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TAXATION OF SECURITY HOLDERS

The following summary of certain Hong Kong and PRC tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the H Shares is based upon the laws, regulations, rules and decisions now in effect, all of which are subject to change (possibly with retroactive effect). The summary does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all the tax considerations that may be relevant to a decision to purchase, own or dispose of the H Shares and does not purport to apply to all categories of prospective [REDACTED], some of whom may be subject to special rules, which does not and shall not be deemed as constituting a legal or taxation suggestion. Prospective [REDACTED] should consult their own tax advisers concerning the application of Hong Kong and PRC tax laws to their particular situation as well as any consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the shares arising under the laws of any other taxing jurisdiction.

The taxation of the Company and that of the Shareholders is described below. Where Hong Kong and PRC tax laws are discussed, these are merely an outline implications of such laws. It should not be assumed that the relevant tax authorities or the PRC or Hong Kong courts will accept or agree with the explanations or conclusions that are set out below.

[REDACTED] should note that the following statements are based on advice received by the Company regarding taxation laws, regulations and practice in force as at the date of this document, which may be subject to change.

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Taxation on Dividends

Individual Investors

Pursuant to the Individual Income Tax Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國個人所得稅法》) (the “IIT Law”), which was latest amended on August 31, 2018 and the Regulations on Implementation of the Individual Income Tax Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國個人所得稅法實施條例》), which was latest amended on December 18, 2018, dividends paid by PRC enterprises are subject to individual income tax levied at a flat rate of 20%. For a foreign individual who is not a resident of the PRC, the receipt of dividends from an enterprise in the PRC is normally subject to individual income tax of 20% unless specifically exempted by the tax authority of the State Council or reduced by an applicable tax treaty.

Pursuant to the Notice of the State Administration of Taxation on Issues Concerning Taxation and Administration of Individual Income Tax After the Repeal of the Document Guo Shui Fa [1993] No. 45 (《國家稅務總局關於國稅發[1993]045號文件廢止後有關個人所得稅徵管問題的通知》) issued by the SAT on June 28, 2011, domestic non-foreign-invested enterprises issuing shares in Hong Kong may, when distributing dividends, withhold individual income tax at the rate of 10%. For the individual holders of H Shares receiving dividends who are citizens of countries that have entered into a tax treaty with the PRC with tax rates lower

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than 10%, the non-foreign-invested enterprise whose shares are listed in Hong Kong may apply on behalf of such holders for enjoying the lower preferential tax treatments, and, upon approval by the tax authorities, the amount which is over withheld will be refunded. For the individual holders of H Shares receiving dividends who are citizens of countries that have entered into a tax treaty with the PRC with tax rates higher than 10% but lower than 20%, the non-foreign-invested enterprise is required to withhold the tax at the agreed rate under the treaties, and no application procedures will be necessary. For the individual holders of H Shares receiving dividends who are citizens of countries without taxation treaties with the PRC or are under other situations, the non-foreign-invested enterprise is required to withhold the tax at a rate of 20%.

Enterprise Investors

In accordance with the Enterprise Income Tax Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國企業所得稅法》) (the "EIT Law"), which was latest amended and came into effect on December 29, 2018, and the Implementation provisions for the Enterprise Income Tax Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國企業所得稅法實施條例》), which was latest amended and came into effect on April 23, 2019, a non-resident enterprise is generally subject to a 10% enterprise income tax on PRC-sourced income (including dividends received from a PRC resident enterprise that issues shares in Hong Kong), if such non-resident enterprise does not have an establishment or place in the PRC or has an establishment or place in the PRC but the PRC-sourced income is not connected with such establishment or place in the PRC. The aforesaid income tax may be reduced pursuant to applicable treaties to avoid double taxation. Such withholding tax for non-resident enterprises are deducted at source, where the payer of the income are required to withhold the income tax from the amount to be paid to the non-resident enterprise when such payment is made or due.

The Circular of the SAT on Issues Relating to the Withholding of Enterprise Income Tax by PRC Resident Enterprises on Dividends Paid by Chinese Resident Enterprises to Overseas Non-PRC Resident Enterprise Shareholders of H Shares (《國家稅務總局關於中國居民企業向境外H股非居民企業股東派發股息代扣代繳企業所得稅有關問題的通知》) (Guo Shui Han [2008] No. 897) which was issued by the SAT on November 6, 2008, further clarified that a PRC-resident enterprise must withhold enterprise income tax at a rate of 10% on dividends paid to overseas non-resident enterprise shareholders of H Shares for 2008 and subsequent years. In addition, the Response to Questions on Levying Enterprise Income Tax on Dividends Derived by Non-resident Enterprise from Holding Stock such as B-shares (《國家稅務總局關於非居民企業取得B股等股票股息徵收企業所得稅問題的批覆》) (Guo Shui Han [2009] No. 394) which was issued by the SAT and came into effect on July 24, 2009, further provides that any PRC-resident enterprise that is listed on overseas stock exchanges must withhold enterprise income tax at a rate of 10% on dividends of 2008 and onwards that it distributes to non-resident enterprises. Such tax rates may be further modified pursuant to the tax treaty or agreement that China has concluded with the relevant jurisdiction, where applicable.

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Pursuant to the Arrangement between the Mainland and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion (《內地和香港特別行政區關於對所得避免雙重徵稅和防止偷漏稅的安排》) signed on August 21, 2006, PRC Government may levy taxes on the dividends paid by a Chinese company to Hong Kong residents (including natural persons and legal entities) in an amount not exceeding 10% of total dividends payable by the Chinese company. If a Hong Kong resident directly holds 25% or more of the equity interest in a Chinese company, then such tax shall not exceed 5% of the total dividends payable by the Chinese company. The Fifth Protocol of the Arrangement between the Mainland of China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion issued by the State Administration of Taxation (《國家稅務總局關於〈內地和香港特別行政區關於對所得避免雙重徵稅和防止偷漏稅的安排〉第五議定書》) effective on December 6, 2019 states that such provisions shall not apply to any arrangement or transactions made for the primary purpose of gaining such tax benefit. The application of the dividend clause of tax agreements shall be subject to the PRC tax laws and regulations, such as the Notice of the State Administration of Taxation on the Issues Concerning the Application of the Dividend Clauses of Tax Agreements (《國家稅務總局關於執行稅收協定股息條款有關問題的通知》) (Guo Shui Han [2009] No. 81).

Tax Treaties

Non-PRC resident investors residing in jurisdictions which have entered into treaties for the avoidance of double taxation with the PRC are entitled to a reduction of the withholding taxes imposed on the dividends received from PRC companies. The PRC currently has Avoidance of Double Taxation Treaties or Arrangements with a number of countries and regions including Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Macau Special Administrative Region, Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Singapore, the United Kingdom and the United States. Non-PRC resident enterprises entitled to preferential tax rates in accordance with the relevant income tax treaties or arrangements are required to apply to the Chinese tax authorities for a refund of the withholding tax in excess of the agreed tax rate, and the refund payment is subject to approval by the Chinese tax authorities.

Taxation on Share Transfer

Value-Added Tax (“VAT”) and Local Surcharges

Pursuant to the Notice on the Full Implementation of Pilot Program for Transition from Business Tax to VAT (《關於全面推開營業稅改徵增值稅試點的通知》) (Cai Shui [2016] No. 36) (“Circular 36”), effective from May 1, 2016, entities and individuals engaged in sales of services within the PRC shall be subject to VAT and ‘sales of services within the PRC’ refers to the situation where either the seller or the buyer of a taxable service is located within the PRC. Circular 36 also provides that transfer of financial products, including transfer of the ownership of marketable securities, shall be subject to VAT at 6% on the taxable turnover (which is the balance of sales price upon deduction of purchase price), for a general or a foreign VAT taxpayer. However, individuals are exempt from VAT upon transfer of financial products.

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In accordance with these rules, upon the sale or disposal of H Shares, the holders are exempt from VAT in the PRC if they are non-resident individuals; in case the holders are non-resident enterprises, they may not be subject to the VAT in the PRC if the purchasers of the H Shares are individuals or entities located outside of the PRC whereas the holders may be subject to the VAT in the PRC if the purchasers of the H Shares are individuals or entities located in the PRC.

However, in absence of explicit rules, there remains uncertainty in the interpretation and application of the foregoing rules as to whether the disposal of H Shares by non-PRC resident enterprises is subject to PRC VAT.

Meanwhile, VAT taxpayers are also subject to urban maintenance and construction tax, education surcharge and local education surcharge (collectively, "local surcharges"), which is usually at 12% of the VAT payable, if any.

Individual Investors

According to the IIT Law and its implementation provisions, gains on the transfer of equity interests in the PRC resident enterprises are subject to the individual income tax at a rate of 20%.

Pursuant to the Circular of the MOF and the State Administration of Taxation on Declaring that Individual Income Tax Continues to be Exempted over Individual Income from Transfer of Shares (《財政部、國家稅務總局關於個人轉讓股票所得繼續暫免徵收個人所得稅的通知》) (Cai Shui Zi [1998] No. 61) issued by the MOF and the State Administration of Taxation on March 30, 1998, from January 1, 1997, income of individuals from the transfer of shares of listed enterprises shall continue to be exempted from individual income tax. In the latest IIT Law and its implementation rules, the SAT has not explicitly stated whether it will continue to exempt individuals from income tax on income derived from the transfer of listed shares.

However, on December 31, 2009, the MOF, the SAT and the CSRC jointly issued the Circular on Relevant Issues Concerning the Collection of Individual Income Tax over the Income Received by Individuals from Transfer of Listed Shares Subject to Sales Limitation (《關於個人轉讓上市公司限售股所得徵收個人所得稅有關問題的通知》 (Cai Shui [2009] No. 167), effective on January 1, 2010, which states that individuals' income from the transfer of listed shares on certain domestic exchanges shall continue to be exempted from individual income tax, except for the relevant shares which are subject to sales restriction as defined in the Supplementary Circular on Relevant Issues Concerning the Collection of Individual Income Tax over the Income Received by Individuals from Transfer of Listed Shares Subject to Sales Limitation (關於個人轉讓上市公司限售股所得徵收個人所得稅有關問題的補充通知) (Cai Shui [2010] No. 70). As of the Latest Practicable Date, the aforesaid provision has not expressly provided that individual income tax shall be collected from non-PRC resident individuals on the sale of shares of PRC resident enterprises listed on overseas stock exchanges. To our knowledge, in practice, there are no laws and regulations expressly requiring that the income tax from non-PRC resident individuals on gains from the sale of shares of PRC resident enterprises listed on overseas stock exchanges shall be collected.

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Enterprise Investors

In accordance with the EIT Law and its implementation provisions, a non-resident enterprise is generally subject to a 10% enterprise income tax on PRC-sourced income, including gains derived from the disposal of equity interests in a PRC resident enterprise, if it does not have an establishment or place in the PRC or has an establishment or premises in the PRC but the PRC-sourced income is not connected in reality with such establishment or premise. Such income tax for non-resident enterprises are deducted at source, where the payer of the income are required to withhold the income tax from the amount to be paid to the non-resident enterprise when such payment is made or due. The withholding tax may be reduced or exempted pursuant to applicable treaties or agreements on avoidance of double taxation.

Stamp Duty

Pursuant to the Provisional Regulations of the PRC Concerning Stamp Duty (《中華人民共和國印花稅暫行條例》) which was latest amended on January 8, 2011, and the Detailed Rules for Implementation of Provisional Regulations of the PRC Concerning Stamp Duty (《中華人民共和國印花稅暫行條例施行細則》) effective on October 1, 1988, PRC stamp duty only applies on specific taxable document executed or received within the PRC and having legally binding force in the PRC and protected under the PRC laws, thus the requirements of the stamp duty imposed on the transfer of shares of PRC listed companies shall not apply to the acquisition and disposal of H Shares by non-PRC investors outside of the PRC.

Estate Duty

As of the date of this document, no estate duty has been levied in the PRC under the PRC laws.

TAXATION IN HONG KONG

Profits Tax

The Company will be subject to Hong Kong profits tax in respect of profits arising in or derived from Hong Kong at the current rate of 16.5% unless such profits are chargeable under the half-rate of 8.25% that may apply for the first HK\$2 million of assessable profits for years of assessment beginning on or after April 1, 2018. Dividend income derived by the Company from its subsidiaries will be excluded from Hong Kong profits tax.

Hong Kong Taxation of Shareholders

Tax on Dividends

No tax is payable in Hong Kong in respect of dividends paid by the Company.

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Profits Tax

Hong Kong profits tax will not be payable by any Shareholders (other than Shareholders carrying on a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong and holding the H Shares for trading purposes) on any capital gains made on the sale or other disposal of the H Shares. Trading gains from the sale of H Shares by persons carrying on a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong where such gains are derived from or arise in Hong Kong from such trade, profession or business will be chargeable to Hong Kong income tax rates of 16.5% on corporations and 15.0% on individuals, unless such gains are chargeable under the respective half-rates of 8.25% and 7.5% that may apply for the first HK\$2 million of assessable profits for years of assessment beginning on or after 1 April 2018. Gains from sales of H Shares effected on the Stock Exchange will be considered by the Hong Kong Inland Revenue Department to be derived from or arise in Hong Kong. Shareholders should take advice from their own professional advisers as to their particular tax position.

Stamp Duty

Hong Kong stamp duty will be charged on the sale and purchase of H Shares at the current rate of 0.26% of the consideration for, or (if greater) the value of, the H Shares being sold or purchased, whether or not the sale or purchase is on or off the Stock Exchange. The Shareholder selling the H Shares and the purchaser will each be liable for one-half of the amount of Hong Kong stamp duty payable upon such transfer. In addition, a fixed duty of HK\$5 is currently payable on any instrument of transfer of Shares.

Estate Duty

Hong Kong estate duty was abolished effective from 11 February 2006. No Hong Kong estate duty is payable by Shareholders in relation to the H Shares owned by them upon death.

PRINCIPAL TAXATION OF OUR COMPANY IN THE PRC

Enterprise Income Tax

According to the EIT Law, a resident enterprise shall pay EIT on its income originating from both inside and outside the PRC at an EIT rate of 25%. Foreign invested enterprises in the PRC falls into the category of resident enterprises, which shall pay EIT for the income originated from domestic and overseas sources at an EIT rate of 25%.

Value-added Tax

According to the Provisional Regulations of the PRC on Value-Added Tax (《中華人民共和國增值稅暫行條例》) (the “**Regulations on VAT**”), which was promulgated by the State Council on December 13, 1993 and latest amended on November 19, 2017, and the Detailed Rules for the Implementation of the Provisional Regulations of the PRC on Value-added Tax (《中華人民共和國增值稅暫行條例實施細則》), which was promulgated by the Ministry of

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Finance of the PRC, came into effect on December 25, 1993 and latest amended on October 28, 2011, all the taxpayers engaged in sales of goods or provision of processing, repair and maintenance labor or import of goods in China shall be subject to value-added tax. Unless specified by the Regulations on VAT, for the sales or import of goods by general taxpayers, the VAT rate shall be 17%; for provision of processing, repair and maintenance labor by taxpayers, the VAT rate shall be 17%; for export of goods by taxpayers, the VAT rate shall be nil, unless otherwise provided.

Pursuant to Notice on Implementing the Pilot Reform for Transition from Business Tax to Value-added Tax Nationwide issued by the MOF and SAT (《關於全面推開營業稅改徵增值稅試點的通知》) (Cai Shui [2016] No. 36) promulgated on March 23, 2016, the pilot reform for the transition from business tax to VAT is implemented nationwide, and the financial industry is included in such pilot and is required to pay VAT instead of business tax. Pursuant to the Implementation Measures for Transition from Business Tax to Value-added Tax (《營業稅改徵增值稅試點實施辦法》), unless otherwise provided in the implementation measures.

According to the Circular of the Ministry of Finance and the State Taxation Administration on Adjusting Value-added Tax Rates (《財政部、稅務總局關於調整增值稅稅率的通知》), which was issued on April 4, 2018 and came into effect on May 1, 2018, where a tax payer engages in a taxable sales activity for the value-added tax purpose or imports goods, the previous applicable reduced 17% and 11% tax rates are adjusted to be 16% and 10%, respectively. According to the Announcement of the Ministry of Finance, the State Taxation Administration and the General Administration of Customs on Deepening Policies in relation to Value-added Tax Reform (《財政部、稅務總局、海關總署關於深化增值稅改革有關政策的公告》) which was promulgated on March 20, 2019 and became effective on April 1, 2019, the VAT rates are reduced to 13% and 9%, respectively.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE CONTROL IN THE PRC

The lawful currency of the PRC is the Renminbi, which is currently subject to foreign exchange control and is not freely convertible into foreign exchange. The SAFE, with the authorization of the PBoC, is empowered with the functions of administering all matters relating to foreign exchange, including the enforcement of foreign exchange control regulations.

On January 29, 1996, the State Council promulgated the Regulations for Foreign Exchange Control of the PRC (《中華人民共和國外匯管理條例》) (the "Foreign Exchange Control Regulations") which became effective on April 1, 1996. The Foreign Exchange Control Regulations classifies all international payments and transfers into current items and capital items. Most of the current items are no longer subject to SAFE's approval, while capital items are still subject to such approval. The Foreign Exchange Control Regulations were subsequently amended on January 14, 1997 and August 5, 2008, pursuant to which, the PRC will not impose any restriction on international current payments and transfers.

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On June 20, 1996, PBoC promulgated the Regulations for the Administration of Settlement, Sale and Payment of Foreign Exchange (《結匯、售匯及付匯管理規定》) (the "Settlement Regulations") which became effective on July 1, 1996. The Settlement Regulations removed the remaining restrictions on convertibility of foreign exchange under current items, while retaining the existing restrictions on foreign exchange transactions under capital account items.

According to the Announcement on Improving the Reform of the Renminbi Exchange Rate Formation Mechanism (《關於完善人民幣匯率形成機制改革的公告》) (PBoC Announcement [2005] No. 16), issued by PBoC and effective on July 21, 2005, the PRC began to implement a managed floating exchange rate system in which the exchange rate would be determined based on market supply and demand and adjusted with reference to a basket of currencies. The Renminbi exchange rate was no longer pegged to the U.S. dollar. PBoC would publish the closing price of the exchange rate of the Renminbi against trading currencies such as the U.S. dollar in the interbank foreign exchange market after the closing of the market on each working day, as the central parity of the currency against Renminbi transactions on the following working day.

Starting from January 4, 2006, the PBoC introduced over-the-counter transactions into the interbank spot foreign exchange market for the purpose of improving the formation mechanism of the central parity of Renminbi exchange rates, and the practice of matching was kept at the same time. In addition to the above, the PBOC introduced the market-maker rule to provide liquidity to the foreign exchange market. On July 1, 2014, the PBoC further improved the formation mechanism of the RMB exchange rate by authorizing the China Foreign Exchange Trade System to make inquiries with the market makers before the interbank foreign exchange market opens every day for their offered quotations which are used as samples to calculate the central parity of the RMB against the USD on that day using the weighted average of the remaining market makers' offered quotations after excluding the highest and lowest quotations, and announce the central parity of the RMB against currencies such as the USD at 9:15 a.m. on each working day. On August 11, 2015, the PBoC announced to improve the central parity quotations of RMB against the USD by authorizing market-makers to provide central parity quotations to the China Foreign Exchange Trading System before the interbank foreign exchange market opens every day with reference to the interbank foreign exchange market closing rate of the previous day, the supply and demand for foreign exchange as well as changes in major international currency exchange rates.

On August 5, 2008, the State Council promulgated the revised Foreign Exchange Control Regulations, which have made substantial changes to the foreign exchange supervision system of the PRC. First, it has adopted an approach of balancing the inflow and outflow of foreign exchange. Foreign exchange income received overseas can be repatriated or deposited overseas, and foreign exchange and settlement funds under the capital account are required to be used only for purposes as approved by the competent authorities and foreign exchange administrative authorities; second, it has improved the RMB exchange rate floating system based on market supply and demand under management; third, in the event that international balance of payment suffer or may suffer a material imbalance, or the national economy

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encounters or may encounter a severe crisis, the State may adopt necessary safeguard or control measures against international balance of payment; fourth, it has enhanced the supervision and administration of foreign exchange transactions and grant extensive authorities to the SAFE to enhance its supervisory and administrative powers.

According to the relevant laws and regulations in the PRC, PRC enterprises (including foreign-invested enterprises) which need foreign exchange for current item transactions may, without the approval of the SAFE, effect payment from foreign exchange accounts at the designated foreign exchange banks, on the strength of valid transaction receipt or evidence. Foreign-invested enterprises which need foreign exchange for the distribution of profits to their shareholders and PRC enterprises which, in accordance with regulations, are required to pay dividends to their shareholders in foreign exchange (such as our Company) may, on the strength of resolutions of the board of directors or the shareholders' meeting on the distribution of profits, effect payment from foreign exchange accounts at the designated foreign exchange banks or effect exchange and payment at the designated foreign exchange banks.

On October 23, 2014, the State Council promulgated the Decisions on Matters including Canceling and Adjusting a Batch of Administrative Approval Items (《國務院關於取消和調整一批行政審批項目等事項的決定》) (Guo Fa [2014] No. 50), which canceled the approval requirement of the SAFE and its branches for the remittance and settlement of the proceeds raised from the overseas listing of the foreign shares into RMB domestic accounts.

On December 26, 2014, the SAFE issued the Notice of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Issues Concerning the Foreign Exchange Administration of Overseas Listing (《國家外匯管理局關於境外上市外匯管理有關問題的通知》) (Hui Fa [2014] No. 54), pursuant to which a domestic company shall, within 15 business days from the date of the end of its overseas listing issuance, register the overseas listing with the SAFE's local branch at the place of its incorporation; and the proceeds from an overseas listing of a domestic company may be remitted to the domestic account or deposited in an overseas account, but the use of the proceeds shall be consistent with the content of the prospectus and other disclosure documents.

On February 13, 2015, the SAFE issued the Notice of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Further Simplifying and Improving Policies for the Foreign Exchange Administration of Direct Investment (《國家外匯管理局關於進一步簡化和改進直接投資外匯管理政策的通知》) (Hui Fa [2015] No. 13), which came into effect on June 1, 2015. The notice has cancelled the confirmation of foreign exchange registration under domestic direct investment and the confirmation of foreign exchange registration under overseas direct investment, instead, banks shall directly examine and handle foreign exchange registration under domestic direct investment and foreign exchange registration under overseas direct investment, and the SAFE and its local offices shall indirectly regulate the foreign exchange registration of direct investment through banks.

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According to the Notice of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange of the PRC on Revolutionizing and Regulating Capital Account Settlement Management Policies (《國家外匯管理局關於改革和規範資本項目結匯管理政策的通知》) (Hui Fa [2016] No. 16), which was issued by the SAFE and came into effect on June 9, 2016, foreign currency earnings in capital account that relevant policies of willingness exchange settlement have been clearly implemented on (including the recalling of raised capital by overseas listing) may undertake foreign exchange settlement in the banks according to actual business needs of the domestic institutions. The tentative percentage of foreign exchange settlement for foreign currency earnings in capital account of domestic institutions is 100%, subject to adjust of the SAFE in due time in accordance with international revenue and expenditure situations.