

SECTION B FOREIGN LAWS AND REGULATIONS

SUMMARY OF BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS COMPANY LAW AND TAXATION

Our Company is incorporated in the British Virgin Islands and governed by its Articles of Association, as amended from time to time, and subject to the BVI Companies Act (No. 16 of 2004) of the British Virgin Islands, as amended or supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time (the “**BVI Companies Act**”). We set out below a summary of key laws and regulations that concern shareholder rights and taxation that may differ from comparable provisions in Hong Kong. This summary does not contain all applicable laws and regulations, nor does it set out all the differences with laws and regulations in Hong Kong, or constitute legal or tax advice.

RIGHTS OF SHAREHOLDERS

1. Dividends and Distribution

Under our constitution

Subject to the BVI Business Companies Act and the Articles of Association, the Directors may resolve to declare and pay dividends in any currency, if they are satisfied, on reasonable grounds, that immediately after the payment of the dividend, the value of the Company’s assets will exceed its liabilities and the Company is able to pay its debts as they fall due.

Unless and to the extent that the rights attached to any shares or the terms of issue thereof otherwise provide, all dividends shall (as regards any shares not fully paid throughout the period in respect of which the dividend is paid) be apportioned and paid pro rata according to the amounts paid up on the shares during any portion or portions of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid. For these purposes no amount paid up on a share in advance of calls shall be treated as paid up on the share.

The Directors may from time to time pay to the members of the Company such interim dividends as appear to the Directors to be justified by the profits of the Company. The Directors may also pay half-yearly or at other intervals to be selected by them any dividend which may be payable at a fixed rate if they are of the opinion that the profits available for distribution justify the payment.

The Directors 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. The Directors may also deduct from any dividend or other monies payable to any member of the Company all sums of money (if any) presently payable by him to the Company on account of calls, instalments or otherwise.

No dividend shall carry interest against the Company.

Whenever the Directors or the Company by resolution of members have resolved that a dividend be paid or declared on the shares in the Company, the Directors may further resolve: (a) 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 are to be of the same class as the class already held by the allottee, provided that the members of the Company entitled thereto will be entitled to elect to receive such dividend (or part thereof) in cash in lieu of such allotment; or (b) that the members of the Company entitled to such dividend will 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 Directors may think fit on the basis that the shares so allotted are to be of the same class as the class already held by the allottee. The Company may upon the recommendation of the Directors by resolution of members resolve in respect of any one particular dividend of the Company that notwithstanding the foregoing a dividend may be satisfied wholly in the form of an allotment of shares credited as fully paid without offering any right to members of the Company to elect to receive such dividend in cash in lieu of such allotment.

Any dividend, interest or other sum payable in cash to a holder of shares may be paid by cheque or warrant sent through the post addressed to the registered address of the member of the Company entitled, or in the case of joint holders, to the registered address of the person whose name stands first in the register of members of the Company 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 holder or, in the case of joint holders, to the order of the holder whose name stands first on the register of members of the Company in respect of such shares, and shall be sent at his or their risk and the payment of any such cheque or warrant by the bank on which it is drawn 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. The Company may cease sending such 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 its 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. Any one of two or more joint holders may give effectual receipts for any dividends or other monies payable or property distributable in respect of the shares held by such joint holders.

Any dividend unclaimed for six years from the date of declaration of such dividend may be forfeited by the Directors and shall revert to the Company.

The Directors may, with the sanction of a resolution of the members, direct that any 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 any other company, and where any difficulty arises in regard to such distribution the Directors may settle it as they think expedient, and in particular may disregard fractional entitlements, round the same up or down or provide that the same shall accrue to the benefit of the Company, and may fix the value for distribution of such specific assets and may determine that cash payments shall be made to any members of the Company upon the footing of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of all parties, and may vest any such specific assets in trustees as may seem expedient to the Directors.

Under BVI Companies Act

The directors of a company may only declare a distribution by the company if they are satisfied, on reasonable grounds, that the company will, immediately after the distribution, satisfy the solvency test set out in section 57(1) of the BVI Business Companies Act. A company satisfies the solvency test if the value of its assets exceeds its liabilities and it is able to pay its debts as they fall due.

2. Voting Rights

Under our constitution

Subject to any special rights, privileges or restrictions as to voting for the time being attached to any class or classes of shares, at any general meeting (a) every member present in person (or, in the case of a member being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy shall have the right to speak, (b) on a show of hands, every member present in such manner shall have one vote, and (c) on a poll, every member present in such manner shall have one vote for each share registered in his name in the register of members of the Company.

Where 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.

In the case of 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 be present at any meeting personally or by proxy, that one of the said persons so present being the most or, as the case may be, the more senior shall alone be entitled to vote in respect of the relevant joint holding and, for this purpose, seniority shall be determined by reference to the order in which the names of the joint holders stand on the register in respect of the relevant joint holding.

A member of the Company in respect of whom an order has been made by any competent court or official on the grounds that he is or may be suffering from mental disorder or is otherwise incapable of managing his affairs may vote by any person authorised in such circumstances to do so and such person may vote by proxy.

Save as expressly provided in the Articles of Association or as otherwise determined by the Directors, no person other than a member of the Company duly registered and who shall have paid all sums 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 of the Company), or to be reckoned in a quorum, either personally or by proxy at any general meeting.

At any general meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided by way of a poll save that the chairperson of the meeting may allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter as prescribed under the Listing Rules to be voted on by a show of hands.

If a recognised clearing house (or its nominee(s)) is a member of the Company, it may authorise such person or persons as it thinks fit to act as its proxy(ies) or representative(s) at any general meeting of the Company or at any general meeting of any class of members of the Company or at any creditors' meeting 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. A person authorised pursuant to this provision 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 it were an individual member of the Company 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.

3. Liquidation

Under our constitution

The Company may, by special resolution of members, approve a liquidation plan and appoint a voluntary liquidator for the voluntary winding up of the Company in accordance with the BVI Business Companies Act.

If the Company shall be wound up, and the assets available for distribution amongst the members of the Company as such shall be insufficient to repay the whole of the amounts paid up on the issued shares in the Company, such assets shall be distributed so that, as nearly as may be, the losses shall be borne by the members of the Company in proportion to the amounts paid up on the issued shares in the Company, or which ought to have been paid up, at the commencement of the winding up on the shares held by them respectively. If in a winding up the assets available for distribution amongst the members of the Company shall be more than sufficient to repay the whole of the amounts paid up on the issued shares in the Company at the commencement of the winding up, the excess shall be distributed amongst the members of the Company in proportion to the amounts paid up on the issued shares in the Company at the commencement of the winding up on the shares held by them respectively. The foregoing is without prejudice to the rights of the holders of shares issued upon special terms and conditions.

If the Company shall be wound up, the liquidator may with the sanction of a special resolution of members and any other sanction required by the BVI Business Companies Act, divide amongst the members of the Company in specie or kind the whole or any part of the assets of the Company (whether they shall consist of property of the same kind or not) and may, for such purpose, set such value as he deems fair upon any 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 of the Company. The liquidator may, with the like sanction, vest the whole or any part of such assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of the members of the Company as the liquidator, with the like sanction and subject to the BVI Business Companies Act, shall think fit, but so that no member of the Company shall be compelled to accept any assets, shares or other securities in respect of which there is a liability.

Under BVI Companies Act

A company is placed in liquidation either by an order of the court or by a resolution of directors or shareholders. A liquidator is appointed whose duties are to collect the assets of the company (including the amount (if any) due from the contributories (shareholders)), settle the list of creditors and discharge the company's liability to them, rateably if insufficient assets exist to discharge the liabilities in full, and to settle the list of contributories and divide the surplus assets (if any) amongst them in accordance with the rights attaching to the shares.

4. Shareholders' Remedies

Under BVI Companies Act

The BVI Business Companies Act has introduced a series of remedies available to shareholders. Where a company engages in activity which breaches the BVI Business Companies Act or the company's memorandum of association and articles of association, the court can issue a restraining or compliance order. Shareholders can also bring derivative, personal and representative actions under certain circumstances. The traditional English basis for shareholders' remedies has also been incorporated into the BVI Business Companies Act – where a shareholder of a company considers that the affairs of the company have been, are being or are likely to be conducted in a manner likely to be oppressive, unfairly discriminating or unfairly prejudicial to him, he may apply to the court for an order on such conduct.

DIRECTORS' POWER AND INVESTOR PROTECTION

5. Directors Borrowing Powers

Under our constitution

The Directors may from time to time at their 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 assets (present and future) and uncalled amounts owing on the shares in the Company or any part thereof.

6. Shareholders' Remedies

Under BVI Companies Act

See item 4 above

SHARE REPURCHASES, REDEMPTION AND MERGERS

7. Shares Purchase, Redemption and Acquisition

Under our constitution

The Company is empowered by the BVI Business Companies Act and the Articles of Association to purchase its own shares subject to certain restrictions and the Directors may only exercise this power on behalf of the Company subject to the authority of its members by resolution of members as to the manner in which they do so and to any applicable requirements imposed from time to time by the Stock Exchange and the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong. Shares which have been repurchased will be treated as cancelled upon the repurchase.

Under BVI Companies Act

The BVI Business Companies Act provides that a company may purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire its own shares, either in accordance with the procedure set out in the BVI Business Companies Act, or any other procedure as provided for in the memorandum of association and articles of association of the company.

Under the provisions in the BVI Business Companies Act and subject to the provisions of the company's memorandum and articles of association, the directors may make an offer for the company to purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire shares in the company provided that the offer is either (a) to all shareholders and would, if successful, leave the relative voting and distribution rights unaffected, or (b) to one or more shareholders and consented to in writing by all shareholders, or is otherwise permitted by the memorandum of association or articles of association. Where the offer is to one or more shareholders, the directors must pass a resolution to the effect that in their opinion the purchase, redemption or other acquisition would benefit the remaining shareholders, and the proposed offer is fair and reasonable to the company and the remaining shareholders.

Where an acquisition by a company of its own shares would be treated as a distribution, the conditions imposed on distributions must be met. The purchase, redemption or other acquisition by a company of its own shares is not deemed to be a distribution where it is effected pursuant to, inter alia, a right of a shareholder to have his shares redeemed or exchanged for money or other property of the company or where the share is redeemable at the option of the company.

8. Redemption of Minority Shares

Under BVI Companies Act

Under the BVI Business Companies Act and subject to the memorandum of association or articles of association, shareholders of a company holding 90 per cent of the votes of the outstanding shares entitled to vote; and shareholders of a company holding 90 per cent of the votes of the outstanding shares of each class of shares entitled to vote as a class, may give a written instruction to the company directing it to redeem the shares held by the remaining shareholders. Upon receiving this direction, the company must redeem the shares it has been directed to redeem and must give written notice to each shareholder stating the redemption price and the manner by which the redemption will be effected.

The shareholders having their shares compulsorily redeemed may dissent from the compulsory redemption and be entitled to receive fair value for their shares. The BVI Business Companies Act sets out the procedure that must be followed in exercising dissenters' rights. Ultimately, if the company and the dissenting shareholder fail to agree on the price to be paid for the shares owned by the dissenting shareholder, then the statutory procedure provides that the fair value of the shares owned by the dissenting shareholder is fixed by three appraisers.

9. Mergers and Consolidations

Under BVI Companies Act

Under the BVI Business Companies Act two or more companies, each a “constituent company”, may merge or consolidate.

A merger involves merging two or more companies into one of the constituent companies that will remain as the surviving company and a consolidation involves two or more companies consolidating into a new company. Subject to the memorandum and articles of association of the company, a merger or consolidation must be authorised by a resolution of shareholders of every class of shares entitled to vote on the merger or consolidation.

There are differing procedures depending on the type of merger that is taking place. Under the BVI Business Companies Act a merger may occur between any of the following:

- (a) two or more companies incorporated under the BVI Business Companies Act;
- (b) one or more companies incorporated under the BVI Business Companies Act and one or more companies incorporated under the laws of a jurisdiction outside the BVI, where the surviving entity is a BVI company;
- (c) one or more companies incorporated under the BVI Business Companies Act and one or more companies incorporated under the laws of a jurisdiction outside the BVI, where the surviving entity is a foreign company;
- (d) a parent company and one or more of its subsidiaries, all being companies incorporated under the BVI Business Companies Act;
- (e) a parent company and one or more of its subsidiaries, being companies incorporated under the BVI Business Companies Act and under the laws of a jurisdiction outside the BVI, where the surviving entity is a BVI company; or
- (f) a parent company and one or more of its subsidiaries, being companies incorporated under the BVI Business Companies Act and under the laws of a jurisdiction outside the BVI, where the surviving entity is a foreign company.

Under the BVI Business Companies Act, a shareholder of a company is entitled to payment of the fair value of his shares upon dissenting from:

- (a) a merger, if the company is a constituent company, unless the company is the surviving company and the shareholder continues to hold the same or similar shares; or
- (b) a consolidation, if the company is a constituent company.

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TAXATION

10. Stamp Duty on Transfers

Under BVI Companies Act

No stamp duty is payable in the BVI on transfers of shares of BVI companies incorporated or registered under the BVI Business Companies Act.

11. Taxation

Under BVI Companies Act

Companies incorporated or registered under the BVI Business Companies Act are currently exempt from income and corporate tax in the BVI. In addition, the BVI currently does not levy capital gains tax on companies incorporated or registered under the BVI Business Companies Act.

No estate, inheritance, succession or gift tax, rate, duty, levy or other charge is payable by persons who are not resident in the BVI with respect to any shares, debt obligations or other securities of a company.