ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION (As adopted by a Special Resolution passed on 26th October, 2022)
OF
SINO LAND COMPANY LIMITED (信和置業有限公司)
Incorporated the 5th day of January, 1971
HONG KONG
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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION ON CHANGE OF NAME

Whereas CHERITH LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED (基立地產投資有限公司) was incorporated in Hong Kong as a limited company under the Companies Ordinance on the Fifth day of January, 1971;

And whereas by special resolution of the Company and with the approval of the Registrar of Companies, it has changed its name;

Now therefore I hereby certify that the Company is a limited company incorporated under the name of **SINO LAND COMPANY LIMITED** (信和置業有限公司).

Given under my hand this Sixteenth day of January One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-one.

(Sd.) LAI Ming Chi for Registrar of Companies, Hong Kong

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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

I Hereby Certify that

Cherith Land Investment Company Limited(基立地產投資有限公司) is this day incorporated in Hong Kong under the Companies Ordinance, and that this company is limited.

GIVEN under my hand this Fifth day of January One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-one.

(Sd.) for *Registrar of Companies, Hong Kong.*

THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 622)

Company Limited by Shares

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SINO LAND COMPANY LIMITED

(信和置業有限公司)

1. The name of the Company is "SINO LAND COMPANY LIMITED (信和置業有限公司)". Company name.

2. The liability of the members is limited. The liability of the members is limited to any amount unpaid on the shares held by the member.

Model Articles

3. No regulations set out in any schedule to or notice made under the Companies Ordinance other regulations concerning companies shall apply as regulations or articles of the Company. Other regulations excluded.

Interpretation

4. The marginal notes to these Articles shall not be deemed to be part of these Articles and Interpretation and in the interpretation of these Articles, unless there be something in the subject or context inconsistent therewith:-

"Articles" shall mean these articles of association of the Company in their present form and all supplementary, amended or substituted articles for the time being in force;

"Auditor" shall mean the person or corporation for the time being performing the duties of that office;

Interpretation.

Limited liability.

"**black rainstorm warning**" shall have the meaning given to it in the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Chapter 1 of the Laws of Hong Kong);

"**Board**" shall mean the Directors or (as the context may require) the majority of Directors present and voting at a meeting of the Directors;

"**business day**" shall mean a day on which the Exchange generally is open for the business of dealing in securities in Hong Kong. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the Exchange is closed for business of dealing in securities in Hong Kong on a day by reason of a gale warning, black rainstorm warning or other similar event, such day shall for the purpose of any notice sent under these Articles be counted as a business day;

"call" shall include any instalment of a call;

"capital" shall mean the share capital from time to time of the Company;

"Chairman" shall mean the chairman presiding at any meeting of members or of the Board;

"close associate" or "associate" shall have the meaning given to it in the Listing Rules;

"**Companies Ordinance**" shall mean the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and any amendments thereto or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force and includes every other ordinance incorporated therewith or substituted therefor and in the case of any such substitution the references in these Articles to the provisions of the Companies Ordinance shall be read as references to the provisions substituted therefor in the new Companies Ordinance;

"Company" shall mean SINO LAND COMPANY LIMITED (信和置業有限公司);

"**Company's Website**" shall mean the website of the Company, the address or domain name of which has been notified to members;

"Director" shall mean any director for the time being of the Company;

"**dividend**" shall include scrip dividends, distributions in specie or in kind, capital distributions and capitalisation issues, if not inconsistent with the subject or context;

"electronic facilities" shall include, without limitation, online platforms, website addresses, webinars, webcasts, videos, software programmes or any form of conference call systems (telephone, video, web or otherwise);

"electronic means" shall include sending or otherwise making available to the intended recipients of the communication in electronic format;

"electronic signature" shall mean an electronic symbol or process attached to or logically associated with an electronic communication and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the electronic communication;

"**gale warning**" shall have the meaning given to it in the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Chapter 1 of the Laws of Hong Kong);

"**Hong Kong**" shall mean the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China;

"**hybrid meeting**" shall mean a general meeting held and conducted by (i) physical attendance by members and/or proxies at one or more meeting location(s); and (ii) virtual attendance and participation by members and/or proxy by means of electronic facilities, provided that the only location or one of the locations of the meeting for physical attendance by members and/or proxy shall be in Hong Kong which shall be the principal meeting place for the general meeting;

"Listing Rules" shall mean the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange and any amendments thereto for the time being in force;

"month" shall mean a calendar month;

"**newspaper**" shall mean a newspaper published daily and circulating generally in Hong Kong and specified from time to time in the list of newspapers issued and published in the Hong Kong gazette;

"**ordinary resolution**" shall mean a resolution passed by a simple majority of the votes of such members as, being entitled to do so, vote in person or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy or, in the case of corporations, by their duly authorised representatives, cast at a general meeting held in accordance with these Articles;

"**published in the newspapers**" means published as a paid advertisement in English in at least one English language newspaper and in Chinese in at least one Chinese language newspaper, being in each case a newspaper published daily and circulating generally in Hong Kong in accordance with the Listing Rules;

"published on the Stock Exchange's website" shall mean published in English and Chinese on the Stock Exchange's website in accordance with the Listing Rules; "**recognised clearing house**" shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in Part I of Schedule 1 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and any amendments thereto or re-enactments thereof for the time being in force and includes every other law incorporated therewith or substituted therefor or a clearing house or an authorised shares depository recognised by the laws of the jurisdiction in which the shares of the Company are listed or quoted on a stock exchange in such jurisdiction;

"**register**" shall mean the register of members of the Company and includes any branch register to be kept pursuant to the provisions of the Companies Ordinance;

"registered office" shall mean the registered office from time to time of the Company;

"**seal**" shall mean the common seal from time to time of the Company and includes, unless the context otherwise requires, any official seal that the Company may have as permitted by these Articles and the Companies Ordinance;

"Secretary" shall mean the person for the time being performing the duties of that office;

"share" shall mean share in the capital of the Company;

"**shareholders**" or "**members**" shall mean the duly registered holders from time to time of the shares of the Company;

"Stock Exchange" shall mean The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited;

"**special notice**" shall mean the "special notice" ascribed thereto in Section 578 of the Companies Ordinance;

"**special resolution**" shall have the same meaning as ascribed thereto in the Companies Ordinance; for this purpose, the requisite majority shall be not less than three-fourths of the votes of such members as, being entitled to do so, vote in person or by proxy or, in the case of corporations, by their duly authorised representatives, cast at a general meeting of which notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution has been given; and includes a special resolution passed;

"**subsidiary**" and "**holding company**" shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Companies Ordinance;

"**summary financial report**" shall mean the "summary financial report" as defined under Section 357 of the Companies Ordinance;

"writing" or "printing" shall include written or printed or printed by lithography or printed by photography or typewritten or produced by any other mode of representing words or figures in a visible form or, to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, any visible substitute for writing (including an electronic communication), or partly in one visible form and partly in another visible form;

words denoting the singular shall include the plural and words denoting the plural shall include the singular;

words importing any gender shall include every gender; and

words importing persons shall include partnerships, firms, companies and corporations.

References to a document being executed include references to its being executed by hand or under seal or, to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, by electronic signature or by any other method. References to a document, to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, include references to any information in visible form whether having physical substance or not.

Subject as aforesaid, any words or expressions defined in the Companies Ordinance (except any statutory modification thereof not in force when these Articles become binding on the Company) shall, if not inconsistent with the subject and/or context, bear the same meaning in these Articles, save that "company" shall where the context permits include any company incorporated in Hong Kong or elsewhere.

References to any Article by number are to the particular Article of these Articles.

Share Capital and Modification of Rights

- 5. Without prejudice to any special rights or restrictions for the time being attaching to any shares or any class of shares, any share may be issued upon such terms and conditions and with such preferred, deferred or other special rights, or such restrictions, whether in regard to dividend, voting, return of capital or otherwise, as the Company may from time to time by ordinary resolution determine (or, in the absence of any such determination or so far as the same may not make specific provision, as the Board may determine) and any preference share may, with the sanction of an ordinary resolution, be issued on the terms that it is, or at the option of the Company or the holder thereof is liable, to be redeemed.
- 6. Subject to the provisions of the Companies Ordinance and the Listing Rules, the Board may grant rights to subscribe for or convert securities into shares of the Company on such terms as it may from time to time determine.

(A) Without prejudice to any special rights conferred on the holders of any existing shares, the shares of the Company may, subject to the provisions of the Companies Ordinance, be divided into different classes of shares as the Company may from time to time determine by a special resolution in general meeting.

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How rights of shares may be modified.

- **(B)** All or any of the special rights (unless otherwise provided for by the terms of issue) attached to the shares or any class of the shares (if the capital is divided into different classes of shares) may, subject to the provisions of Section 180 of the Companies Ordinance, be varied or abrogated either with the consent in writing of the holders of not less than three-fourths of the total voting rights of holders of the issued shares or issued shares in that class (if the capital is divided into different classes of shares) or with the sanction of a special resolution passed at a general meeting of the holders of the shares or at a separate general meeting of the holders of the shares of that class (if the capital is divided into different classes of shares). To every such separate general meeting the provisions of these Articles relating to general meetings shall *mutatis mutandis* apply, but so that the necessary quorum shall be not less than two persons or duly authorised representatives (where the member is a corporation) holding or representing by proxy one-third of the total voting rights of holders of shares in that class, and at an adjourned meeting one person or duly authorised representative (where the member is a corporation) holding shares in that class or his proxy, and that any holder of shares in that class present in person (or, in the case of a member being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy may demand a poll.
- (C) The provisions of this Article shall apply to the variation or abrogation of the special rights attached to some only of the shares of any class as if each group of shares of the class differently treated formed a separate class the rights whereof are to be varied.
- (D) The special rights conferred upon the holders of any shares or class of shares shall not, unless otherwise expressly provided in the rights attaching to or the terms of issue of such shares, be deemed to be altered by the creation or issue of further shares ranking *pari passu* therewith.

Shares

- 8. The Company may exercise any powers conferred or permitted by the Companies Ordinance, the Listing Rules or any other ordinance from time to time to acquire its own shares or to give directly or indirectly, by means of a loan, guarantee, the provision of security or otherwise, financial assistance for the purpose of or in connection with a purchase made or to be made by any person of any shares in the Company and should the Company acquire its own shares neither the Company nor the Board shall be required to select the shares to be acquired rateably or in any other particular manner as between the holders of shares of the same class or as between them and the holders of shares of any other class or in accordance with the rights as to dividends or capital conferred by any class of shares provided always that any such acquisition or financial assistance shall only be made or given in accordance with any relevant rules, code or regulations issued by the Stock Exchange or the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong from time to time.
- 9. Without prejudice to any special rights previously conferred upon the holders of existing shares, any new shares shall be issued upon such terms and conditions and with such rights, privileges or restrictions annexed thereto as the general meeting resolving upon the creation thereof shall direct, and if no direction be given, subject to the provisions of the Companies Ordinance and of these Articles, as the Board shall determine; and in particular shares may be issued with a preferential or qualified right to dividends and in the distribution of assets of the Company and with a special or without any right of voting.
- 10. Subject to the provisions of the Companies Ordinance and the Listing Rules, the Company may, before the issue of any new shares, determine that the same, or any of them, shall be offered in the first instance, to all the existing holders of any class of shares in proportion as nearly as may be to the number of shares of such class held by them respectively, or make any other provisions as to the issue and allotment of such shares, but in default of any such determination or so far as the same shall not extend, such shares may be dealt with as if they formed part of the capital of the Company existing prior to the issue of the same.
- 11. Except so far as otherwise provided by the conditions of issue or by these Articles, any capital raised by the creation of new shares shall be treated as if it formed part of the original capital of the Company and such shares shall be subject to the provisions contained in these Articles with reference to the payment of calls and instalments, transfer and transmission, forfeiture, lien, cancellation, surrender, voting, distribution and otherwise.
- 12. Subject to the provisions of the Companies Ordinance (and in particular Sections 140 and 141 thereof) and of these Articles, the Board may exercise any power of the Company to offer, allot (with or without conferring a right of renunciation) or grant rights to subscribe for, or convert any security into, shares in the Company or otherwise dispose of them to such persons, at such times, for such consideration and generally on such terms as the Board shall in its absolute discretion think fit.

Company to finance purchase of its own shares.

On what conditions new shares may be issued.

Conditions of allotment.

New shares to form part of original capital.

Shares at the disposal of the Board.

- 13. The Company may at any time pay a commission to any person for subscribing or agreeing to subscribe (whether absolutely or conditionally) for any shares in the Company or procuring or agreeing to procure subscriptions (whether absolute or conditional) for any shares in the Company, but so that the conditions and requirements of the Companies Ordinance shall be observed and complied with, and in each case the commission shall not exceed ten per cent. of the price at which the shares are issued.
- 14. Except as otherwise expressly provided by these Articles or as required by law or as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction, no person shall be recognised by the Company as holding any share upon any trust and, except as aforesaid, the Company shall not be bound by or be compelled in any way to recognise (even when having notice thereof) any equitable, contingent, future or partial interest in any share or any interest in any fractional part of a share or any other right or claim to or in respect of any share except an absolute right to the entirety thereof of the registered holder.

Register of Members and Share Certificates

- 15. (A) The Board shall cause to be kept a register of the members and there shall be entered Share register. therein the particulars required under the Companies Ordinance.
 - (B) Subject to the provisions of the Companies Ordinance, if the Board considers it necessary or appropriate, the Company may establish and maintain a branch register of members at such location outside Hong Kong as the Board thinks fit.
- 16. Every person whose name is entered as a member in the register shall be entitled to receive within two months after allotment or within ten business days after lodgment of a transfer (or such other period as may be prescribed by the Listing Rules from time to time or within such other period as the conditions of issue shall provide) one certificate for all his shares or, if he shall so request, in a case where the allotment or transfer is of a number of shares in excess of the number for the time being forming a stock exchange board lot, upon payment, in the case of a transfer, of such amount as may from time to time be permitted under the Listing Rules for every certificate or such lesser sum as the Board shall from time to time determine, such number of certificates for shares in stock exchange board lots or multiples thereof as he shall request and one for the balance (if any) of the shares in question, provided that in respect of a share or shares held jointly by several persons the Company shall not be bound to issue a certificates to each such person, and the issue and delivery of a certificate or certificates to one of several joint holders shall be sufficient delivery to all such holders.

Company may pay commission.

Company not to recognise trusts in respect of shares.

Share certificates.

- 17. Subject to Article 132, all forms of certificate for share or loan capital or representing any other securities of the Company shall, if required by the Companies Ordinance or the Listing Rules, be issued under the seal of the Company, which shall only be affixed with the authority of the Directors. The Board may also by resolution determine, either generally or in any particular case or cases, that any signatures on any such certificates need not be autographic but may be affixed to such certificates by some mechanical means or may be printed thereon.
- 18. Every share certificate hereafter issued shall specify the number and class of shares in respect of which it is issued and may otherwise be in such form as the Board may from time to time prescribe. If at any time the share capital of the Company is divided into different classes of shares, every share certificate shall comply with Section 179 of the Companies Ordinance. A share certificate shall relate to only one class of shares.
- 19. (A) The Company shall not be bound to register more than four persons as joint holders of any share.
 - (B) If any share shall stand in the names of two or more persons, the person first named in the register shall be deemed the sole holder thereof as regards service of notices and, subject to the provisions of these Articles, all or any other matters connected with the Company, except the transfer of the share.
- 20. If a share certificate is defaced, lost or destroyed, it may be replaced on payment of such fee, if any, as may from time to time be permitted under the Listing Rules and on such terms and conditions, if any, as to publication of notices, evidence and indemnity as the Board thinks fit and in the case of wearing out or defacement, after delivery up of the old certificate. In the case of destruction or loss, the person to whom such replacement certificate is given shall also bear and pay to the Company any exceptional costs and the reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incidental to the investigation by the Company of the evidence of such destruction or loss and of such indemnity. As regards the loss of share certificate, application for a replacement certificate shall be made in accordance with Section 163 of the Companies Ordinance.

Share certificates to be sealed.

Every certificate to specify number and class of shares.

Joint holders.

Replacement of share certificates.

Lien

- 21. The Company shall have a first and paramount lien on every share (not being a fully paid up share) for all monies, whether presently payable or not, called or payable at a fixed time in respect of such share; and the Company shall also have a first and paramount lien and charge on all shares (other than fully paid up shares) standing registered in the name of a member, whether singly or jointly with any other person or persons, for all the debts and liabilities of such member or his estate to the Company and whether the same shall have been incurred before or after notice to the Company of any equitable or other interest of any person other than such member, and whether the period for the payment or discharge of the same shall have actually arrived or not, and notwithstanding that the same are joint debts or liabilities of such member or his estate and any other person, whether a member of the Company or not. The Company's lien (if any) on a share shall extend to all dividends and bonuses declared in respect thereof. The Board may at any time either generally or in any particular case waive any lien that has arisen, or declare any share to be exempt wholly or partially from the provisions of this Article.
- 22. The Company may sell, in such manner as the Board thinks fit, any shares on which the Company has a lien, but no sale shall be made unless some sum in respect of which the lien exists is presently payable or the liability or engagement in respect of which such lien exists is liable to be presently fulfilled or discharged, nor until the expiration of fourteen days after a notice in writing, stating and demanding payment of the sum presently payable or specifying the liability or engagement and demanding fulfilment or discharge thereof and giving notice of intention to sell in default, shall have been given to the registered holder for the time being of the shares or the person entitled by reason of such holder's death, bankruptcy or winding-up to the shares.
- 23. The net proceeds of such sale after the payment of the costs of such sale shall be applied in or towards payment or satisfaction of the debt or liability or engagement in respect whereof the lien exists, so far as the same is presently payable, and any residue shall (subject to a like lien for debts or liabilities not presently payable as existed upon the shares prior to the sale) be paid to the person entitled to the shares at the time of the sale. For giving effect to any such sale, the Board may authorise some person to transfer the shares sold to the purchaser thereof and may enter the purchaser's name in the register as holder of the shares, and the purchaser shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money, nor shall his title to the shares be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings in reference to the sale.

Company's lien.

Sale of shares subject to lien.

Application of proceeds of such sale.

Calls on Shares

24.	The Board may from time to time make such calls as it may think fit upon the members in respect of any monies unpaid on the shares held by them respectively and not by the conditions of allotment thereof made payable at fixed times. A call may be made payable either in one sum or by instalments.	Calls.
		Instalments.
25.	Fourteen days' notice at least of any call shall be given specifying the time and place of payment and to whom such call shall be paid.	Notice of call.
26.	A copy of the notice referred to in Article 25 shall be sent to members in the manner in which notices may be sent to members by the Company as herein provided.	Copy of notice to be sent to members.
27.	In addition to the giving of notice in accordance with Article 26, notice of the person appointed to receive payment of every call and of the times and places appointed for payment may be given to the members by notice to be inserted once in English in an English language newspaper and in Chinese in a Chinese language newspaper, or by publication on the Company's Website in accordance with the Listing Rules or in such manner as permitted under the Listing Rules.	Notice of call may be advertised.
28.	Every member upon whom a call is made shall pay the amount of every call so made on him to the person and at the time or times and place or places as the Board shall appoint. The non-receipt of a notice of any call by, or the accidental omission to give notice of a call to, any of the members shall not invalidate the call.	Every member liable to pay call at appointed time and place.
29.	A call shall be deemed to have been made at the time when the resolution of the Board authorising such call was passed.	When call deemed to have been made.
30.	The joint holders of a share shall be severally as well as jointly liable for the payment of all calls and instalments due in respect of such share or other monies due in respect thereof.	Liability of joint holders.
31.	The Board may from time to time at its discretion extend the time fixed for any call, and may extend such time as regards all or any of the members, whom from residence outside Hong Kong or other cause the Board may deem entitled to any such extension but no member shall be entitled to any such extension except as a matter of grace and favour.	Board may extend time fixed for call.

32. If the sum payable in respect of any call or instalment be not paid on or before the day appointed for payment thereof, the person or persons from whom the sum is due shall pay interest for the same at such rate not exceeding twenty per cent. per annum as the Board shall fix from the day appointed for the payment thereof to the time of the actual payment, but the Board may waive payment of such interest wholly or in part.

Interest on

unpaid calls.

- 33. No member shall be entitled to receive any dividend or bonus or to be present and vote (save as proxy for another member) at any general meeting, either personally, or in the case of a member being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative, or (save as proxy for another member) by proxy, or be reckoned in quorum, or to exercise any other privilege as a member until all calls or instalments due from him to the Company, whether alone or jointly with any other person, together with interest and expenses (if any) shall have been paid.
- 34. On the trial or hearing of any action or other proceedings for the recovery of any money due for any call, it shall be sufficient to prove that the name of the member sued is entered in the register as the holder, or one of the holders, of the shares in respect of which such debt accrued; that the resolution of the Board making the call is duly recorded in the minute book of the Board; and that notice of such call was duly given to the member sued, in pursuance of these Articles; and it shall not be necessary to prove the appointment of the Board who made such call, nor any other matters whatsoever, but the proof of the matters aforesaid shall be conclusive evidence of the debt.
- 35. Any sum which by the terms of allotment of a share is made payable upon allotment or at any fixed date, shall for all purposes of these Articles be deemed to be a call duly made, notified, and payable on the date fixed for payment, and in case of non-payment all the relevant provisions of these Articles as to payment of interest and expenses, forfeiture and the like, shall apply as if such sums had become payable by virtue of a call duly made and notified. The Board may on the issue of shares differentiate between the allottees or holders as to the amount of calls to be paid and the time of payment.
- 36. The Board may, if it thinks fit, receive from any member willing to advance the same, and either in money or money's worth, all or any part of the money uncalled and unpaid or instalments payable upon any shares held by him, and upon all or any of the monies so advanced the Company may pay interest at such rate (if any) not exceeding twenty per cent. per annum as the Board may decide provided that not until a call is made any payment in advance of a call shall not entitle the member to receive any dividend or to exercise any other rights or privileges as a member in respect of the shares or the due portion of the shares upon which payment has been advanced by such member before it is called up. The Board may at any time repay the amount so advanced upon giving to such member not less than one month's notice in writing of its intention in that behalf, unless before the expiration of such notice the amount so advanced shall have been called up on the shares in respect of which it was advanced.

Transfer of Shares

37. All transfers of shares may be effected by transfer in writing in the usual common form or in such other form as the Board may accept. All instruments of transfer must be left at the registered office of the Company or at such other place as the Board may appoint.

Suspension of privileges while call unpaid.

Evidence in action for call.

Sums payable on allotment deemed a call.

Payment of calls in advance.

Form of transfer.

- 38. The instrument of transfer of any share shall be executed by or on behalf of the transferor and by or on behalf of the transferee, provided that the Board may dispense with the execution of the instrument of transfer by the transferee in any case which it thinks fit in its discretion to do so. The Board may also resolve, either generally or in any particular case, upon request by the transferor and/or transferee, to accept machine imprinted signature(s) on instrument of transfer. The transferor shall be deemed to remain the holder of the share until the name of the transferee is entered in the register in respect thereof. Nothing in these Articles shall preclude the Board from recognising a renunciation of the allotment or provisional allotment of any share by the allottee in favour of some other person.
- 39. The Board may refuse to register a transfer of any share (not being a fully paid up share) to a person of whom it does not approve, or any share issued under any share incentive scheme for employees upon which a restriction on transfer imposed thereby still subsists, and it may also refuse to register any transfer of any share to more than four joint holders or any transfer of any share (not being a fully paid up share) on which the Company has a lien.
- 40. The Board may also decline to recognise any instrument of transfer unless:-
 - a fee of such amount as may from time to time be permitted under the Listing Rules or such lesser sum as the Board may from time to time require is paid to the Company in respect thereof;
 - (ii) the instrument of transfer is accompanied by the certificate of the shares to which it relates, and such other evidence as the Board may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer;
 - (iii) the instrument of transfer is in respect of only one class of share;
 - (iv) the shares concerned are free of any lien in favour of the Company; and
 - (v) the instrument of transfer is properly stamped.
- 41. No transfer of share shall be made to an infant or to a person of unsound mind or under other legal disability.
- 42. If the Board shall refuse to register a transfer of any share, it shall, within two months after the date on which the transfer was lodged with the Company, send to each of the transferor and the transferee notice of such refusal provided that should the transferor or the transferee request a statement of reasons for the refusal, it must within twenty-eight days after receiving the request send the statement of reasons or register the transfer.

Execution of transfer.

Board may refuse to register a transfer.

Requirements as to transfer.

No transfer to an infant etc.

Notice of refusal.

- 43. Upon every transfer of shares, the certificate held by the transferor shall be given up and shall forthwith be cancelled accordingly, and a new certificate shall be issued to the transferee in respect of the shares transferred to him, and if any of the shares included in the certificate so given up shall be retained by the transferor a new certificate in respect thereof shall be issued to him.
- 44. The registration of transfers may be suspended and the register, by notice published on the Stock Exchange's website in accordance with the Listing Rules, or, subject to the Listing Rules, by electronic communication in the manner in which notices may be served by the Company by electronic means as herein provided or by advertisement published in the newspapers, be closed at such times and for such periods as the Board may from time to time determine and either generally or in respect of any class of shares, provided always that such registration shall not be suspended or the register closed for more than thirty days in any year or, with the approval of the Company in general meeting, sixty days in any year. In the event that there is an alteration of book closure dates, the Company shall give notice in accordance with the Listing Rules and the procedures set out in this Article. If, however, there are exceptional circumstances (e.g. during a gale warning or black rainstorm warning) that render the giving of such publication of notice impossible, the Company shall comply with these requirements as soon as possible.

Transmission of Shares

- 45. In the case of the death of a member, the survivor or survivors where the deceased was a joint holder, and the legal personal representatives of the deceased where he was a sole or only surviving holder, shall be the only persons recognised by the Company as having any title to his interest in the shares; but nothing herein contained shall release the estate of a deceased holder (whether sole or joint) from any liability in respect of any share solely or jointly held by him.
- 46. Any person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy or winding-up of a member may, upon such evidence as to his title being produced as may from time to time be required by the Board, and subject as hereinafter provided, elect either to be registered himself as holder of the share or to have some person nominated by him registered as the transferee thereof.
- 47. If the person so becoming entitled shall elect to be registered himself, he shall deliver or send to the Company a notice in writing signed by him stating that he so elects. If he shall elect to have his nominee registered, he shall testify his election by executing a transfer of such share to his nominee. All the limitations, restrictions and provisions of these Articles relating to the right to transfer and the registration of transfers of shares shall be applicable to any such notice or transfer as aforesaid as if the death, bankruptcy or winding-up of the member had not occurred and the notice or transfer was a transfer executed by such member.

Certificate to be given up on transfer.

When transfer books and register may be closed.

Death of registered holder or of joint holder of shares.

Registration of personal representatives and trustees in bankruptcy.

Notice of election to be registered.

Registration of nominee.

48. A person becoming entitled to a share by reason of the death, bankruptcy or winding-up of the holder shall be entitled to the same dividends and other advantages to which he would be entitled if he were the registered holder of the share. However, the Board may, if it thinks fit, withhold the payment of any dividend payable or other advantages in respect of such share until such person shall become the registered holder of the share or shall have effectually transferred such share, but, subject to the requirements of Article 75 being met, such a person may vote at meetings. Retention of dividends, etc., until transfer or transmission of shares of a deceased or bankrupt member.

Forfeiture of Shares

- 49. If a member fails to pay any call or instalment of a call on the day appointed for payment thereof, the Board may, at any time thereafter during such time as any part of the call or instalment remains unpaid, without prejudice to the provisions of Article 33, serve a notice on him requiring payment of so much of the call or instalment as is unpaid, together with any interest which may have accrued and which may still accrue up to the date of actual payment.
- 50. The notice shall name a further day (not earlier than the expiration of fourteen days from the date of the notice) on or before which the payment required by the notice is to be made, and it shall also name the place where payment is to be made, such place being either the registered office of the Company, or some other place at which calls of the Company are usually made payable. The notice shall also state that, in the event of non-payment at or before the time appointed, the shares in respect of which the call was made will be liable to be forfeited.
- 51. If the requirements of any such notice as aforesaid are not complied with, any share in respect of which the notice has been given may at any time thereafter, before the payment required by the notice has been made, be forfeited by a resolution of the Board to that effect. Such forfeiture shall include all dividends and bonuses declared in respect of the forfeited share and not actually paid before the forfeiture. The Board may accept the surrender of any shares liable to be forfeited hereunder and in such cases references in these Articles to forfeiture shall include surrender.
- 52. Any share so forfeited shall be deemed to be the property of the Company, and may be cancelled or be sold or otherwise disposed of on such terms and in such manner as the Board thinks fit and at any time before a sale or disposition, the forfeiture may be cancelled on such terms as the Board thinks fit.

If call or instalment not paid notice may be given.

Form of notice.

If notice not complied with shares may be forfeited.

Forfeited shares to become property of Company.

- 53. A person whose shares have been forfeited shall cease to be a member in respect of the forfeited shares, but shall, notwithstanding, remain liable to pay to the Company all monies which, at the date of forfeiture, were payable by him to the Company in respect of the shares, together with (if the Board shall in its discretion so require) interest thereon from the date of forfeiture until payment at such rate not exceeding twenty per cent. per annum as the Board may prescribe, and the Board may enforce the payment thereof if it thinks fit, and without any deduction or allowance for the value of the shares, at the date of forfeiture, but his liability shall cease if and when the Company shall have received payment in full of all such monies in respect of the shares. For the purposes of this Article any sum which, by the terms of issue of a share, is payable thereon at a fixed time which is subsequent to the date of forfeiture, and the same shall become due and payable immediately upon the forfeiture, but interest thereon shall only be payable in respect of any period between the said fixed time and the date of actual payment.
- 54. A statutory declaration in writing that the declarant is a Director or the Secretary, and that a share in the Company has been duly forfeited or surrendered on a date stated in the declaration, shall be conclusive evidence of the facts therein stated as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share. The Company may receive the consideration, if any, given for the share on any sale or disposition thereof and may execute a transfer of the share in favour of the person to whom the share is sold or disposed of and he shall thereupon be registered as the holder of the share, and shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money, if any, nor shall his title to the share be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings in reference to the forfeiture, sale or disposal of the share.
- 55. When any share shall have been forfeited, notice of the resolution shall be given to the member in whose name it stood immediately prior to the forfeiture, and an entry of the forfeiture, with the date thereof, shall forthwith be made in the register, but no forfeiture shall be in any manner invalidated by any omission or neglect to give such notice or make any such entry.
- 56. Notwithstanding any such forfeiture as aforesaid the Board may at any time, before any shares so forfeited shall have been sold, cancelled, re-allotted or otherwise disposed of, cancel the forfeiture on such terms as the Board thinks fit or permit the shares so forfeited to be bought back or redeemed upon the terms of payment of all calls and interest due upon and expenses incurred in respect of the shares, and upon such further terms (if any) as it thinks fit.
- 57. The forfeiture of a share shall not prejudice the right of the Company to any call already made or instalment payable thereon.

Arrears to be paid notwithstanding forfeiture.

Evidence of forfeiture and transfer of forfeited share.

Notice after forfeiture.

Power to redeem forfeited shares.

Forfeiture not to prejudice Company's right to call or instalment. 58. The provisions of these Articles as to forfeiture shall apply in the case of non-payment of any sum which, by the terms of issue of a share, becomes payable at a fixed time as if the same had been payable by virtue of a call duly made and notified.

Alteration of Capital

- 59. (A) The Company may from time to time by ordinary resolution alter its share capital in any one or more of the ways set out in Section 170 of the Companies Ordinance. Where any difficulty arises in regard to any permitted alteration under this Article, the Board may settle the same as it thinks expedient and in particular may issue fractional certificates or arrange for the sale of the shares representing fractions and the distribution of the net proceeds of sale in due proportion amongst the members who would have been entitled to the fractions, and for this purpose the Board may authorise some person to transfer the shares representing fractions to or in accordance with the directions of the purchase money nor shall his title to the shares be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings relating to the sale.
 - (B) The Company may by special resolution reduce its share capital in such manner authorised and subject to any conditions prescribed by law.

General Meetings

- 60. Subject to the provisions of the Companies Ordinance, the Company shall, in respect of each financial year, hold a general meeting as its annual general meeting in addition to any other general meetings in that year and shall specify the meeting as such in the notice calling it; and not more than six months, or such longer period as the court may authorise, after the end of its accounting reference period by reference to which the financial year is to be determined. The annual general meeting shall be held at such time and place as the Board shall appoint.
- 61. The Board may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a general meeting, and general meetings shall also be convened on requisition, as provided by the Companies Ordinance, or, in default, may be convened by the requisitionists. The general meetings shall be held at such time and place as the Board shall appoint.

Forfeiture for non-payment of any sum due on shares.

Alteration of capital.

Reduction of capital.

When annual general meeting to be held.

Convening of general meeting.

Notice of meetings.

- 62. Subject to the provisions of the Companies Ordinance and the Listing Rules, an annual general meeting and any general meeting called for the passing of a special resolution (other than an adjourned meeting or a postponed meeting) shall be called by at least twenty-one days' notice in writing, and a general meeting of the Company other than an annual general meeting or an adjourned or a postponed meeting shall be called by at least fourteen days' notice in writing. Subject to Article 68 in relation to an adjourned meeting and Articles 63A, 63B and 63C in relation to a postponed meeting, the notice shall be exclusive of the day on which it is served, or deemed to be served and of the day for which it is given, and shall specify the place (and if the meeting is to be held in two or more places (in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Ordinance), the principal place of the meeting and the other place or places of the meeting), details of the electronic facilities for attendance and participation by electronic means at the meeting (in the case of a hybrid meeting), the day and the hour of the meeting, resolutions to be considered and the general nature of that business, and shall be given, in manner hereinafter mentioned or in such other manner, if any, as may be prescribed by the Company in general meeting, to such persons as are, under these Articles, entitled to receive such notices from the Company, provided that subject to the provisions of the Companies Ordinance and the Listing Rules, a meeting of the Company shall notwithstanding that it is called by shorter notice than that specified in this Article be deemed to have been duly called if it is so agreed:-
 - (i) in the case of a meeting called as the annual general meeting, by all the members entitled to attend and vote thereat; and
 - (ii) in the case of any other general meeting, by a majority in number of the members having a right to attend and vote at the meeting, being a majority together holding not less than ninety-five per cent. of the total voting rights of all the members at the meeting.
- (A) The accidental omission to give any notice to, or the non-receipt of any notice by, any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate any resolution passed or any proceeding at any such meeting.

Omission to give notice.

(B) In cases where instruments of proxy are sent out with notices, the accidental omission to send such instrument of proxy to, or the non-receipt of such instrument of proxy by, any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate any resolution passed or any proceeding at any such meeting.

- Postponement of and change to a general meeting.
- 63A. If, after the notice of a general meeting has been given but before the meeting is held, or after the adjournment of a general meeting but before the adjourned meeting is held (whether or not notice of the adjourned meeting is required), the Board, in its absolute discretion, considers that it is impractical or unreasonable for any reason to hold a general meeting on the date or at the time and place or by means of electronic facilities specified in the notice calling such meeting, it may change or postpone the meeting to another date and/or time and/or change the place and/or electronic facilities and/or form of the meeting, without approval from the members.
- 63B. The Board shall also have the power to provide in every notice calling a general meeting that in the event that a gale warning or a black rainstorm warning (or the equivalent in the location of the relevant meeting) is in force at any time on the day of the general meeting, the meeting shall be automatically postponed and changed without further notice and be reconvened on a later date in accordance with Article 63C.
- 63C. Where a general meeting is postponed and/or there is a change in the place and/or electronic facilities and/or form of the meeting in accordance with Article 63A or Article 63B:
 - (a) unless already specified in the original notice of the meeting, the Board shall fix the date, time, place and electronic facilities (if applicable) for reconvening the postponed and/or changed meeting and at least seven clear days' notice shall be given for such meeting by one of the means specified in Article 163; and such notice shall specify the date, time, place and electronic facilities (if applicable) at which the postponed and/or changed meeting will be reconvened, and the date and time by which proxies shall be submitted in order to be valid at such meeting (provided that any proxy submitted for the original meeting shall continue to be valid for the reconvened meeting unless revoked or replaced by a new proxy); and
 - (b) notice of the business to be transacted at the reconvened meeting shall not be required, nor shall any accompanying documents be required to be recirculated, provided that the business to be transacted at the reconvened meeting is the same as that set out in the notice of the original meeting circulated to the members of the Company.
- 64. The Company may hold a general meeting at two or more places using any technology that enables the members who are not together at the same place to listen, speak and vote at the general meeting.

General meeting at two or more places.

Proceedings at General Meetings

- 65. For all purposes the quorum for a general meeting shall be two members present in person (or in the case of a corporation, by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy. Any member (in the case of a corporation, its duly authorised representative) or his proxy attending and participating in a general meeting by electronic facilities is deemed to be present at and shall be counted in the quorum of the meeting. No business (except the appointment of the Chairman of the general meeting) shall be transacted at any general meeting unless the requisite quorum shall be present at the commencement of the business.
- 66. If within fifteen minutes from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members, shall be dissolved, but in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week and at such time and place as shall be decided by the Board, and if at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within fifteen minutes from the time appointed for holding the meeting, the member or members present (or in the case of a corporation, by its duly authorised representative) in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum and may transact the business for which the meeting was called.
- 67. The Chairman (if any) of the Board or, if he is absent or declines to take the chair at such meeting, the Deputy Chairman (if any) shall take the chair at every general meeting, or, if there is no such Chairman or Deputy Chairman, or, if at any general meeting neither of such Chairman or Deputy Chairman is present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding such meeting, or both such persons decline to take the chair at such meeting, the members present shall choose another Director as Chairman, and if no Director is present or if all the Directors present decline to take the chair or if the Chairman chosen shall retire from the chair, then the members present shall choose one of their own member to be Chairman.
- 67A. Any Director (including without limitation, the Chairman of the meeting) attending and participating at a meeting by means of electronic facilities shall be deemed to be present at that meeting for all purposes of the Companies Ordinance and other applicable laws, rules and regulations and these Articles.

When if quorum not present meeting to be dissolved and when to be adjourned.

Quorum.

Chairman of general meeting.

- 68. The Chairman may, with the consent of any general meeting at which a quorum is present, and shall, if so directed by the meeting, adjourn any meeting from time to time and/or from place to place and/or from one form to another as the meeting shall determine. Whenever a general meeting is adjourned for fourteen days or more, at least seven clear days' notice, specifying the place (and if the meeting is to be held in two or more places (in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Ordinance), the principal place of the meeting and the other place or places of the meeting), the day and the hour of the adjourned meeting shall be given in the same manner as in the case of an original meeting but it shall not be necessary to specify in such notice the resolutions to be considered and the nature of the business to be transacted at the adjourned meeting. Save as aforesaid, no member shall be entitled to any notice of an adjourned meeting. No business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting. No business shall be transacted at the meeting meeting. No business shall be transacted at the meeting meeting. No business shall be transacted at the meeting the business which might have been transacted at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.
- 68A. The Directors may, at their absolute discretion, arrange for (i) any general meeting to be held at more than one location by using electronic facilities as determined and directed by the Directors that enable persons entitled to attend the meeting to do so by simultaneous attendance and participation, or (ii) any general meeting to be held and conducted in the form of a hybrid meeting, provided that the only location or one of the locations of the meeting for physical attendance shall be in Hong Kong which shall be the principal meeting place for the general meeting as specified in the notice of meeting. The following provisions shall apply to any such arrangement:
 - (a) The members present in person (or in the case of a corporation, by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy at any meeting location and/or members participating in a hybrid meeting by electronic facilities shall be counted in the quorum for and entitled to vote at the meeting in question, and that meeting shall be duly constituted and its proceedings shall be valid provided that the Chairman of the meeting is satisfied that adequate facilities are available throughout the meeting to enable members present at all the meeting locations and attending by using electronic facilities to participate in the business for which the meeting has been convened.
 - (b) Subject to Article 67A, the Chairman of the meeting shall be present at, and the meeting shall be deemed to have taken place at, the principal meeting place.

Holding of general meetings at more than one location or as hybrid meetings.

- (c) If members (or in the case of a corporation, its duly authorised representative) or their proxies attend a general meeting by being present at one of the meeting locations and/or participate in a hybrid meeting by means of electronic facilities, a failure (for any reason) of communication equipment, or any other failure in the arrangements for enabling those in a meeting location other than the principal meeting place to participate in the business for which the meeting has been convened, or in the case of a hybrid meeting, the inability of one or more members (or in the case of corporations, their duly authorised representatives) or proxies to access or continue to access the electronic facilities despite adequate electronic facilities having been made available by the Company, shall not affect the validity of the meeting or the resolutions passed, or any business conducted there or any decision made thereat or any action taken pursuant to such business.
- (d) If any of the meeting locations is outside Hong Kong and/or in the case of a hybrid meeting, the provisions of these Articles concerning the service and giving of notice for the meeting, and the time for lodging proxies, shall be applied by reference to the principal meeting place in Hong Kong.

For the avoidance of doubt, notwithstanding anything in these Articles to the contrary, neither the Directors nor the Chairman of the meeting shall be obliged to arrange any general meeting to be held at more than one location or in the form of a hybrid meeting.

- 68B. The Directors and, at any general meeting, the Chairman of the meeting may from time to time make such arrangements for attendance and/or participation and/or voting at any location or locations at which the meeting will take place and/or attendance and/or participation and/or voting at a hybrid meeting (whether involving the issue of tickets or some other means of identification, passcode, electronic voting, seat reservation or otherwise) as they/he shall in their/his absolute discretion consider appropriate, and may from time to time change any such arrangements, provided that a member who, pursuant to such arrangements, is not entitled to attend, in person or by proxy, at any particular location shall be entitled so to attend at one of the other locations; and the entitlement of any member so to attend the meeting or adjourned or postponed meeting at such location or locations shall be subject to any such arrangement as may be for the time being in force and by the notice of meeting or adjourned or postponed meeting stated to apply to the meeting.
- 68C. If it appears to the Chairman of the meeting that:
 - (a) the facilities at the principal meeting place or at such other location or locations at which the meeting may be attended have become inadequate for the purposes referred to in Article 68A; or
 - (b) in the case of a hybrid meeting, electronic facilities being made available by the Company have become inadequate; or

Power to decide arrangements for meetings.

Chairman's discretion to interrupt or adjourn meetings.

- (c) it is not possible to ascertain the view of those present or to give all persons entitled to do so a reasonable opportunity to communicate and/or vote at the meeting; or
- (d) there is violence or the threat of violence, unruly behaviour or other disruption occurring at the meeting,

then the Chairman may, at his absolute discretion, without the consent of the meeting, interrupt or adjourn the meeting. All business conducted or decision made at the meeting up to the time of such adjournment shall be valid.

- 68D. The Directors and, at any general meeting, the Chairman of the meeting may make any arrangement and impose any requirement or restriction they or he consider(s) appropriate to ensure the security and orderly conduct of a meeting including, without limitation, requirements for evidence of identity to be produced by those attending the meeting, the searching of their personal property and the restriction of items that may be taken into the meeting place, obeying any precautionary measures and regulations in relation to prevention and control of spread of disease, determining the number and frequency of and the time allowed for and manner of raising questions at a meeting, and muting those who participate in a hybrid meeting by means of electronic facilities. Members shall also comply with all requirements or restrictions imposed by the owner of the premises at which the meeting is held. Any decision made under this Article shall be final and conclusive and a person who refuses to comply with any such arrangements, requirements, restrictions or precautionary measures may be refused entry to the meeting or removed (physically or electronically) from the meeting.
- 68E. All persons seeking to attend and participate in a hybrid meeting shall be responsible for maintaining adequate facilities to enable them to do so. Subject to Article 68C, any inability of a person or persons to attend or participate in a general meeting by way of electronic facilities shall not invalidate the proceedings and/or resolutions passed at that meeting.
- 69. At any general meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided by poll, save that and without prejudice to other provisions of these Articles, the Chairman of the meeting may in good faith, decide to allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter as permitted under the Listing Rules to be voted on at any general meeting by a show of hands.
- Poll. 70. (A) A poll shall (subject as provided in Article 71) be taken in such manner (including the use of ballot or voting papers or tickets or electronic facilities) and at such time and place, not being more than thirty days from the date of the meeting or adjourned or postponed meeting as the Chairman of the meeting directs. No notice need be given of a poll not taken immediately. The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was taken and shall be announced in such manner as required by the Listing Rules.

Power to regulate the course of meetings.

Responsibility of persons attending and participating in a hybrid meeting.

Vote by poll.

- (B) Where a resolution is voted on by a show of hands as permitted under the Listing Rules, a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has on a show of hands been carried, or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or not carried by a particular majority, or lost, and an entry to that effect made in the book containing the minutes of the proceedings of the Company, shall be conclusive evidence of the facts without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution.
- 71. Any poll on the election of the Chairman of a meeting or on any question of adjournment shall be taken immediately at the meeting and without adjournment.
- 72. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a poll or on a show of hands, the Chairman of the meeting at which the poll or show of hand is taken shall be entitled to a casting vote. In case of any dispute as to the admission or rejection of any vote the Chairman shall determine the same, and such determination shall be final and conclusive.
- 73. A resolution in writing signed by all the members for the time being entitled to receive notice of and to attend and vote at general meetings shall be as valid and effective as if the same had been passed at a general meeting of the Company duly convened and held. A written notice of confirmation of such resolution in writing signed by or on behalf of a member shall be deemed to be his signature to such resolution in writing for the purposes of this Article. Such resolution in writing may consist of several documents each signed by or on behalf of one or more members.

Votes of Members

74. Subject to Article 85(B) and to any special rights, privileges or restrictions as to voting from time to time attaching to any class or classes of shares, at any general meeting every member who (being an individual) is present in person or (being a corporation) is present by a representative duly authorised under Section 606 of the Companies Ordinance or is present by proxy (a) shall have the right to speak, (b) on a poll every member present in such manner shall have one vote for every share of which he is the holder which is fully paid up or credited as fully paid up (but so that no amount paid up or credited as paid up on a share in advance of calls or instalments shall be treated for the purposes of this Article as paid up on the share), and (c) on a show of hands every member present in such manner shall have one vote. On a poll a member entitled to more than one vote need not use all his votes or cast all the votes he uses in the same way. Votes (whether on a show of hands or a poll) may be cast by such means, electronic or otherwise, as the Chairman may determine. For the avoidance of doubt, where more than one proxy is appointed by a recognised clearing house (or its nominee(s)), each such proxy shall have one vote on a show of hands and is under no obligation to cast all his votes in the same way on a poll.

Show of hands.

In what case poll taken without adjournment.

Chairman to have casting vote.

Written resolution.

Votes of members.

- 75. Any person entitled under Article 46 to be registered as the holder of any shares may vote at any general meeting in respect thereof in the same manner as if he were the registered holder of such shares, provided that at least forty-eight hours before the time of the holding of the meeting or adjourned or postponed meeting (as the case may be) at which he proposes to vote, he shall satisfy the Board of his right to be registered as the holder of such shares or the Board shall have previously admitted his right to vote at such meeting in respect thereof.
- 76. Where there are joint registered holders of any share, any one of such persons may vote at any meeting, either personally or by proxy, in respect of such share as if he were solely entitled thereto; but if more than one of such joint holders are present at any meeting personally or by proxy, that one of the said persons so present whose name stands first on the register in respect of such share shall alone be entitled to vote in respect thereof. Several executors or administrators of a deceased member in whose name any share stands shall for the purposes of this Article be deemed joint holders thereof.
- 77. A member of unsound mind or in respect of whom an order has been made by any court having jurisdiction in lunacy may vote by his committee, receiver, *curator bonis* or other person in the nature of a committee, receiver or *curator bonis* appointed by that court, and any such committee, receiver, *curator bonis* or other person may on a poll vote by proxy. Evidence to the satisfaction of the Board of the authority of the person claiming to exercise the right to vote shall be delivered to the registered office of the Company, or to such other place as is specified in accordance with these Articles for the deposit of instruments of proxy, not later than the last time at which a valid instrument of proxy could be so delivered.
- (A) Save as expressly provided in these Articles, no person other than a member duly registered and who shall have paid everything for the time being due from him payable to the Company in respect of his shares shall be entitled to be present or to vote (save as proxy for another member) either personally (or, in the case of a member being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy, or to be reckoned in a quorum, at any general meeting.
 - (B) No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter except at the meeting or adjourned or postponed meeting at which the vote objected to is given or tendered, and every vote not disallowed at such meeting shall be valid for all purposes. Any such objection made in due time shall be referred to the Chairman, whose decision shall be final and conclusive.
 - (C) Where the Company has knowledge that any member is, under the Listing Rules, required to abstain from voting on any particular resolution or restricted to voting only for or only against any particular resolution, any votes cast by or on behalf of such member in contravention of such requirement or restriction shall not be counted.

Votes in respect of deceased and bankrupt members.

Joint holders.

Votes of member of unsound mind.

Qualification for voting.

Objections to votes.

Voting in contravention of the Listing Rules.

- 79. Any member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at a meeting of the Company or a meeting of the holders of any class of shares in the Company shall be entitled to appoint another person as his proxy to attend and vote instead of him and a proxy so appointed shall have the same right as the member to speak at the meeting. On a poll votes may be given either personally or by proxy. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. A member may appoint more than one proxy to attend on the same occasion. If a member appoints more than one proxy, the proxies so appointed are not entitled to vote on the resolution by a show of hands.
- 80. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or of his attorney duly authorised in writing, or if the appointor is a corporation, either under seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised.

Proxy and Corporate Representatives

81. The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of that power or authority shall be (i) deposited at the registered office of the Company or at such other place as is specified in the notice of meeting or in the instrument of proxy issued by the Company, or (ii) if an electronic address is specified by the Company in the notice of meeting or in the instrument of proxy issued by the Company specifically for the purpose of receiving such instruments and the aforesaid authorities and documents for that meeting, sent or transmitted by electronic means to such electronic address subject to any conditions or limitations imposed by the Company, in each case not less than forty-eight hours (or such later time as the Board shall determine) before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned or postponed meeting (as the case may be) at which the person named in such instrument proposes to vote, and in default the instrument of proxy shall not be treated as valid provided always that the Chairman of the meeting may at his discretion direct that an instrument of proxy shall be deemed to have been duly deposited upon receipt of telex or cable or facsimile confirmation from the appointor that the instrument of proxy duly signed is in the course of transmission to the Company. If any instrument of proxy or document required to be sent to the Company under this Article is sent to the Company by electronic means, such instrument of proxy or document is not treated as validly delivered to or deposited with the Company if the same is not received by the Company at its designated electronic address in accordance with this Article. No instrument appointing a proxy shall be valid after expiration of twelve months from the date of its execution, except at an adjourned or a postponed meeting or on a poll demanded at a meeting or an adjourned or postponed meeting in cases where the meeting was originally held within twelve months from such date. Delivery of an instrument appointing a proxy shall not preclude the member appointing a proxy from attending and voting in person (or, in the case of a member being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative) at the meeting concerned and, in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked. In calculating the notice periods set out above, no account is to be taken of any part of a day that is a public holiday. Instrument appointing proxy to be in writing.

Appointment of proxy must be deposited.

- 82. Every instrument of proxy, whether for a specified meeting or otherwise, shall be in such Form of proxy. form as the Board may from time to time approve.
- 83. The instrument appointing a proxy to vote at a general meeting shall: (i) be deemed to confer authority upon the proxy to vote on any resolution (or amendment thereto) put to the meeting for which it is given as the proxy thinks fit, provided that any form issued to a member for use by him for appointing a proxy to attend and vote at any general meeting at which any business is to be transacted shall be such as to enable the member, according to his intention, to instruct the proxy to vote in favour of or against (or, in default of instructions, to exercise his discretion in respect of) each resolution dealing with any business; and (ii) unless the contrary is stated therein, be valid as well for any adjournment or postponement of the meeting as for the meeting to which it relates.
- 84. A vote given in accordance with the terms of an instrument of proxy or power of attorney or by the duly authorised representative of a corporation shall be valid notwithstanding the previous death or insanity of the principal or revocation of the proxy or power of attorney or other authority under which the proxy was executed or the transfer of share in respect of which the proxy is given, provided that no intimation in writing of such death, insanity, revocation or transfer as aforesaid shall have been received by the Company at its registered office at least forty-eight hours before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned or postponed meeting at which the proxy is used or, in the case of a poll taken more than forty-eight hours after it was demanded, at least twenty-four hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll. In calculating the notice period set out above, no account is to be taken of any part of a day that is a public holiday.
- (A) Any corporation which is a member of the Company may, by resolution of its directors or other governing body or by power of attorney, authorise such person as it thinks fit to act as its representative at any meeting of the Company or of any class of members of the Company, and the person so authorised shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the corporation which he represents as that corporation could exercise as if it were an individual member of the Company. References in these Articles to a member present in person at a meeting shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include a corporation which is a member represented at the meeting by such duly authorised representative.

Authority under instrument appointing proxy.

When vote by proxy valid though authority revoked.

Corporation acting by representative at meetings. **(B)** Without prejudice to the generality of Article 85(A), if a recognised clearing house (or its nominee(s)) is a member of the Company it may, by resolution of its directors or other governing body or by power of attorney, authorise such person or persons as it thinks fit to act as its representative or representatives at any meeting of the Company or at any meeting of any class of members of the Company provided that, if more than one person is so authorised, the authorisation shall specify the number and class of shares in respect of which each such person is so authorised. The person so authorised shall be entitled to exercise the same rights and powers on behalf of the recognised clearing house (or its nominee(s)) which he represents as that recognised clearing house (or its nominee(s)) could exercise as if such person were an individual member holding the number and class of shares specified in such authorisation, including, where a show of hands is allowed, the right to vote individually on a show of hands, notwithstanding any contrary provision contained in these Articles.

Registered Office

86. Registered The registered office of the Company shall be at such place in Hong Kong as the Board Office. shall from time to time appoint.

Board of Directors

- 87. The number of Directors shall not be less than two. The Board shall cause to be kept a register of Directors and a register of Secretaries, and there shall be entered therein the particulars required by the Companies Ordinance.
- 88. The Board shall have power from time to time and at any time to appoint any person as a Director either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the Board. Any Director so appointed shall hold office only until the first annual general meeting of the Company after his appointment and shall then be eligible for re-election, but shall not be taken into account in determining the number of Directors who are to retire by rotation at such meeting.
- A Director may at any time, by notice in writing signed by him delivered to the 89. (A) registered office of the Company or at a meeting of the Board, appoint any person (including another Director) to act as alternate Director in his place during his absence and may in like manner at any time determine such appointment. If such person is not another Director, such appointment, unless previously approved by the Board, shall have effect only upon and subject to being so approved.
 - **(B)** The appointment of an alternate Director shall determine on the happening of any event which, were he a Director, would cause him to vacate such office or if his appointor ceases to be a Director.

Constitution of Board.

Board may fill vacancies.

Alternate Directors.

- (C) An alternate Director shall (except when absent from Hong Kong) be entitled to receive notices of meetings of the Board and shall be entitled to attend and vote as a Director at any such meeting at which the Director appointing him is not personally present and generally at such meeting to perform all the functions of his appointor as a Director and for the purposes of the proceedings at such meeting the provisions of these Articles shall apply as if he (instead of his appointor) were a Director. If he shall be himself a Director or shall attend any such meeting as an alternate for more than one Director his voting rights shall be cumulative. If his appointor is for the time being absent from Hong Kong or otherwise not available or unable to act, his signature to any resolution in writing or a notification of confirmation (which may be handwritten or made electronically, as provided in Article 127) of any resolution of the Directors shall be as effective as the signature of his appointor. To such extent as the Board may from time to time determine in relation to any committee of the Board, the foregoing provisions of this paragraph shall also apply *mutatis mutandis* to any meeting of any such committee of which his appointor is a member. An alternate Director shall not, save as aforesaid, have power to act as a Director nor shall he be deemed to be a Director for the purposes of these Articles.
- (D) An alternate Director shall be entitled to contract and be interested in and benefit from contracts or arrangements or transactions and to be repaid expenses and to be indemnified to the same extent *mutatis mutandis* as if he were a Director, but he shall not be entitled to receive from the Company in respect of his appointment as alternate Director any remuneration except only such part (if any) of the remuneration otherwise payable to his appointor as such appointor may by notice in writing to the Company from time to time direct.
- (E) An alternate Director shall be responsible and liable for his own act, omission and default. An alternate Director shall not be deemed to be an agent of the Director who appoints him. The Director who appoints the alternate Director shall not be vicariously liable for any acts, including but not limited to any tort, committed by the alternate Director while acting in the capacity of the alternate Director.
- 90. A Director shall not be required to hold any qualification shares but shall nevertheless be entitled to attend and speak at all general meetings of the Company and all meetings of members of any class of shares of the Company.

Director vicariously liable.

No qualification shares for Directors.

- 91. The Directors shall be entitled to receive by way of remuneration for their services such sum as shall from time to time be determined by the Company in general meeting, such sum (unless otherwise directed by the resolution by which it is voted) to be divided amongst the Directors in such proportions and in such manner as the Board may agree, or failing agreement, equally, except that in such event any Director holding office for less than the whole of the relevant period in respect of which the remuneration is paid shall only rank in such division in proportion to the time during such period for which he has held office. The foregoing provisions shall not apply to a Director who holds any salaried employment or office in the Company except in the case of sums paid in respect of Directors' fees.
- 92. The Directors shall also be entitled to be repaid all travelling, hotel and other expenses reasonably incurred by them respectively in or about the performance of their duties as Directors, including their expenses of travelling to and from board meetings, committee meetings or general meetings or otherwise incurred whilst engaged in the business of the Company or in the discharge of their duties as Directors.
- 93. The Board may grant special remuneration to any Director who, being called upon, shall perform any special or extra services to or at the request of the Company. Such special remuneration may be made payable to such Director in addition to or in substitution for his ordinary remuneration as a Director, and may be made payable by way of salary, commission or participation in profits or otherwise as may be arranged.
- 94. Notwithstanding Articles 91 and 93, the remuneration of a Managing Director, Joint Managing Director, Deputy Managing Director or other Executive Director or a Director appointed to any other office in the management of the Company shall from time to time be fixed by the Board and may be by way of salary, commission or participation in profits or otherwise or by all or any of those modes and with such other benefits (including pension and/or gratuity and/or other benefits on retirement) and allowances as the Board may from time to time decide. Such remuneration shall be in addition to his remuneration as a Director.
- 95. (A) A Director shall vacate his office:-
 - (i) if he becomes bankrupt or has a receiving order made against him or suspends payment or compounds with his creditors generally;
 - (ii) if he becomes a mentally incapacitated person;
 - (iii) if he absents himself from the meetings of the Board during a continuous period of six months, without special leave of absence from the Board, and his alternate Director (if any) shall not during such period have attended in his stead, and the Board passes a resolution that he has by reason of such absence vacated his office;

Directors' remuneration.

Directors' expenses.

Special remuneration.

Remuneration of Managing Directors, etc.

When office of Director to be vacated.

- (iv) if he becomes prohibited from being a Director by reason of any order made under any provision of the Companies Ordinance, the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Chapter 32 of the Laws of Hong Kong) or any other applicable law;
- (v) if by notice in writing delivered to the Company at its registered office he resigns his office;
- (vi) if he shall be removed from office by notice in writing served upon him signed by all his co-Directors; or
- (vii) if he shall be removed from office by an ordinary resolution of the Company under Article 102.
- (B) No person shall be required to vacate office or be ineligible for re-election or re-appointment as a Director, and no person shall be ineligible for appointment as a Director by reason only of his having attained any particular age.
- 96. Subject to the provisions of the Companies Ordinance:
 - (A) a Director may hold any other office or place of profit with the Company (except that of Auditor) in conjunction with his office of Director for such period and upon such terms as the Board may determine, and may be paid such extra remuneration therefor (whether by way of salary, commission, participation in profits or otherwise) as the Board may determine, and such extra remuneration shall be in addition to any remuneration provided for by or pursuant to any other Article;
 - (B) a Director may act by himself or his firm in a professional capacity for the Company (otherwise than as Auditor) and he or his firm shall be entitled to remuneration for professional services as if he were not a Director. Notwithstanding the provisions in this Article, the Company shall not, without the approval of its members in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Ordinance, enter into a service contract with a Director under which the guaranteed term of the employment of such Director exceeds or may exceed three years;

Director's interest.

- (C) a Director of the Company may be or become a director or other officer of, or otherwise interested in, any company promoted by the Company or any other company in which the Company may be interested, and shall not be liable to account to the Company or the members for any remuneration, profit or other benefit received by him as a director or officer of or from his interest in such other company. The Board may also cause the voting power conferred by the shares in any other company held or owned by the Company to be exercised in such manner in all respects as it thinks fit, including the exercise thereof in favour of any resolution appointing the Directors or any of them to be directors or officers of such other company;
- (D) a Director shall not vote or be counted in the quorum on any resolution of the Board concerning his own appointment as the holder of any office or place of profit with the Company or any other company in which the Company is interested (including the arrangement or variation of the terms thereof, or the termination thereof);
- (E) where arrangements are under consideration concerning the appointment (including the arrangement or variation of the terms thereof, or the termination thereof) of two or more Directors to offices or places of profit with the Company or any other company in which the Company is interested, a separate resolution may be put in relation to each Director and in such case each of the Directors concerned shall be entitled to vote (and be counted in the quorum) in respect of each resolution except that concerning his own appointment (or the arrangement or variation of the terms thereof, or the termination thereof) and except (in the case of an office or place of profit with any such other company as aforesaid) where the Director or his close associates is prohibited from voting pursuant to Article 96(H);
- (F) subject to the next paragraph of this Article, no Director or proposed or intending Director shall be disqualified by his office from contracting with the Company, either with regard to his tenure of any office or place of profit or as vendor, purchaser or in any other manner whatever, nor shall any such contract or any other transaction, contract or arrangement in which any Director is in any way interested be liable to be avoided, nor shall any Director so contracting or being so interested be liable to account to the Company or the members for any remuneration, profit or other benefits realised by any such transaction, contract or arrangement by reason of such Director holding that office or of the fiduciary relationship thereby established;

- (G) a Director or an entity connected with a Director (as defined in the Companies Ordinance) who, to his knowledge or we ought reasonably to be aware of, is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in a transaction, contract or arrangement or proposed transaction, contract or arrangement with the Company that is significant in relation to the Company's business, and the Director's or the connected entity's interest is material, shall declare the nature and extent of the Director's or the connected entity's interest, in the case of a transaction, contract or arrangement that has been entered into, as soon as reasonably practicable, or in the case of a proposed transaction, contract or arrangement, before the Company enters into the transaction, contract or arrangement. Such declaration must be made at a meeting of the Board or by notice in writing to the other Directors or by general notice and in accordance with the Companies Ordinance;
- (H) save as otherwise provided by these Articles and subject to the provisions of the Listing Rules, a Director shall not vote on any resolution of the Board in respect of any transaction, contract or arrangement in which he or any of his close associates (or, if required by the Listing Rules, his other associates) is materially interested (nor be counted in the quorum), but this prohibition shall not apply to any of the following matters namely:-

Director shall not vote in case of material interest.

- (i) the giving of any security or indemnity either:-
 - (a) to such Director or any of his close associate(s) in respect of money lent or obligations incurred or undertaken by any of them at the request of or for the benefit of the Company or any of its subsidiaries; or
 - (b) to a third party in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiaries for which the Director or any of his close associate(s) has himself/themselves assumed responsibility in whole or in part and whether alone or jointly under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;
- (ii) any proposal concerning an offer of shares or debentures or other securities of or by the Company or any other company which the Company may promote or be interested in for subscription or purchase where the Director or any of his close associate(s) is/are or is/are to be interested as a participant in the underwriting or sub-underwriting of the offer;
- (iii) any transaction, contract or arrangement in which the Director or any of his close associate(s) is/are interested in the same manner as other holders of shares or debentures or other securities of the Company by virtue of his or any of their interest in shares or debentures or other securities of the Company;

- (iv) any proposal or arrangement concerning the benefit of employees of the Company or its subsidiaries including the adoption, modification or operation of a pension fund or retirement, death or disability benefits scheme which relates both to Directors or any of their close associates and employees of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries and does not provide in respect of any Director or his close associate(s) as such any privilege or advantage not accorded to the class of persons to which such scheme or fund relates; and
- (v) any proposal or arrangement concerning the benefit of employees of the Company or its subsidiaries including the adoption, modification or operation of any employees' share scheme or any share incentive or share option scheme under which the Director or any of his close associate(s) may benefit.
- (I) the Company may by ordinary resolution ratify any transaction not duly authorised by reason of a contravention of this Article provided that no Director who is or whose close associate(s) is/are materially interested in such transaction shall vote upon such ordinary resolution in respect of any shares in the Company in which he is interested.

For the purposes of Article 96, if any question shall arise at any meeting of the Board as to the materiality of the interest of a Director (other than the Chairman of the meeting) or his close associate(s) or associate(s) or as to the entitlement of any Director (other than such Chairman) to vote or be counted in the quorum and such question is not resolved by his voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting or not to be counted in the quorum, such question shall be referred to the Chairman of the meeting and his ruling in relation to such other Director shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of the Director and/or his close associate(s) or associate(s) concerned as known to such Director has not been fairly disclosed to the Board. If any question as aforesaid shall arise in respect of the Chairman of the meeting such question shall be decided by a resolution of the Board (for which purpose such Chairman shall not be counted in the quorum and shall not vote thereon) and such resolution shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of such Chairman and/or his close associate(s) or associate(s) as known to such Chairman has not been fairly disclosed to the Board.

Rotation of Directors

- (A) At each annual general meeting one-third of the Directors for the time being, or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest one-third, or such other manner of rotation as may be prescribed by the applicable regulatory authority from time to time shall retire from office by rotation at least once every three years. Any Director required to stand for re-election pursuant to Article 88 shall not be taken into account in determining the number of Directors and which Directors are to retire by rotation. The Directors to retire in every year shall be those whose term have expired and those who have been longest in office since their last election but as between persons who became Directors on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree between themselves) be determined by lot. The retiring Directors shall be eligible for re-election.
 - (B) The Company at any general meeting at which any Directors retire in manner aforesaid may fill the vacated office by electing a like number of persons to be Directors.
- 98. The Company may from time to time in general meeting by ordinary resolution fix, increase or reduce the maximum and minimum number of Directors but so that the number of Directors shall never be less than two.
- 99. The Company may from time to time in general meeting by ordinary resolution elect any person to be a Director either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the Board. Any Director so appointed shall hold office only until the next following annual general meeting of the Company and shall then be eligible for re-election, but shall not be taken into account in determining the Directors who are to retire by rotation at such meeting.
- 100. No person, other than a retiring Director, shall, unless recommended by the Board for election, be eligible for election to the office of Director at any general meeting, unless during the period which shall be at least seven days commencing no earlier than the day after the dispatch of the notice of the meeting appointed for such meeting appointed for such election and ending not later than seven days prior to the meeting, notice in writing of the intention to propose that person for election as a Director and notice in writing by that person of his willingness to be elected shall have been given to the Company.
- 101. The Company shall keep in accordance with the Companies Ordinance a register containing the particulars of its Directors as required by the Companies Ordinance and shall from time to time notify the Registrar of Companies any change that takes place in such Directors as required by the Companies Ordinance.

Rotation and retirement of Directors.

Meeting to fill up vacancies.

Power of general meeting to increase or reduce number of Directors.

Appointment of Directors.

Notice to be given when person proposed for election.

Register of Directors and notification of changes to Registrar. 102. The Company may by ordinary resolution remove any Director (including a Managing or other Executive Director) before the expiration of his term of office notwithstanding anything in these Articles or in any agreement between the Company and such Director (but without prejudice to any claim which such Director may have for damages for any breach of any contract of service between him and the Company) and may elect another person in his stead. Special notice is required of a resolution to remove a Director or to appoint somebody in place of a Director so removed at the general meeting at which he is removed in accordance with the Companies Ordinance. Any person so elected shall hold office only until the first annual general meeting of the Company after his appointment and shall then be eligible for re-election, but shall not be taken into account in determining the Directors who are to retire by rotation at such meeting.

Borrowing Powers

- 103. The Board may from time to time at its discretion exercise all the powers of the Company to raise or borrow or to secure the payment of any sum or sums of money for the purposes of the Company and to mortgage or charge its undertaking, property and uncalled capital or any part thereof.
- 104. The Board may raise or secure the payment or repayment of such sum or sums in such manner and upon such terms and conditions in all respects as it thinks fit and, in particular by the issue of debentures, debenture stock, bonds or other securities of the Company, whether outright or as collateral security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party.
- 105. Debentures, debenture stock, bonds and other securities may be made assignable free from Ass any equities between the Company and the person to whom the same may be issued.
- 106. Any debentures, debenture stock, bonds or other securities may be issued at a discount, premium or otherwise and with any special privileges as to redemption, surrender, drawings, allotment of shares, attending and voting at general meetings of the Company, appointment of Directors and otherwise.
- 107. (A) The Board shall cause a proper register to be kept, in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Ordinance, of all mortgages and charges specifically affecting the property of the Company and shall duly comply with the requirements of the Companies Ordinance in regard to the registration of mortgages and charges therein specified and otherwise.

Power to borrow.

Conditions on which money may be borrowed.

Assignment.

Special privileges.

Register of charges to be kept.

- (B) The Company must register an allotment of debenture or debenture stock in accordance with the Companies Ordinance. If the Company issues a series of debentures or debenture stock not transferable by delivery, the Board shall cause a proper register to be kept of the holders of such debentures and shall notify the Registrar of Companies any change of the place at which such register is kept, in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Ordinance.
- 108. Where any uncalled capital of the Company is charged, all persons taking any subsequent charge thereon shall take the same subject to such prior charge, and shall not be entitled, by notice to the members or otherwise, to obtain priority over such prior charge.

Managing Directors, etc.

- 109. The Board may from time to time appoint any one or more of its body to the office of Managing Director, Joint Managing Director, Deputy Managing Director or other Executive Director and/or such other office in the management of the business of the Company as it may decide for such period and upon such terms as it thinks fit and upon such terms as to remuneration as it may decide in accordance with Article 94.
- 110. Every Director appointed to an office under Article 109 hereof shall, but without prejudice to any claim for damages for breach of any contract of service between himself and the Company be liable to be dismissed or removed therefrom by the Board.
- 111. A Director appointed to an office under Article 109 shall be subject to the same provisions as to rotation, resignation and removal as the other Directors, and he shall *ipso facto* and immediately cease to hold such office if he shall cease to hold the office of Director for any cause.
- 112. The Board may from time to time entrust to and confer upon a Managing Director, Joint Managing Director, Deputy Managing Director or Executive Director all or any of the powers of the Board that it may think fit, provided that the exercise of all powers by such Director shall be subject to such regulations and restrictions as the Board may from time to time make and impose, and the said powers may at any time be withdrawn, revoked or varied, but no person dealing in good faith and without notice of such withdrawal, revocation or variation shall be affected thereby.

Register of debentures or debenture stock.

Mortgage of uncalled capital.

Power to appoint Managing Directors, etc.

Removal of Managing Director, etc.

Cessation of appointment.

Powers may be delegated.

Management

- (A) The management of the business of the Company shall be vested in the Board which, in addition to the powers and authorities by these Articles expressly conferred upon it, may exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done or approved by the Company and are not hereby or by the Companies Ordinance expressly directed or required to be exercised or done by the Company in general meeting, but subject nevertheless to the provisions of the Companies Ordinance and of these Articles and to any regulations from time to time made by the Company in general meeting not being inconsistent with such provisions or these Articles, provided that no regulation so made shall invalidate any prior act of the Board which would have been valid if such regulation had not been made.
 - (B) Without prejudice to the general powers conferred by these Articles, it is hereby expressly declared that the Board shall have the following powers:-
 - (i) to give to any person the right or option of requiring at a future date that an allotment shall be made to him of any share at such agreed value; and
 - (ii) to give to any Directors, officers or employees of the Company an interest in any particular business or transaction or participation in the profits thereof or in the general profits of the Company either in addition to or in substitution for a salary or other remuneration.

Managers

- 114. The Board may from time to time appoint a general manager, manager or managers of the business of the Company and may fix his or their remuneration either by way of salary or commission or by conferring the right to participation in the profits of the Company or by a combination of two or more of these modes and pay the working expenses of any of the staff of the general manager, manager or managers who may be employed by him or them upon the business of the Company.
- 115. The appointment of such general manager, manager or managers may be for such period as the Board may decide and the Board may confer upon him or them all or any of the powers of the Board and such title or titles as it may think fit.
- 116. The Board may enter into such agreement or agreements with any such general manager, manager or managers upon such terms and conditions in all respects as the Board may in its absolute discretion think fit, including a power for such general manager, manager or managers to appoint an assistant manager or managers or other employees whatsoever under them for the purpose of carrying on the business of the Company.

General powers of Company vested in Board.

Appointment and remuneration of managers.

Tenure of office and powers.

Terms and conditions of appointment.

Chairman

117. The Board may from time to time elect or otherwise appoint a Director to be Chairman or Deputy Chairman and determine the period for which each of them is to hold office. The Chairman or, in his absence, the Deputy Chairman shall preside at meetings of the Board, but if no such Chairman or Deputy Chairman be elected or appointed, or if at any meeting the Chairman or Deputy Chairman is not present within five minutes after the time appointed for holding the same, the Directors present shall choose one of their number to be Chairman of such meeting.

Proceedings of the Directors

- 118. The Board may meet together for the despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate its meetings and proceedings as it thinks fit and may determine the quorum necessary for the transaction of business. Unless otherwise determined two Directors shall be a quorum. For the purpose of this Article an alternate Director shall be counted in a quorum but, notwithstanding that an alternate Director is also a Director or is an alternate for more than one Director, he shall for quorum purposes count as only one Director. The Board or any committee of the Board may hold a meeting of the Board or such committee by means of a conference telephone, electronic facilities or other communications facilities by means of which all persons participating in the meeting are capable of hearing each other and participation in a meeting pursuant to this provision shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.
- 119. A Director may, and on request of a Director, the Secretary shall, at any time summon a meeting of the Board. Notice thereof shall be given to each Director and alternate Director either in writing or by telephone or by electronic means at the address, telephone number, facsimile number or electronic address/number from time to time notified to the Company by such Director or in such other manner as the Board may from time to time determine, provided that notice need not be given to any Director or alternate Director for the time being absent from Hong Kong. A Director may waive notice of any meeting and any such waiver may be prospective or retrospective.
- 120. Questions arising at any meeting of the Board shall be decided by a majority of votes, and in case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
- 121. A meeting of the Board for the time being at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all or any of the authorities, powers and discretions by or under these Articles for the time being vested in or exercisable by the Board generally.

Meeting of the Board, quorum, etc.

Convening of Board meeting.

to be decided.

How questions

Powers of meeting.

Chairman.

- 122. The Board may delegate any of its powers to committees consisting of such member or members of its body and such other persons, as the Board thinks fit, and it may from time to time revoke such delegation or revoke the appointment of and discharge any such committees either wholly or in part, and either as to persons or purposes, but every committee so formed shall in the exercise of the powers so delegated conform to any regulations that may from time to time be imposed upon it by the Board.
- 123. All acts done by any such committee in conformity with such regulations and in fulfilment of the purposes for which it is appointed, but not otherwise, shall have the like force and effect as if done by the Board, and the Board shall have power, with the consent of the Company in general meeting, to remunerate the members of any special committee, and charge such remuneration to the current expenses of the Company.
- 124. The meetings and proceedings of any such committee consisting of two or more members shall be governed by the provisions herein contained for regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Board so far as the same are applicable thereto and are not replaced by any regulations imposed by the Board pursuant to Article 122.
- 125. All acts *bona fide* done by any meeting of the Board or by any such committee or by any person acting as a Director shall, notwithstanding that it shall be afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of such Director or persons acting as aforesaid or that they or any of them were disqualified, or had vacated office, or was not entitled to vote on the matter in question, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified to be a Director or member of such committee and was entitled to vote on the matter in question (as the case may be).
- 126. The continuing Directors may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body, but, if and so long as their number is reduced below the number fixed by or pursuant to these Articles as the necessary quorum of Directors, the continuing Director or Directors may act for the purpose of increasing the number of Directors to that number or of summoning a general meeting of the Company but for no other purpose.
- 127. A resolution in writing signed by all the Directors except such as are absent from Hong Kong or temporarily unable to act through ill-health or disability (or their alternate Directors) shall (so long as they constitute a quorum as provided in Article 118) be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Board duly convened and held. A notification of confirmation of such resolution in writing given by a Director (or his alternate Director) to the Board by any means shall be deemed to be his signature to such resolution in writing for the purposes of this Article. Any such resolution in writing may consist of several documents in like form each signed, confirmed or approved by one or more of the Directors or alternate Directors and for this purpose, a signature of a Director or an alternate Director contained in a document transmitted by facsimile, email or other electronic communication, or a notification of confirmation as aforesaid in written form given by a Director (or his alternate Director) shall be treated as valid.

Power to appoint committee and to delegate.

Acts of committee to be of same effect as acts of Board.

Proceedings of committee.

When acts of Board or committee to be valid notwithstanding defects.

Directors' power when vacancies exist.

Resolution in writing of Directors.

Minutes

- 128. (A) The Board shall cause minutes to be made of:-
 - (i) all appointments of officers made by the Board;
 - (ii) the names of the Directors present at each meeting of the Board and of committees appointed pursuant to Article 122; and
 - (iii) all resolutions and proceedings at all general meetings of the Company and of the Board and of such committees.
 - (B) Any such minutes shall be conclusive evidence of any such proceedings if they purport to be signed by the Chairman of the meeting at which the proceedings were held or by the Chairman of the next succeeding meeting.

Secretary

- 129. The Secretary shall be appointed by the Board for such term, at such remuneration and upon such conditions as it may think fit, and any Secretary so appointed may be removed by the Board. Anything by the Companies Ordinance or these Articles required or authorised to be done by or to the Secretary, if the office is vacant or there is for any other reason no Secretary capable of acting, may be done by or to any assistant or deputy Secretary, or if there is no assistant or deputy Secretary capable of acting, by or to any officer of the Company authorised generally or specially in that behalf by the Board. If the Secretary appointed is a corporation or other body, it may act and sign by the hand of any one or more of its directors or officers duly authorised.
- 130. The Secretary shall, if an individual, ordinarily reside in Hong Kong and, if a body R corporate, have its registered office or a place of business in Hong Kong.
- 131. A provision of the Companies Ordinance or of these Articles requiring or authorising a thing to be done by or to a Director and the Secretary shall not be satisfied by its being done by or to the same person acting both as Director and as, or in place of, the Secretary.

Minutes of proceedings of meetings and Directors.

Residence.

Same person not to act in two capacities at once.

General Management and Use of the Seal

- 132. (A) The Board shall provide for the safe custody of the seal which shall only be used by the authority of the Board or of a committee of the Board authorised by the Board in that behalf, and every instrument to which the seal shall be affixed shall be signed by any two members of the Board or any two persons appointed by the Board for the purpose, provided that the Board may either generally or in any particular case or cases resolve (subject to such restrictions as to the manner in which the seal may be affixed as the Board may determine) that such signatures or any of them may be affixed to certificates for shares or debentures or representing any other form of securities by some mechanical means or in printed form other than autographic to be specified in such resolution or that such certificates need not be signed by any person. Every instrument executed in manner provided by this Article shall be deemed to be sealed and executed with the authority of the Directors previously given.
 - Official seal. **(B)** The Company may have an official seal for use for sealing certificates for shares or other securities issued by the Company as permitted by Section 126 of the Companies Ordinance (and no signature of any Director, officer or other person and no mechanical reproduction thereof shall be required on any such certificates or other document and any such certificates or other document to which such official seal is affixed shall be valid and deemed to have been sealed and executed with the authority of the Board notwithstanding the absence of any such signature or mechanical reproduction as aforesaid) and an official seal for use abroad under the provisions of the Companies Ordinance where and as the Board shall determine, and the Company may by writing under the seal appoint any agents or agent, committees or committee abroad to be the duly authorised agents of the Company for the purpose of affixing and using such official seal and they may impose such restrictions on the use thereof as may be thought fit. Wherever in these Articles reference is made to the seal, the reference shall, when and so far as may be applicable, be deemed to include any such official seal as aforesaid.
 - (C) The Company may execute a document as a deed by (i) executing it in accordance with Article 132(A) above; or (ii) having it signed by any two Directors, or any one of the Directors and the Secretary in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Ordinance.
- 133. All cheques, promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments, and all receipts for monies paid to the Company shall be signed, drawn, accepted, indorsed or otherwise executed, as the case may be, in such manner as the Board shall from time to time by resolution determine. The Company's banking accounts shall be kept with such banker or bankers as the Board shall from time to time determine.

Cheques and banking arrangements

- 134. (A) The Board may from time to time and at any time, by power of attorney or other document executed as a deed, appoint any company, firm or person or any fluctuating body of persons, whether nominated directly or indirectly by the Board, to be the attorney or attorneys of the Company for such purposes and with such powers, authorities and discretions (not exceeding those vested in or exercisable by the Board under these Articles) and for such period and subject to such conditions as it may think fit, and any such power of attorney may contain such provisions for the protection and convenience of persons dealing with any such attorney as the Board may think fit, and may also authorise any such attorney to sub-delegate all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions vested in him.
 - (B) The Company may, by an instrument executed as a deed, empower any person, either generally or in respect of any specified matter, as its attorney to execute deeds and instruments on its behalf and to enter into contracts and sign the same on its behalf and every deed signed by such attorney on behalf of the Company and under his seal shall bind the Company and have the same effect as if it were under the seal of the Company.
- 135. The Board may establish any committees, local boards or agencies for managing any of the affairs of the Company, either in Hong Kong or elsewhere, and may appoint any persons to be members of such committees, local boards or agencies and may fix their remuneration, and may delegate to any committee, local board or agency any of the powers, authorities and discretions vested in the Board (other than its powers to make calls and forfeit shares), with power to sub-delegate, and may authorise the members of any local board or any of them to fill any vacancies therein and to act notwithstanding vacancies, and any such appointment or delegation may be upon such terms and subject to such conditions as the Board may think fit, and the Board may remove any person so appointed and may annul or vary any such delegation, but no person dealing in good faith and without notice of any such annulment or variation shall be affected thereby.

Execution of deeds by attorney.

Local boards.

136. The Board may establish and maintain or procure the establishment and maintenance of any contributory or non-contributory pension or superannuation funds for the benefit of, or give or procure the giving of donations, gratuities, pensions, allowances or emoluments to any persons who are or were at any time in the employment or service of the Company, or of any company which is a subsidiary of the Company, or is allied or associated with the Company or with any such subsidiary, or who are or were at any time directors or officers of the Company or of any such other company as aforesaid, and holding or who have held any salaried employment or office in the Company or such other company, and the wives, widows, families and dependants of any such persons. The Board may also establish and subsidise or subscribe to any institutions, associations, clubs or funds calculated to be for the benefit of or to advance the interests and well-being of the Company or of any such other company as aforesaid or of any such persons as aforesaid, and may make payments for or towards the insurance of any such persons as aforesaid, and subscribe or guarantee money for charitable or benevolent objects or for any exhibition or for any public, general or useful object. The Board may do any of the matters aforesaid, either alone or in conjunction with any such other company as aforesaid. Any Director holding any such employment or office shall be entitled to participate in and retain for his own benefit any such donation, gratuity, pension, allowance or emolument.

Capitalisation of Reserves

137. (A) Subject to the provisions of the Companies Ordinance, the Company in general meeting may, upon the recommendation of the Board, resolve to capitalise any part of the Company's reserves or undivided profits not required for the payment or provision of the dividend on any shares with a preferential right to dividend, and accordingly that such part be sub-divided amongst the members who would have been entitled thereto if distributed by way of dividend and in the same proportions, on condition that the same be not paid in cash but be applied either in or towards paying up any amounts for the time being unpaid on any shares held by such members respectively or paying up in full shares or debentures or other securities of the Company to be allotted and distributed credited as fully paid up to and amongst such members in the proportion aforesaid, or partly in one way and partly in the other.

Power to establish pension funds.

Power to capitalise.

(B) Whenever such a resolution as aforesaid shall have been passed the Board shall make all appropriations and applications of the reserves or profits and undivided profits resolved to be capitalised thereby, and all allotments and issues of fully paid shares, debentures, or other securities and generally shall do all acts and things required to give effect thereto. For the purpose of giving effect to any resolution under this Article, the Board may settle any difficulty which may arise in regard to a capitalisation issue as it thinks fit, and in particular may determine that cash payments shall be made to any members in respect of fractional entitlements or that fractions of such value (as the Board may determine) may be disregarded in order to adjust the rights of all parties or that fractional entitlements shall be aggregated and sold and the benefit shall accrue to the Company rather than to the members concerned. The provisions of the Companies Ordinance in relation to the filing of contracts for allotment shall be observed and the Board may appoint any person to sign on behalf of the persons entitled to share in a capitalisation issue and such appointment shall be effective and binding upon all concerned, and the contract may provide for the acceptance by such persons of the shares, debentures or other securities to be allotted and distributed to them respectively in satisfaction of their claims in respect of the sum so capitalised.

Dividends and Reserves

- 138. The Company in general meeting may declare dividends in any currency but no dividends shall exceed the amount recommended by the Board.
- (A) The Board may from time to time pay to the members such interim dividends as appear to the Board to be justified by the position of the Company and, in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing), if at any time the share capital of the Company is divided into different classes, the Board may pay such interim dividends in respect of those shares in the capital of the Company which confer on the holders thereof deferred or non-preferential rights as well as in respect of those shares which confer on the holders thereof preferential rights with regard to dividend and provided that the Board acts *bona fide* the Board shall not incur any responsibility to the holders of shares conferring any preference for any damage that they may suffer by reason of the payment of an interim dividend on any shares having deferred or non-preferential rights.
 - (B) The Board may also pay half-yearly or at other suitable intervals to be settled by it any dividend which may be payable at a fixed rate if the Board is of the opinion that the profits justify the payment.
- 140. No dividend shall be payable except out of the profits available for distribution of the Company. No dividend shall carry interest.

Dividends not to be paid out of capital.

Effect of resolution to capitalise.

Power to declare dividends.

Board's power to pay interim dividends. 141. Whenever the Board or the Company in general meeting has resolved that a dividend be paid or declared, the Board may further resolve that such dividend be satisfied wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets of any kind and in particular of paid up shares, debentures or warrants to subscribe securities of the Company or any other company, or in any one or more of such ways, with or without offering any rights to shareholders to elect to receive such dividend in cash, and where any difficulty arises in regard to the distribution the Board may settle the same as it thinks expedient, and in particular may disregard fractional entitlements or round the same up or down, and may fix the value for distribution of such specific assets, or any part thereof, and may determine that cash payments shall be made to any members upon the footing of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of all parties, and may determine that fractional entitlements shall be aggregated and sold and the benefit shall accrue to the Company rather than to the members concerned, and may vest any such specific assets with trustees as may seem expedient to the Board and may appoint any person to sign any requisite instruments of transfer and other documents on behalf of the persons entitled to the dividend and such appointment shall be effective. Where requisite, a contract shall be filed in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Ordinance and the Board may appoint any person to sign such contract on behalf of the persons entitled to the dividend and such appointment shall be effective.

- 142. (A) Whenever the Board or the Company in general meeting has resolved that a dividend be paid or declared on the share capital of the Company, the Board may further resolve:
 - either (i) that such dividend be satisfied wholly or in part in the form of an allotment of shares credited as fully paid up on the basis that the shares so allotted shall be of the same class or classes as the class or classes already held by the allottee, provided that the shareholders entitled thereto will be entitled to elect to receive such dividend (or part thereof) in cash in lieu of such allotment. In such case, the following provisions shall apply:-
 - (a) the basis of any such allotment shall be determined by the Board;
 - (b) the Board, after determining the basis of allotment, shall give not less than two weeks' notice in writing to the shareholders of the right of election accorded to them and shall send with such notice forms of election and specify the procedure to be followed and the place at which and the latest date and time by which duly completed forms of election must be lodged in order to be effective;
 - (c) the right of election may be exercised in respect of the whole or part of that portion of the dividend in respect of which the right of election has been accorded; and

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Dividend in specie.

Scrip dividends.

- (d) the dividend (or that part of the dividend to be satisfied by the allotment of shares as aforesaid) shall not be payable in cash on shares in respect whereof the cash election has not been duly exercised ("the non-elected shares") and in lieu and in satisfaction thereof shares shall be allotted credited as fully paid up to the holders of the non-elected shares on the basis of allotment determined as aforesaid and for such purpose the Board shall capitalise and apply out of any part of the undivided profits of the Company as the Board may determine, a sum equal to the aggregate amount of the dividend represented by the number of shares to be allotted on such basis and apply the same in paying up in full the appropriate number of shares for allotment and distribution to and amongst the holders of the non-elected shares on such basis;
- or (ii) that shareholders entitled to such dividend shall be entitled to elect to receive an allotment of shares credited as fully paid up in lieu of the whole or such part of the dividend as the Board may think fit on the basis that the shares so allotted shall be of the same class or classes as the class or classes of shares already held by the allottee. In such case, the following provisions shall apply:-
 - (a) the basis of any such allotment shall be determined by the Board;
 - (b) the Board, after determining the basis of allotment, shall give not less than two weeks' notice in writing to the shareholders of the right of election accorded to them and shall send with such notice forms of election and specify the procedure to be followed and the place at which and the latest date and time by which duly completed forms of election must be lodged in order to be effective;
 - (c) the right of election may be exercised in respect of the whole or part of that portion of the dividend in respect of which the right of election has been accorded; and

- (d) the dividend (or that part of the dividend in respect of which a right of election has been accorded) shall not be payable in cash on shares in respect whereof the share election has been duly exercised ("the elected shares") and in lieu thereof shares shall be allotted credited as fully paid up to the holders of the elected shares on the basis of allotment determined as aforesaid and for such purpose the Board shall capitalise and apply out of any part of the undivided profits of the Company as the Board may determine, a sum equal to the aggregate amount of the dividend represented by the number of shares to be allotted on such basis and apply the same in paying up in full the appropriate number of shares for allotment and distribution to and amongst the holders of the elected shares on such basis.
- (B) The shares allotted pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (A) of this Article shall rank *pari passu* in all respects with the shares then in issue save only as regards participation:-
 - (i) in the relevant dividend (or the right to receive or to elect to receive an allotment of shares in lieu thereof as aforesaid); or
 - (ii) in any other distributions, bonuses or rights paid, made, declared or announced prior to or contemporaneously with the payment or declaration of the relevant dividend

unless, contemporaneously with the announcement by the Board of its proposal to apply the provisions of sub-paragraph (i) or (ii) of paragraph (A) of this Article in relation to the relevant dividend or contemporaneously with its announcement of the distribution, bonus or rights in question, the Board shall specify that the shares to be allotted pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (A) of this Article shall rank for participation in such distribution, bonus or rights.

(C) The Board may do all acts and things considered necessary or expedient to give effect to any capitalisation pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (A) of this Article with full power to the Board to make such provisions as it thinks fit in the case of shares becoming distributable in fractions (including provisions whereby, in whole or in part, fractional entitlements are aggregated and sold and the net proceeds distributed to those entitled, or are disregarded or rounded up or down or whereby the benefit of fractional entitlements accrues to the Company rather than to the members concerned). The Board may authorise any person to enter into on behalf of all members interested, an agreement with the Company providing for such capitalisation and matters incidental thereto and any agreement made pursuant to such authority shall be effective and binding on all concerned.

- (D) The Company may upon the recommendation of the Board resolve in respect of any one particular dividend of the Company that notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (A) of this Article a dividend may be satisfied wholly in the form of an allotment of shares credited as fully paid up without offering any right to shareholders to elect to receive such dividend in cash in lieu of such allotment.
- (E) The Board may on any occasion determine that rights of election and the allotment of shares under paragraph (A) of this Article shall not be made available or made to any shareholders with registered addresses in any territory where in the absence of a registration statement or other special formalities the circulation of an offer of such rights of election or the allotment of shares would or might be unlawful, and in such event the provisions aforesaid shall be read and construed subject to such determination.
- 143. The Board may, before recommending any dividend, set aside out of the profits of the Company such sums as it thinks fit as a reserve or reserves which shall, at the discretion of the Board, be applicable for meeting claims on or liabilities of the Company or contingencies or for paying off any loan capital or for equalising dividends or for any other purpose to which the profits of the Company may be properly applied, and pending such application may, at the like discretion, either be employed in the business of the Company or be invested in such investments (other than shares of the Company) as the Board may from time to time think fit, and so that it shall not be necessary to keep any investments constituting the reserve or reserves separate or distinct from any other investments of the Company. The Board may also without placing the same to reserve carry forward any profits which it may think prudent not to distribute by way of dividend.
- 144. Subject to the rights of persons, if any, entitled to shares with special rights as to dividend, all dividends shall be declared and paid according to the amounts paid or credited as paid up on the shares in respect whereof the dividend is paid, but no amount paid up or credited as paid up on a share in advance of calls shall be treated for the purposes of this Article as paid up on the share.
- 145. (A) The Board may retain any dividends or other monies payable on or in respect of a share upon which the Company has a lien, and may apply the same in or towards satisfaction of the debts, liabilities or engagements in respect of which the lien exists.
 - (B) The Board may deduct from any dividend or bonus payable to any member all sums of money (if any) presently payable by him to the Company on account of calls, instalments or otherwise.

Dividends to be paid in proportion to paid up capital.

Reserves.

Retention of dividends etc.

Deduction of debts.

146. Any general meeting sanctioning a dividend may make a call on the members of such amount as the meeting fixes, but so that the call on each member shall not exceed the dividend payable to him, and so that the call shall be made payable at the same time as the dividend, and the dividend may, if so arranged between the Company and the member, be set off against the call.

Dividend and

call together.

Receipt for

dividends by

joint holders

of share.

Payment

by post.

- 147. A transfer of shares shall not pass the right to any dividend or bonus declared thereon before the registration of the transfer.
- 148. If two or more persons are registered as joint holders of any share, any one of such persons may give effectual receipts for any dividends, interim dividends or bonuses and other monies payable in respect of such shares.
- 149. Unless otherwise directed by the Board, any dividend or bonus may be paid by cheque or warrant sent through the post to the registered address of the member entitled, or, in case of joint holders, to the registered address of that one whose name stands first in the register in respect of the joint holding or to such person and to such address as the holder or joint holders may in writing direct. Every cheque or warrant so sent shall be made payable to the order of the person to whom it is sent, and the payment of any such cheque or warrant shall operate as a good discharge to the Company in respect of the dividend and/or bonus represented thereby, notwithstanding that it may subsequently appear that the same has been stolen or that any endorsement thereon has been forged.
- 150. All dividends or bonuses unclaimed for one year after having been declared may be invested or otherwise made use of by the Board for the benefit of the Company until claimed and the Company shall not be constituted a trustee in respect thereof. All dividends or bonuses unclaimed for six years after having been declared may be forfeited by the Board and shall revert to the Company.
- 151. Any resolution declaring a dividend on shares of any class, whether a resolution of the Company in general meeting or a resolution of the Board, may specify that the same shall be payable or distributable to the persons registered as the holders of such shares on a particular date or at a point of time on a particular date, notwithstanding that it may be a date prior to that on which the resolution is passed, and thereupon the dividend shall be payable or distributable to them in accordance with their respective holdings so registered, but without prejudice to the rights in respect of such dividend as between the transferors and transferees of any such shares. The provisions of this Article shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to bonuses, capitalisation issue, distributions of realised capital profits or offers or grants made by the Company to the members.

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Untraceable Members

- 152. Without prejudice to the rights of the Company, the Company may cease sending cheques for dividend entitlements or dividend warrants by post if such cheques or warrants have been left uncashed on two consecutive occasions. However, the Company may exercise the power to cease sending cheques for dividend entitlements or dividend warrants after the first occasion on which such a cheque or warrant is returned undelivered.
- 153. (A) The Company shall have the power to sell, in such manner as the Board thinks fit, any shares of a member who is untraceable, but no such sale shall be made unless:-
 - (i) all cheques or warrants, being not less than three in total number, for any sum payable in cash to the holder of such shares in respect of them sent during the relevant period in the manner authorised by these Articles have remained uncashed;
 - (ii) so far as it is aware at the end of the relevant period, the Company has not at any time during the relevant period received any indication of the existence of the member who is the holder of such shares or of a person entitled to such shares by death, bankruptcy or operation of law; and
 - (iii) the Company has caused an advertisement to be published in the newspapers, or, subject to the Listing Rules, by electronic communication in the manner in which notices may be served by the Company by electronic means as herein provided, giving notice of its intention to sell such shares and has notified the Stock Exchange of such intention and a period of three months has elapsed since the date of such advertisement.

For the purpose of the foregoing, "relevant period" means the period commencing twelve years before the date of publication of the advertisement referred to in paragraph (iii) of this Article and ending at the expiry of the period referred to in that paragraph.

Company may cease sending dividend warrants.

Company may sell shares of untraceable members. (B) To give effect to any such sale the Board may authorise any person to transfer the said shares and instrument of transfer signed or otherwise executed by or on behalf of such person shall be as effective as if it had been executed by the registered holder or the person entitled by transmission to such shares, and the purchaser shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money nor shall his title to the shares be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings relating to the sale. The net proceeds of the sale will belong to the Company and upon receipt by the Company of such net proceeds. No trust shall be created in respect of such debt and no interest shall be payable in respect of it and the Company shall not be required to account for any money earned from the net proceeds which may be employed in the business of the Company or as it thinks fit. Any sale under this Article shall be valid and effective notwithstanding that the member holding the shares sold is dead, bankrupt or otherwise under any legal disability or incapacity.

Distribution of Realised Capital Profits

154. The Company in general meeting may at any time and from time to time resolve that any surplus monies in the hands of the Company representing capital profits arising from monies received or recovered in respect of or arising from the realisation of any capital assets of the Company or any investments representing the same and not required for the payment or provision of any fixed preferential dividend instead of being applied in the purchase of any other capital assets or for other capital purposes be distributed amongst the ordinary shareholders on the footing that they receive the same as capital and in the shares and proportions in which they would have been entitled to receive the same if it had been distributed by way of dividend, provided that no such profits as aforesaid shall be so distributed unless there shall remain in the hands of the Company a sufficiency of other assets to repay in full the whole of the liabilities and paid-up share capital of the Company for the time being.

Annual Returns and Filings

155. The Board shall make the requisite annual returns and any other requisite filings in accordance with the Companies Ordinance.

Accounts

156. The Board shall cause true accounting records to be kept of the sums of money received and expended by the Company, and the matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditure take place, and of the property, assets, credits and liabilities of the Company and of all other matters required by the Companies Ordinance or necessary to give a true and fair view of the state of Company's affairs and to show and explain its transactions.

Distribution of realised capital profits.

Annual returns and filings.

Accounts to be kept.

- 157. The accounting records shall be kept at the registered office or at such other place or places as the Board thinks fit and shall always be open to the inspection of the Directors.
- 158. The Board shall from time to time determine whether and to what extent, at what times and places and under what conditions or regulations, the accounting records of the Company, or any of them, shall be open to the inspection of the members not being Directors, and no member (not being a Director) shall have any right of inspecting any accounting records or document of the Company except as conferred by the Companies Ordinance or authorised by the Board or by the Company in general meeting.
- 159. (A) The Board shall, from time to time, in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Ordinance, cause to be prepared and be laid before the Company at its annual general meeting the reporting documents required by the Companies Ordinance. The Board may also cause to be prepared a summary financial report if it thinks fit, which may be provided to members and/or debenture holders instead of the reporting documents subject to and in accordance with the Companies Ordinance, the Listing Rules and any applicable laws, rules and regulations.
 - (B) Copies of those documents to be laid before the members at an annual general meeting shall, not less than twenty-one days before the meeting, be sent in the manner in which notices may be served by the Company as provided herein to every member and debenture holder of the Company, or in the case of a joint holding to the member or debenture holder (as the case may be) whose name stands first in the appropriate register in respect of the joint holding, provided that the Company shall not be required to send copies of those documents to any person of whose address the Company is not aware or to more than one of the joint holders of any shares or debentures. No accidental non-compliance with the provisions of this Article shall invalidate the proceedings at the meeting.
 - (C) Where a person has, in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Ordinance where applicable, consented to treat the publication or the making available of the relevant reporting documents and/or the summary financial report on the Company's Website or by electronic means or by such other means as discharging the Company's obligation under the Companies Ordinance and the Listing Rules to send a copy of the relevant reporting documents and/or the summary financial report, then the publication or the making available by the Company, in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Ordinance and the Listing Rules, where applicable, on the Company's Website or by electronic means or by such other means of the relevant reporting documents or the summary financial report shall, in relation to each consenting person, be deemed to discharge the Company's obligations under this Article.

Where accounts to be kept.

Inspection by members.

Reporting documents.

Audit

- 160. Auditors shall be appointed and their duties regulated in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Ordinance.
- 161. Subject as otherwise provided by the Companies Ordinance the remuneration of the Auditor shall be fixed by the Company by ordinary resolution at the annual general meeting provided always that in respect of any particular year the Company in general meeting may delegate the fixing of such remuneration to the Board.
- 162. Every set of financial statements audited by the Company's Auditor and presented by the Board at an annual general meeting shall after approval at such meeting be conclusive except as regards any error discovered therein within three months of the approval thereof. Whenever any such error is discovered within that period, it shall forthwith be corrected, and the set of financial statements amended in respect of the error shall be conclusive.

When accounts to be deemed

finally settled.

Remuneration

of Auditor.

Notices

- 163. Except as otherwise provided in these Articles, any notice or document may be served by the Company and any notices may be served by the Board on any member either personally or by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter addressed to such member at his registered address as appearing in the register or, to the extent permitted by the Listing Rules and all applicable laws and regulations, by electronic means by transmitting it to any electronic number or address or website supplied by the member to the Company or by placing it on the Company's Website provided that the Company has obtained either (a) the member's prior express positive confirmation in writing or (b) the member's deemed consent, in the manner specified in the Listing Rules to receive or otherwise have made available to him notices and documents to be given or issued to him by the Company by such electronic means, or (in the case of notice) by advertisement published in the manner prescribed under the Listing Rules.
- 164. In the case of joint holders of a share, all notices shall be given to that one of the joint holders whose name stands first in the register and notice so given shall be sufficient notice to all the joint holders.

Service of notices.

Notices to joint holders.

- 165. Any member whose registered address is outside Hong Kong may notify the Company in writing of an address in Hong Kong which for the purpose of service of notice shall be deemed to be his registered address. A member who does not notify the Company of an address in Hong Kong may notify the Company of an address outside Hong Kong and the Company may serve notices on him at such overseas address. In the absence of notification by a member of an address in Hong Kong for the purpose of service of notice, such member shall be deemed to have received any notice, which shall have been displayed at the registered office of the Company and shall have remained there for the space of twenty-four hours and such notice shall be deemed to have been first so displayed.
- 166. Any notice, document or communication (including any "corporate communication" within the meaning ascribed thereto in the Listing Rules) given or issued by or on behalf of the Company:-
 - (i) if served or delivered in person, shall be deemed to have been served or delivered at the time of personal service or delivery, and in proving such service or delivery, a certificate in writing signed by the Secretary or other officer of the Company or other person appointed by the Board that the notice or document was so served or delivered shall be conclusive evidence thereof;
 - (ii) if sent by post, shall be deemed to have been served on the day following that on which the envelope or wrapper containing the same is put into a post office situated within Hong Kong and in proving such service it shall be sufficient to prove that the envelope or wrapper containing the notice or document was properly prepaid (and in the case of an address outside Hong Kong where airmail service can be extended thereto airmail postage prepaid), addressed and put into such post office and a certificate in writing signed by the Secretary or other person appointed by the Board that the envelope or wrapper containing the notice or document was so properly prepaid, addressed and put into such post office shall be conclusive evidence thereof;
 - (iii) if delivered or left at a registered address otherwise than by post, shall be deemed to have been served or delivered on the day it was so delivered or left;
 - (iv) if served by advertisement in newspapers, shall be deemed to have been served on the day on which such notice or document is first published;
 - (v) if given by electronic means as provided herein, shall be deemed to have been served and delivered following that on which it is successfully transmitted or at such later time as may be prescribed by the Listing Rules or any applicable laws or regulations; and

Members out of Hong Kong.

When notice deemed to be served.

- (vi) if published on the Company's Website, shall be deemed to have been served on the day on which the notice or document is published on the Company's Website to which the intended recipient may have access and the notice of such publication is given to such person.
- 167. Subject to compliance with the Companies Ordinance and the Listing Rules, a notice or document may be given by or on behalf of the Company to the person entitled to a share in consequence of the death, mental disorder or bankruptcy of a member in such manner as provided in Article 163 in which the same might have been given if the death, mental disorder or bankruptcy had not occurred.
- 168. Any person who by operation of law, transfer or other means whatsoever shall become entitled to any share shall be bound by every notice, document or communication in respect of such share which prior to his name and address being entered in the register of members shall have been duly given to the person from whom he derives his title to such share.
- 169. Subject to compliance with the Companies Ordinance and the Listing Rules, any notice, document or communication delivered or sent to any member in such manner as provided in Article 163 in pursuance of these Articles, shall notwithstanding that such member be then deceased or bankrupt and whether or not the Company has notice of his death or bankruptcy, be deemed to have been duly served in respect of any registered shares whether held solely or jointly with other persons by such member until some other person be registered in his stead as the holder or joint holder thereof, and such service shall for all purposes of these Articles be deemed a sufficient service of such notice or document on his personal representatives and all persons (if any) jointly interested with him in any such shares.
- 170. (A) The signature to any notice, document or communication by the Company may be written, or printed by means of facsimile or, where relevant, by electronic signature, which includes (without limitation) a digital signature.
 - (B) Subject to any applicable laws, rules and regulations, any notice, document or communication from the Company, including but not limited to the documents referred to in Article 163 and any "corporate communication" within the meaning ascribed thereto in the Listing Rules, may be given in the English language only, in the Chinese language only or in both the English language and the Chinese language.

Information

171. No member (not being a Director) shall be entitled to require discovery of or any information respecting any detail of the Company's trading or any matter which is or may be in the nature of a trade secret or process which may relate to the conduct of the business of the Company and which in the opinion of the Board it will be inexpedient in the interests of the members of the Company to communicate to the public.

Service on deceased or bankrupt members.

Transferee to be bound by prior notices.

Notice valid though member deceased or bankrupt.

How notice to be signed.

Language of notice (including corporate communication).

Member not entitled to information.

Destruction of Documents

172. The Company may destroy:-

- (i) any share certificate which has been cancelled at any time after the expiry of one year from the date of such cancellation;
- (ii) any dividend mandate or any variation or cancellation thereof or any notification of change of name or address at any time after the expiry of two years from the date on which such mandate, variation, cancellation or notification was recorded by the Company;
- (iii) any instrument of transfer of shares which has been registered at any time after the expiry of six years from the date of registration; and
- (iv) any other document, on the basis of which any entry in the register is made, at any time after the expiry of six years from the date on which an entry in the register was first made in respect of it;

and it shall conclusively be presumed in favour of the Company that every share certificate so destroyed was a valid certificate duly and properly cancelled and that every instrument of transfer so destroyed was a valid and effective instrument duly and properly registered and that every other document destroyed hereunder was a valid and effective document in accordance with the recorded particulars thereof in the books or records of the Company. Provided always that:-

- (a) the foregoing provisions of this Article shall apply only to the destruction of a document in good faith and without express notice to the Company that the preservation of such document was relevant to a claim;
- (b) nothing contained in this Article shall be construed as imposing upon the Company any liability in respect of the destruction of any such document earlier than as aforesaid or in any case where the conditions of proviso (a) above are not fulfilled; and
- (c) references in this Article to the destruction of any document include reference to its disposal in any manner.

Notwithstanding any provision contained in these Articles, the Board may, if permitted by applicable law, authorise the destruction of any documents referred to in this Article or any other documents in relation to share registration which have been microfilmed or electronically stored by the Company or by the share registrar on its behalf provided always that this Article shall apply only to the destruction of a document in good faith and without express notice to the Company that the preservation of such document might be relevant to a claim.

Winding Up

- 173. If the Company shall be wound up, the surplus assets remaining after payment to all creditors shall be divided among the members in proportion to the capital paid up on the shares held by them respectively, and if such surplus assets shall be insufficient to repay the whole of the paid up capital, they shall be distributed so that, as nearly as may be, the losses shall be borne by the members in proportion to the capital paid up on the shares held by them respectively, but all subject to the rights of any shares which may be issued on special terms or conditions.
- 174. If the Company shall be wound up (whether the liquidation is voluntary, under supervision or by the court) the liquidator may, with the sanction of a special resolution and any other sanction required by the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Chapter 32 of the Laws of Hong Kong) divided among the members in specie or kind the whole or any part of the assets of the Company and whether the assets shall consist of property of one kind or shall consist of properties of different kinds and the liquidator may, for such purpose, set such value as he deems fair upon any one or more class or classes of property to be divided as aforesaid and may determine how such division shall be carried out as between the members or different classes of members and the members within each class. The liquidator may, with the like sanction, vest any part of the assets with trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of members as the liquidator, with the like sanction, shall think fit, but so that no member shall be compelled to accept any shares or other assets upon which there is a liability.

Division of assets in liquidation.

Power to distribute assets in specie.

175. In the event of a winding-up of the Company in Hong Kong, every member of the Company who is not for the time being in Hong Kong shall be bound, within fourteen days after the passing of an effective resolution to wind up the Company voluntarily, or the making of an order for the winding-up of the Company, to serve notice in writing on the Company appointing some person resident in Hong Kong and stating that person's full name, address and occupation upon whom all summonses, notices, processes, orders and judgments in relation to or under the winding-up of the Company may be served, and in default of such nomination the liquidator of the Company shall be at liberty on behalf of such member to appoint some such person, and service upon any such appointee, whether appointed by the member or the liquidator, shall be deemed to be good personal service on such member for all purposes, and, where the liquidator makes any such appointment, he shall with all convenient speed give notice thereof to such member by advertisement in English in an English language newspaper and in Chinese in a Chinese language newspaper as he shall deem appropriate or by a registered letter sent through the post and addressed to such member at his address as mentioned in the register, and such notice shall be deemed to be served on the day following that on which the advertisement appears or the letter is posted.

Indemnity

- 176. (A) Every Director or other officer of the Company shall be entitled to be indemnified Indemnity. out of the assets of the Company against all losses or liabilities (to the fullest extent permitted by the Companies Ordinance) which he may sustain or incur in or about the execution of the duties of his office or otherwise in relation thereto, and no Director or other officer shall be liable for any loss, damage or misfortune which may happen to or be incurred by the Company or an associated company in the execution of the duties to his office or in relation thereto, provided that this Article shall only have effect in so far as its provisions are not avoided by the Companies Ordinance.
 - (B) Subject to Section 468 of the Companies Ordinance, if any Director or other person shall become personally liable for the payment of any sum primarily due from the Company, the Board may execute or cause to be executed any mortgage, charge or security over or affecting the whole or any part of the assets of the Company by way of indemnity to secure the Director or person so becoming liable as aforesaid from any loss in respect of such liability.
 - (C) Subject to the provisions of and so far as may be permitted by the Companies Ordinance, the Company may purchase and maintain for any Director or other officer of the Company:-

Service of process.

- (i) insurance against any liability to the Company, an associated company or any other party in respect of any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust (save for fraud) of which he may be guilty in relation to the Company or an associated company; and
- (ii) insurance against any liability incurred by him in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, taken against him for any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust (including fraud) of which he may be guilty in relation to the Company or an associated company.

For the purposes of this Article 176, "associated company" in relation to the Company shall have the same meaning as defined in the Companies Ordinance.

The following table sets out the details of the initial subscribers of the Company, the initial number of shares taken up by each of them and the initial share capital of the Company on 31st December, 1970.

	Initial
	number of
Names, addresses and descriptions	shares taken
of initial subscribers	by each
	initial
	subscriber
CHOY WAI BOR,	1
264-8, Chatham Road,	
9th Floor,	
Kowloon.	
Merchant	
LAM LAI SAN,	1
264-8, Chatham Road,	
9th Floor,	
Kowloon.	
Housewife	
Total Number of Shares Taken	2

The total amount of share capital of the Company to be subscribed by the initial subscribers	HK\$200
Initial paid-up share capital of the Company	HK\$200
Initial unpaid share capital of the Company	Nil