees, who will use the personal data for the purposes of operating CCASS;
- (c) any agents, contractors or third-party service providers who offer administrative, telecommunications, computer, payment or other services to the Company or the Hong Kong Share Registrar in connection with their respective business operation;
- (d) the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, the SFC and any other statutory regulatory or governmental bodies or otherwise as required by laws, rules or regulations; and
- (e) any persons or institutions with which the holders of the Hong Kong Offer Shares have or propose to have dealings, such as their bankers, solicitors, accountants or stockbrokers.

Retention of personal data

The Company and its Hong Kong Share Registrar will keep the personal data of the applicants and holders of the Hong Kong Offer Shares for as long as necessary to fulfill the purposes for which the personal data were collected. Personal data which is no longer required will be destroyed or dealt with in accordance with the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance.

Access to and correction of personal data

Holders of the Hong Kong Offer Shares have the right to ascertain whether the Company or the Hong Kong Share Registrar hold their personal data, to obtain a copy of that data, and to correct any data that is inaccurate. The Company and the Hong Kong Share Registrar have the right to charge a reasonable fee for the processing of such requests. All requests for access to data or correction of data should be addressed to the Company, at the Company's registered address disclosed in "Corporate Information" or as notified from time to time, for the attention of the secretary, or the Company's Hong Kong Share Registrar for the attention of the privacy compliance officer.

7. Warning for electronic applications

The application for the Hong Kong Offer Shares by CCASS EIPO service (directly or indirectly through your broker or custodian) is only a facility provided to CCASS Participants. Similarly, the application for the Hong Kong Offer Shares through the White Form eIPO service is only a facility provided by the White Form eIPO Service Provider to public investors. Such facilities are subject to capacity limitations and potential service interruptions and you are advised not to wait until the last day for applications to make your electronic application. The Company, the Relevant Persons, the White Form eIPO Service Provider take no responsibility for such applications and provide no assurance that any CCASS Participant applying through CCASS EIPO service or person applying through the White Form eIPO service will be allocated any Hong Kong Offer Shares.

To ensure that CCASS Investor Participants can give their **electronic application instructions**, they are advised not to wait until the last minute to input their instructions to the systems. In the event that CCASS Investor Participants have problems in the connection to CCASS Phone System/CCASS internet System for submission of **electronic application instructions**, they should go to HKSCC's Customer Service Centre at 1/F, One & Two Exchange Square, 8 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong to complete an input request form for **electronic application instructions** before 12:00 noon on Tuesday, October 27, 2020.

8. How many applications can you make

Multiple applications for the Hong Kong Offer Shares are not allowed except by nominees.

All of your applications will be rejected if more than one application through the CCASS EIPO service (directly or indirectly through your broker or custodian) or through the White Form eIPO service is made for your benefit (including the part of the application made by HKSCC Nominees acting on electronic application instructions), and the number of Hong Kong Offer Shares applied by HKSCC Nominees will be automatically reduced by the number of Hong Kong Offer Shares for which you have given such instructions and/or for which such instructions have been given for your behalf.

For the avoidance of doubt, giving an **electronic application instruction** under the **White Form eIPO** service more than once and obtaining different application reference numbers without effecting full payment in respect of a particular reference number will not constitute an actual application. However, any **electronic application instructions** to make an application for the Hong Kong Offer Shares given by you or for your behalf to HKSCC will be deemed to be an actual application for the purposes of considering whether multiple applications have been made.

If an unlisted company makes an application and:

- (a) the principal business of that company is dealing in securities; and
- (b) you exercise statutory control over that company,

then the application will be treated as being made for your benefit.

"Unlisted company" means a company with no equity securities listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

"Statutory control" means you:

- (a) control the composition of the board of directors of the company;
- (b) control more than half of the voting power of the company; or
- (c) hold more than half of the issued share capital of the company (not counting any part of it which carries no right to participate beyond a specified amount in a distribution of either profits or capital).

B. How much are the Hong Kong Offer Shares

The maximum Public Offer Price is HK\$86.00 per Offer Share. You must also pay brokerage of 1.0%, SFC transaction levy of 0.0027% and Hong Kong Stock Exchange trading fee of 0.005%. This means that for one board lot of 100 Hong Kong Offer Shares, you will pay HK\$8.686.66.

You must pay the maximum Public Offer Price, together with brokerage, SFC transaction levy and Hong Kong Stock Exchange trading fee, in full upon application for the Hong Kong Offer Shares.

You may submit an application through the **White Form eIPO** service or the **CCASS EIPO** service in respect of a minimum of 100 Hong Kong Offer Shares. If you make an **electronic application instruction** for more than 100 Hong Kong Offer Shares, the number of Hong Kong Offer Shares you apply for must be in one of the specified numbers set out in "How To Apply for Hong Kong Offer Shares — A. Applications for the Hong Kong Offer Shares — 4. Minimum application amount and permitted numbers."

If your application is successful, brokerage will be paid to the Exchange Participants (as defined in the Hong Kong Listing Rules), and the SFC transaction levy and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange trading fee will be paid to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (in the case of the SFC transaction levy, collected by the Hong Kong Stock Exchange on behalf of the SFC).

For further details on the Public Offer Price, see "Structure of the Global Offering — Pricing and allocation."

C. Effect of bad weather and Extreme Conditions on the opening and closing of the application lists

The application lists will not open or close if there is/are:

- a tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above;
- a "black" rainstorm warning; and/or
- Extreme Conditions

in force in Hong Kong at any time between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Tuesday, October 27, 2020. Instead, they will open between 11:45 a.m. and 12:00 noon on the next business day which does not have any of those warnings or Extreme Conditions in force in Hong Kong at any time between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

If the application lists do not open and close on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 or if there is/are a tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above, a "black" rainstorm warning signal and/or Extreme Conditions in force in Hong Kong that may affect the dates mentioned in "Expected Timetable," the Company will make an announcement on its website at www.gds-services.com and the website of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk.

D. Publication of results

The Company expects to announce the pricing of the Offer Shares on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 on its website at www.gds-services.com and on the website of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk.

The Company expects to announce the level of indications of interest in the International Offering, the level of applications in the Hong Kong Public Offering and the basis of allocations of the Hong Kong Offer Shares on Friday, October 30, 2020 on its website at www.gds-services.com and the website of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk.

The results of allocations and the Hong Kong identity card/passport/Hong Kong business registration numbers of successful applicants under the Hong Kong Public Offering will be available at the times and dates and in the manner set out below:

- (a) in the announcement to be posted on the Company's website and the website of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange at www.gds-services.com and www.hkexnews.hk, respectively, by no later than Friday, October 30, 2020;
- (b) from the designated results of allocations website at www.iporesults.com.hk (alternatively: English https://www.eipo.com.hk/en/Allotment; Chinese https://www.eipo.com.hk/zh-hk/Allotment) with a "search by ID function" on a 24 hour basis from 8:00 a.m. on Friday, October 30, 2020 to 12:00 midnight on Thursday, November 5, 2020; and
- (c) from the allocation results telephone enquiry line by calling +852 2862 8555 between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30, 2020, Monday, November 2, 2020, Tuesday, November 3, 2020 and Wednesday, November 4, 2020.

If the Company accepts your offer to purchase (in whole or in part), which the Company may do by announcing the basis of allocations and/or making available the results of allocations publicly, there will be a binding contract under which you will be required to purchase the Hong Kong Offer Shares if the conditions of the Global Offering are satisfied and the Global Offering is not otherwise terminated. Further details are set out in "Structure of the Global Offering."

You will not be entitled to exercise any remedy of rescission for innocent misrepresentation at any time after acceptance of your application. This does not affect any other right you may have.

E. Circumstances in which you will not be allocated the Hong Kong Offer Shares

You should note the following situations in which the Hong Kong Offer Shares will not be allocated to you:

If your application is revoked:

By applying through the **CCASS EIPO** service or through the **White Form eIPO** service, you agree that your application or the application made by HKSCC Nominees on your behalf cannot be revoked on or before the fifth day after the time of the opening of the application lists (excluding any days which is a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in Hong Kong). This agreement will take effect as a collateral contract with the Company.

Your application or the application made by HKSCC Nominees on your behalf may only be revoked on or before the fifth day after the time of the opening of the application lists (excluding any days which is a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in Hong Kong) in the following circumstances:

- (a) if a person responsible for this prospectus under Section 40 of the Companies (WUMP) Ordinance (as applied by Section 342E of the Companies (WUMP) Ordinance) gives a public notice under that section on or before the fifth day after the time of the opening of the application lists (excluding any day which is a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in Hong Kong) which excludes or limits that person's responsibility for this prospectus; or
- (b) if any supplement to this prospectus is issued, in which case the Company will notify applicants who have already submitted an application that they are required to confirm their applications. If applicants have been so notified but have not confirmed their applications in accordance with the procedure to be notified, all unconfirmed applications will be deemed revoked.

If your application or the application made by HKSCC Nominees on your behalf has been accepted, it cannot be revoked. For this purpose, acceptance of applications which are not rejected will be constituted by notification in the press of the results of allocation, and where such basis of allocation is subject to certain conditions or provides for allocation by ballot, such acceptance will be subject to the satisfaction of such conditions or results of the ballot, respectively.

If the Company or its agents exercise their discretion to reject your application:

The Company, the Joint Representatives, the **White Form eIPO** Service Provider and their respective agents or nominees have full discretion to reject or accept any application, or to accept only part of any application, without giving any reasons.

If:

- (a) you make multiple applications or are suspected of making multiple applications;
- (b) you or the person for whose benefit you apply for, have applied for or taken up, or indicated an interest for, or have been or will be placed or allocated (including conditionally and/or provisionally) the Hong Kong Offer Shares and the International Offer Shares;
- (c) your payment is not made correctly;
- (d) your **electronic application instructions** through the **White Form eIPO** service are not completed in accordance with the instructions, terms and conditions on the designated website at **www.eipo.com.hk**;
- (e) you apply for more than 4,000,000 Hong Kong Offer Shares, being 50% of the 8,000,000 Hong Kong Offer Shares initially available under the Hong Kong Public Offering;
- (f) the Company or the Joint Representatives believe that by accepting your application, a violation of applicable securities or other laws, rules or regulations would result; or
- (g) the Underwriting Agreements do not become unconditional or are terminated.

F. Refund of application monies

If an application is rejected, not accepted or accepted in part only, or if the Public Offer Price as finally determined is less than the maximum Public Offer Price per Offer Share (excluding brokerage, SFC transaction levy and Hong Kong Stock Exchange trading fee payable thereon) paid on application, or if the conditions of the Global Offering as set out in "Structure of the Global Offering — Conditions of the Global Offering" are not satisfied or if any application is revoked, the application monies, or the appropriate portion thereof, together with the related brokerage, SFC transaction levy and Hong Kong Stock Exchange trading fee, will be refunded, without interest.

Any refund of your application monies will be made on or before Friday, October 30, 2020.

G. Despatch/collection of share certificates/e-refund payment instructions/refund checks

You will receive one Share certificate for all Hong Kong Offer Shares allocated to you under the Hong Kong Public Offering (except pursuant to applications made through the CCASS EIPO service where the Share certificates will be deposited into CCASS as described below).

The Company will not issue temporary document of title in respect of the Offer Shares. The Company will not issue receipt for sums paid on application.

Subject to arrangement on despatch/collection of Share certificates and refund checks as mentioned below, any refund checks and Share certificate(s) are expected to be posted on or before Friday, October 30, 2020. The right is reserved to retain any Share certificate(s) and any surplus application monies pending clearance of check(s) or banker's cashier order(s).

Share certificates will only become valid at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, November 2, 2020, provided that the Global Offering has become unconditional in all respects at or before that time and the right of termination described in "Underwriting" has not been exercised.

Investors who trade Shares on the basis of publicly available allocation details or prior to the receipt of the Share certificates or prior to the Share certificates becoming valid do so entirely at their own risk.

Personal Collection

If you apply through White Form eIPO service:

- (a) If you apply for 1,000,000 Hong Kong Offer Shares or more through the **White Form eIPO** service and your application is wholly or partially successful, you may collect your Share certificate(s) (where applicable) in person from the Hong Kong Share Registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30, 2020, or any other place or date notified by the Company.
- (b) If you do not personally collect your Share certificate(s) within the time specified for collection, they will be sent to the address specified in your application instructions by ordinary post and at your own risk.
- (c) If you apply for less than 1,000,000 Hong Kong Offer Shares through the **White Form eIPO** service, your Share certificate(s) (where applicable) will be sent to the address specified in your application instructions on or before Friday, October 30, 2020 by ordinary post and at your own risk.

(d) If you apply and pay the application monies from a single bank account, any refund monies will be despatched to that bank account in the form of e-Refund payment instructions. If you apply and pay the application monies from multiple bank accounts, any refund monies will be despatched to the address specified in your application instructions in the form of refund check(s) by ordinary post and at your own risk.

If you apply through CCASS EIPO service:

Allocation of the Hong Kong Offer Shares

For the purposes of allocating the Hong Kong Offer Shares, HKSCC Nominees will not be treated as an applicant. Instead, each CCASS Participant who gives **electronic application instructions** or each person for whose benefit instructions are given will be treated as an applicant.

Deposit of Share Certificates into CCASS and Refund of Application Monies

- (a) If your application is wholly or partially successful, your Share certificate(s) will be issued in the name of HKSCC Nominees and deposited into CCASS for the credit of your designated CCASS Participant's stock account or your CCASS Investor Participant stock account on Friday, October 30, 2020 or on any other date determined by HKSCC or HKSCC Nominees.
- (b) The Company expects to publish the application results of CCASS Participants (and where the CCASS Participant is a broker or custodian, the Company will include information relating to the relevant beneficial owner), your Hong Kong identity card/passport/Hong Kong business registration number or other identification code (Hong Kong business registration number for corporations) and the basis of allocations of the Hong Kong Offer Shares in the manner as described in "— Publication of results" above on Friday, October 30, 2020. You should check the announcement published by the Company and report any discrepancies to HKSCC before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30, 2020 or such other date as determined by HKSCC or HKSCC Nominees.
- (c) If you have instructed your **broker** or **custodian** who is a CCASS Clearing Participant or a CCASS Custodian Participant to give **electronic application instructions** via CCASS terminals to apply for the Hong Kong Offer Shares on your behalf, you can also check the number of the Hong Kong Offer Shares allocated to you and the amount of refund monies (if any) payable to you with that **broker** or **custodian**.
- (d) If you have applied as a CCASS Investor Participant, you can also check the number of the Hong Kong Offer Shares allocated to you and the amount of refund monies (if any) payable to you via the CCASS Phone System and the

CCASS Internet System (under the procedures contained in HKSCC's "An Operating Guide for Investor Participants" in effect from time to time) on Friday, October 30, 2020. Immediately following the credit of the Hong Kong Offer Shares to your stock account and the credit of the refund monies to your bank account, HKSCC will also make available to you an activity statement showing the number of the Hong Kong Offer Shares credited to your CCASS Investor Participant stock account and the amount of refund monies (if any) credited to your designated bank account.

(e) Refund of your application monies (if any) in respect of wholly and partially unsuccessful applications and/or difference between the Public Offer Price and the maximum Public Offer Price per Offer Share initially paid on application (including brokerage, SFC transaction levy and Hong Kong Stock Exchange trading fee but without interest) will be credited to your designated bank account or the designated bank account of your broker or custodian on Friday, October 30, 2020.

H. Admission of the Class A Offer Shares into CCASS

If the Hong Kong Stock Exchange grants the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Class A ordinary shares and the Company complies with the stock admission requirements of HKSCC, the Class A ordinary shares will be accepted as eligible securities by HKSCC for deposit, clearance and settlement in CCASS with effect from the date of commencement of dealings in the Class A ordinary shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange or any other date HKSCC chooses. Settlement of transactions between Exchange Participants (as defined in the Hong Kong Listing Rules) is required to take place in CCASS on the second business day after any trading day.

All activities under CCASS are subject to the General Rules of CCASS and CCASS Operational Procedures in effect from time to time.

Investors should seek the advice of their stockbroker or other professional adviser for details of the settlement arrangements as such arrangements may affect their rights and interests.

The Company has made all necessary arrangements to enable the Class A ordinary shares to be admitted into CCASS.