

## **WAIVERS FROM STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE LISTING RULES**

In preparation for the [REDACTED], our Company has sought the following waivers from strict compliance with the relevant provisions of the Listing Rules:

### **WAIVER IN PRESENCE OF MANAGEMENT IN HONG KONG**

Pursuant to Rule 8.12 of the Listing Rules, we must have sufficient management presence in Hong Kong. This normally means that at least two of our executive Directors must be ordinarily resident in Hong Kong. Pursuant to Rule 19A.15 of the Listing Rules, the requirement in Rule 8.12 may be waived by having regard to, among other considerations, our arrangements for maintaining regular communication with the Stock Exchange.

Since most of the business operations of our Group are managed and conducted outside of Hong Kong, and all of the executive Directors of our Company ordinarily reside outside Hong Kong, our Company considers that it would be practically difficult and commercially unreasonable and undesirable for our Company to arrange for two executive Directors to be ordinarily resident in Hong Kong, either by means of relocation of existing executive Directors or appointment of additional executive Directors. Therefore, our Company does not have, and does not contemplate in the foreseeable future that we will have sufficient management presence in Hong Kong for the purpose of satisfying the requirements under Rule 8.12 of the Listing Rules.

Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 19A.15 of the Listing Rules, we have applied for, [and the Stock Exchange has granted,] a waiver from strict compliance with the requirements under Rule 8.12 and Rule 19A.15 of the Listing Rules, subject to the following conditions. We will ensure that there is an effective channel of communication between us and the Stock Exchange by way of the following arrangements:

- **Authorized representatives:** we have appointed Ms. Chen Juan (陳娟) and Ms. Zhang Yuxin (張昱昕) as the authorized representatives (“Authorized Representatives”) for the purpose of Rule 3.05 of the Listing Rules. The Authorized Representatives will act as our principal channel of communication with the Stock Exchange and would be readily contactable by phone, facsimile and email to deal promptly with enquiries from the Stock Exchange. Accordingly, the Authorized Representatives will be able to meet with the relevant members of the Stock Exchange to discuss any matters in relation to our Company within a reasonable period of time. The Company will also inform the Stock Exchange promptly in respect of any change in the Authorized Representatives. Please see “Directors, Supervisors and Senior Management” for more information about our Authorized Representatives;
- **Joint company secretaries:** In addition to the appointment of the Authorized Representatives, Ms. Ng Ka Man (吳嘉雯), one of our joint company secretaries and a Hong Kong resident, will, among other things, act as our Company’s additional channel of communication with the Stock Exchange and be able to answer enquiries from the Stock Exchange. Ms. Ng will maintain contact with our Directors, Supervisors and senior management through various means, including regular meetings and telephone discussions whenever necessary;

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- **Directors:** to facilitate communication with the Stock Exchange, we have provided the Authorized Representatives and the Stock Exchange with the contact details (such as mobile phone numbers, office phone numbers, facsimile number and e-mail addresses, to the extent possible) of each of our Directors such that the Authorized Representatives would have the means for contacting all our Directors promptly at all times as and when the Stock Exchange wishes to contact our Directors on any matters. In the event that any Director expects to travel or otherwise be out of office, he/she will provide the phone number of the place of his/her accommodation to the Authorized Representatives. To the best of our knowledge and information, each Director who does not ordinarily reside in Hong Kong possesses or can apply for valid travel documents to visit Hong Kong and can meet with the Stock Exchange within a reasonable period upon request of the Stock Exchange;
- **Compliance advisor:** we have appointed Halcyon Capital Limited as our compliance advisor (the “Compliance Advisor”) upon [REDACTED] pursuant to Rules 3A.19 and 19A.05 of the Listing Rules for a period commencing on the [REDACTED] and ending on the date on which we comply with Rule 13.46 of the Listing Rules in respect of our financial results for the first full financial year commencing after the [REDACTED]. The Compliance Advisor will have access at all times to our Authorized Representatives, the Directors, the Supervisors and other senior management and act as the additional channel of communication with the Stock Exchange and answer enquiries from the Stock Exchange. The contact details of the Compliance Advisor have been provided to the Stock Exchange. We will also inform the Stock Exchange promptly in respect of any change in the Compliance Advisor; and
- **Hong Kong legal advisor:** we will retain a Hong Kong legal advisor to advise us on the on-going compliance requirements, any amendment or supplement to and other issues arising under the Listing Rules and other applicable laws and regulations in Hong Kong after the [REDACTED].

### **WAIVER IN RESPECT OF JOINT COMPANY SECRETARIES**

Pursuant to Rule 8.17 of the Listing Rules, we must appoint a company secretary who satisfies the requirements under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules. According to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules, we must appoint as our company secretary an individual, who, by virtue of his or her academic or professional qualifications or relevant experience, is, in the opinion of the Stock Exchange, capable of discharging the functions of company secretary.

Pursuant to Note 1 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules, the Stock Exchange considers the following academic or professional qualifications to be acceptable:

- a Member of The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries;

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- a solicitor or barrister (as defined in the Legal Practitioners Ordinance); and
- a certified public accountant (as defined in the Professional Accountants Ordinance).

In addition, pursuant to Note 2 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules provides that, in assessing “relevant experience,” the Stock Exchange will consider the individual’s:

- length of employment with the issuer and other issuers and the roles he/she played;
- familiarity with the Listing Rules and other relevant laws and regulations including the SFO, the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance and the Takeovers Code and Mergers and Share Buy-backs;
- relevant training taken and/or to be taken in addition to be the minimum requirement under Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules; and
- professional qualifications in other jurisdictions.

We have appointed Mr. Qin Xue (秦學) (“Mr. Qin”) as our joint company secretary. He has extensive experience in accounting and finance matters but presently does not possess any of the qualification required under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules, we have appointed Ms. Ng Ka Man (吳嘉雯) (“Ms. Ng”) of TMF Hong Kong Limited as the other joint company secretary, working closely with Mr. Qin. Ms. Ng is an associate member of the Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries and The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators in the United Kingdom, and therefore meets the qualification requirements under Note 1 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules and is in compliance with Rule 8.17 of the Listing Rules.

The joint company secretaries will be jointly discharging the duties and responsibilities of a company secretary. Ms. Ng will be assisting Mr. Qin in gaining the relevant experience required under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules. Also, Mr. Qin will be assisted by (1) the Compliance Advisor of our Company for the first full financial year starting from the [REDACTED], particularly in relation to Hong Kong corporate governance practice and compliance matters; and (2) the Hong Kong legal advisor of our Company, on matters regarding our Company’s ongoing compliance with the Listing Rules and the applicable Hong Kong laws and regulations. In addition, Mr. Qin will endeavor to attend relevant trainings and familiarize himself with the Listing Rules and duties required of a company secretary of an issuer [REDACTED] on the Stock Exchange. We have applied to the Stock Exchange for, [and the Stock Exchange has granted], a waiver from strict compliance with the requirements under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules such that Mr. Qin may be appointed as a joint company secretary of our Company.

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Pursuant to the Guidance Letter HKEX-GL108-20, the waiver will be for a fixed period of time (the “Waiver Period”) and on the following conditions: (1) the proposed company secretary must be assisted by a person who possesses the qualifications or experience as required under Rule 3.28 and is appointed as a joint company secretary throughout the Waiver Period; and (2) the waiver can be revoked if there are material breaches of the Listing Rules by the issuer. [The waiver is valid for an initial period of a three-year period on the condition that Ms. Ng, as a joint company secretary of our Company, will work closely with, and provide assistance to, Mr. Qin in the discharge of his duties as a joint company secretary and in gaining the relevant experience as required under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules and to become familiar with the requirements of the Listing Rules and other applicable Hong Kong laws and regulations. The waiver will be revoked immediately if Ms. Ng ceases to provide assistance to Mr. Qin as the joint company secretary for the three-year period after [REDACTED].]

Our Company will further ensure that Mr. Qin has access to the relevant training and support that would enhance his understanding of the Listing Rules and the duties of a company secretary of an issuer [REDACTED] on the Stock Exchange, and to receive updates on the latest changes to the applicable Hong Kong laws, regulations and the Listing Rules. Prior to the end of the three-year period, the qualifications and experience of Mr. Qin and the need for on-going assistance of Ms. Ng will be further evaluated by our Company. We will liaise with the Stock Exchange to enable it to assess whether Mr. Qin, having benefited from the assistance of Ms. Ng for the preceding three years, will have acquired the skills necessary to carry out the duties of company secretary and the “relevant experience” within the meaning of Rule 3.28 Note 2 of the Listing Rules so that a further waiver will not be necessary.

For further information regarding the qualifications of Mr. Qin and Ms. Ng, see “Directors, Supervisors and Senior Management.”

## **CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS**

We have entered into, and expect to continue, certain transactions that will constitute non-exempt and partially-exempt continuing connected transactions of our Company under the Listing Rules upon [REDACTED] as described in the section headed “Connected Transactions” of this Document. Our Directors consider that strict compliance with the applicable requirement under the Listing Rules would be impractical, unduly burdensome and would impose unnecessary administrative costs on our Company. Accordingly, we have applied for, [and the Stock Exchange has granted to us,] a waiver from strict compliance with the applicable requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules once the H Shares are [REDACTED] on the Stock Exchange in respect of such non-exempt and partially-exempt continuing connected transactions. For further details, see “Connected Transactions.”

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### **WAIVER IN RELATION TO THE PUBLIC FLOAT REQUIREMENTS**

Rule 8.08(1)(a) of the Listing Rules requires that there shall be an open market for the securities for which [REDACTED] is sought, and that a sufficient public float of an issuer’s [REDACTED] securities shall be maintained. This normally means that at least 25% of the issuer’s total issued share capital must at all times be held by the public. Pursuant to Rule 8.08(1)(d) of the Listing Rules, the Stock Exchange may, subject to certain conditions and at its discretion, accept a lower percentage of between 15% and 25% in the case of issuers with an expected market capitalization at the time of [REDACTED] of over HK\$10 billion.

We have applied to the Stock Exchange to request the Stock Exchange to exercise its discretion under Rule 8.08(1)(d) of the Listing Rules, and the Stock Exchange [has granted] our Company a waiver from strict compliance with the requirements of Rule 8.08(1)(a) of the Listing Rules, pursuant to which, the public float of the Company may fall below 25% of the issued share capital of the Company (assuming the [REDACTED] is not exercised) or such higher percentage of Shares held by the public (if the [REDACTED] is fully or partially exercised).

The Stock Exchange has agreed to grant the requested waiver on the conditions that:

- (i) the minimum public float of the Company should be at the highest of (a) [REDACTED]; (b) such percentage of Shares held by the public after completion of the [REDACTED]; and (c) such percentage of Shares held by the public after the exercise of the [REDACTED];
- (ii) we will make appropriate disclosure of the lower percentage of public float required by the Stock Exchange in this document;
- (iii) have an expected market capitalization at the time of the [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] on the Stock Exchange of over HK\$10 billion;
- (iv) we will as soon as practicable announce the percentage of H Shares held by the public immediately after completion of the [REDACTED] (but before the exercise of the [REDACTED]) and upon any exercise of the [REDACTED], such that the public will be informed of the minimum public float requirement applicable to the Company;
- (v) we will confirm sufficiency of public float in the successive annual reports of the Company after the [REDACTED];
- (vi) we will implement appropriate measures and mechanisms to ensure continual maintenance of the minimum percentage of public float prescribed by the Stock Exchange; and
- (vii) we will continue to comply with Rules 8.08(2) and 8.08(3) of the Listing Rules.