



Imperium Technology Group Limited

帝國科技集團有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 0776)

(the “Company”)

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR AUDIT COMMITTEE

Purpose

1. The purpose of the Audit Committee is to assist the board of directors (the “**Board**”) of Imperium Technology Group Limited (the “**Company**”) in considering the manner of which the Board should apply financial reporting and internal control principles and maintain an appropriate relationship with the Company’s auditors.

Membership

2. The Audit Committee shall comprise minimum of three members consisting of non-executive directors only and a majority of which must be independent non-executive directors of the Company. The Audit Committee must comprise of at least one independent non-executive director who has appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise as required under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Listing Rules**”) (as amended from time to time). A quorum shall be two members.
3. The Chairman of the Audit Committee shall be appointed by the Board and must be an independent non-executive director.

4. A former partner of the Company's existing auditing firm should be prohibited from acting as a member of the Audit Committee for a period of 2 years from the date of his ceasing;
 - (a) to be a partner of the firm; or
 - (b) to have any financial interest in the firm,whichever is later.

Meetings

5. The Audit Committee shall meet at least twice annually or more frequently if circumstances require and shall act by unanimous written consent. The Board, any audit committee member and the external auditors may request a meeting if they consider that one is necessary.

Attendance at meetings

6. The financial director of the Company, the head of internal auditor and a representative of the external directors shall normally attend meetings. Other Board members shall also have the right of attendance.

Secretary

7. The company secretary of the Company (the "**Company Secretary**") shall be the secretary of the Audit Committee.

Authority

8. The Audit Committee shall be provided with sufficient resources to perform its duties.
9. The Audit Committee is authorised by the Board to obtain outside legal or other independent professional advice and to secure the attendance of outsiders with relevant experience and expertise at meetings of the Audit Committee if it considers this necessary.

Responsibilities and Duties

10. The duties of the Audit Committee shall include the following:

Relationship with Company's auditors

- (a) To be primarily responsible for making recommendations to the Board on the appointment, reappointment and removal of the external auditor, and to approve the remuneration and terms of engagement of the external auditor, and any questions of its resignation or dismissal;

Note: Where the Board disagrees with the Audit Committee's view on the selection, appointment, resignation or dismissal of the external auditor, the Company should include in the Corporate Governance Report a statement from the Audit Committee explaining its recommendation and also the reason(s) why the Board has taken a different view.

- (b) To review and monitor the external auditor's independence and objectivity and the effectiveness of the audit process in accordance with applicable standards. The Audit Committee should discuss with the auditor the nature and scope of the audit and reporting obligations before the audit commences;
- (c) To develop and implement policy on engaging an external auditor to supply non-audit services. For the purpose, "external auditor" includes any entity that is under common control, ownership or management with the audit firm or any entity that a reasonable and informed third party knowing all relevant information would reasonably conclude to be part of the audit firm nationally or internationally. The Audit Committee should report to the Board, identifying and making recommendations on any matters where action or improvement is needed;

Review of the Company's financial information

- (d) To monitor the integrity of the Company's financial statements and annual report and accounts, half-yearly report, and, if prepared for publication, quarterly reports, and to review significant financial reporting judgements contained in them. In reviewing these reports before submission to the Board, the Audit Committee should focus particularly on:
 - (i) any changes in accounting policies and practices;
 - (ii) major judgmental areas;
 - (iii) significant adjustments resulting from audit;

- (iv) the going concern assumptions and any qualifications;
 - (v) compliance with accounting standards; and
 - (vi) compliance with the Exchange Listing Rules and legal requirements in relations to financial reporting;
- (e) Regarding (d) above, (i) members of the Audit Committee should liaise with the Board and senior management and the Auditor Committee must meet, at least twice a year, with the Company's auditors; and (ii) the Audit Committee should consider any significant or unusual items that are, or may need to be, reflected in the report and accounts, it should give due consideration to any matters that have been raised by the Company's staff responsible for the accounting and financial reporting function, compliance officer or auditors;

Oversight of the Company's financial reporting system, risk management and internal control systems

- (f) To review the Company's financial controls, and unless expressly addressed by a separate board risk committee, or by the board itself, to review the Company's risk management and internal control systems;
- (g) To discuss the risk management internal control systems with management to ensure that management has performed its duty to have effective systems. This discussion should include the adequacy of resources, staff qualifications and experience, training programmes and budget of the Company's accounting and financial reporting function;
- (h) To consider major investigation findings on risk management and internal control matters as delegated by the Board or on its own initiative and managements' response to these findings;
- (i) Where an internal audit function exists, to ensure co-ordination between the internal and external auditors, and to ensure that the internal audit function is adequately resourced and has the appropriate standing within the Company, and to review and monitor the its effectiveness;
- (j) To review the Group's financial and accounting policies and practices;
- (k) To review the external auditor's management letter, any material queries raised by the auditor to management about accounting records, financial accounts or systems of control and management's response;

- (l) To ensure the Board will provide a timely response to the issues raised in the external auditor's management letter;
- (m) To report to the Board on the matters set out in the Corporate Governance Code (Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules);
- (n) To consider other topics, as defined by the Board;
- (o) To review arrangements employees of the Company can use, in confidence, to raise concerns about possible improprieties in financial reporting, internal control or other matters. The Audit Committee should ensure that proper arrangements are in place for fair and independent investigation of these matters and for appropriate follow-up action;
- (p) To act as the key representative body for overseeing the Company relations with the external auditor;
- (q) The Company should establish a whistleblowing policy and system for employees and those who deal with the Company (e.g. customers and suppliers) to raise concerns, in confidence and anonymity, with the audit committee about possible improprieties in any matter related to the Company.

Reporting Procedures

11. The Company Secretary shall circulate the minutes of meetings of the Audit Committee to all members of the Board as soon as practicable after the conclusion of any meeting of the Audit Committee.

Note: approved and adopted by the Board on 30 March 2012 and revised on 30 March 2017, 21 December 2018 and 31 August 2022