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This Appendix summarizes certain aspects of PRC laws and regulations, which are relevant to the Company’s operations and business. Laws and regulations relating to taxation in the PRC are discussed separately in “Appendix IV — Taxation and Foreign Exchange” to this document. This Appendix also contains a summary of certain Hong Kong legal and regulatory provisions, including summaries of certain material differences between the PRC Company Law and the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance, certain requirements of the Listing Rules and additional provisions required by the Stock Exchange for inclusion in the articles of association of PRC issuers. The principal objective of this summary is to provide potential investors with an overview of the principal laws and regulatory provisions applicable to the Company. This summary is not intended to include all the information which are important to the potential investors. For discussion of laws and regulations which are relevant to the Company’s business, see “Regulatory Overview” in this document.

PRC LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The PRC Legal System

The PRC legal system is based on the PRC Constitution (hereinafter referred to as the “**Constitution**”) and is made up of written laws, administrative regulations, local regulations, autonomous regulations, separate regulations, rules and regulations of State Council departments, rules and regulations of local governments, laws of special administrative regions and international treaties of which the PRC government is the signatory and other regulatory documents. Court judgments do not constitute legally binding precedents, although they are used for the purposes of judicial reference and guidance.

According to the Constitution and the Legislation Law of the PRC (hereinafter referred to as the “**Legislation Law**”), the National People’s Congress (hereinafter referred to as the “**NPC**”) and its Standing Committee are empowered to exercise the legislative power of the State. The NPC has the power to formulate and amend basic laws governing State organs, civil, criminal and other matters. The Standing Committee of the NPC formulates and amends the laws other than those required to be enacted by the NPC and to supplement and amend parts of the laws enacted by the NPC during the adjournment of the NPC, provided that such supplements and amendments are not in conflict with the basic principles of such laws.

The State Council is the highest organ of state administration and has the power to formulate administrative regulations based on the Constitution and laws. The people’s congresses of the provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities and their standing committees may formulate local regulations based on the specific circumstances and actual needs of their respective administrative areas, provided that such regulations do not contravene any provision of the Constitution, laws or administrative regulations. The people’s congresses of cities divided into districts and their respective standing committees may formulate local regulations on aspects such as urban and rural construction and management, environmental protection and historical and cultural protection based on the specific circumstances and actual needs of such cities, provided that such local regulations do not contravene any provision of the Constitution, laws, administrative regulations and local regulations of their respective provinces or autonomous regions. If the law provides otherwise on the formulation of local regulations by cities divided into districts, those provisions shall prevail. Such local regulations will become enforceable after being reported to and approved by the standing committees of the people’s congresses of the relevant provinces or autonomous regions. The standing committees of the people’s congresses of the provinces or autonomous regions shall examine the legality of local regulations submitted for

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approval, and such approval shall be granted within four months if they are not in conflict with the Constitution, laws, administrative regulations and local regulations of the relevant provinces or autonomous regions. Where, during the examination for approval of local regulations of cities divided into districts by the standing committees of the people’s congresses of the provinces or autonomous regions, conflicts are identified with the rules and regulations of the people’s governments of the provinces or autonomous regions, a decision should be made to resolve the issue. People’s congresses of national autonomous areas have the power to enact autonomous regulations and separate regulations in light of the political, economic and cultural characteristics of the ethnic groups in the areas concerned.

The ministries and commissions of the State Council, PBOC, NAO and the subordinate institutions with administrative functions directly under the State Council may formulate departmental rules and regulations within the permissions of their respective departments based on the laws and administrative regulations, and the decisions and orders of the State Council. Provisions of departmental rules should be the matters related to the enforcement of the laws and administrative regulations, and the decisions and orders of the State Council. The people’s governments of the provinces, autonomous regions, municipalities and cities or autonomous prefectures divided into districts may formulate rules and regulations based on the laws, administrative regulations and local regulations of such provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities.

Pursuant to the Resolution of the Standing Committee of the NPC Providing an Improved Interpretation of the Law (全國人民代表大會常務委員會關於加強法律解釋工作的決議) passed on June 10, 1981, in cases where the scope of provisions of laws or decrees needs to be further defined or additional stipulations need to be made, the Standing Committee of the NPC shall provide interpretations or make stipulations by means of decrees. Issues related to the application of laws in a court trial should be interpreted by the Supreme People’s Court, issues related to the application of laws in a prosecution process of the procuratorate should be interpreted by the Supreme People’s Procuratorate, and issues related to laws other than the abovementioned should be interpreted by the State Council and the competent authorities. The State Council and its ministries and commissions are also vested with the power to give interpretations of the administrative regulations and departmental rules which they have promulgated. At the regional level, the power to interpret regional regulations is vested in the regional legislative and administrative authorities which promulgate such regulations.

The PRC Judicial System

Under the Constitution, the Law of Organization of the People’s Court of the PRC (2018 Revision) (中華人民共和國人民法院組織法(2018修訂)) and the Law of Organization of the People’s Procuratorate of the PRC (2018 Revision) (中華人民共和國人民檢察院組織法(2018修訂)), the people’s courts of the PRC are divided into the Supreme People’s Court, the local people’s courts at all levels and special people’s courts. The local people’s courts at all levels are divided into three levels, namely, the basic people’s courts, the intermediate people’s courts and the higher people’s courts. The basic people’s courts may set up certain people’s tribunals based on the status of the region, population and cases. The Supreme People’s Court shall be the highest judicial organ of the state. The Supreme People’s Court shall supervise the administration of justice by the local people’s courts at all levels and by the special people’s courts. The people’s courts at a higher level shall supervise the judicial work of the people’s courts at lower levels. The people’s procuratorates of the PRC are divided into the Supreme People’s Procuratorate, the local people’s procuratorates at all levels, Military Procuratorates and other special people’s procuratorates. The Supreme People’s Procuratorate shall be the highest procuratorial organ. The Supreme People’s Procuratorate shall direct the work of the local people’s procuratorates at all levels and of the special people’s procuratorates; the people’s procuratorates at higher levels shall direct the work of those at lower levels.

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The people’s courts employ a two-tier appellate system, i.e., judgments or rulings of the second instance at the people’s courts are final. A party may appeal against the judgment or ruling of the first instance of a local people’s courts. The people’s procuratorate may present a protest to the people’s courts at the next higher level in accordance with the procedures stipulated by the laws. In the absence of any appeal by the parties and any protest by the people’s procuratorate within the stipulated period, the judgments or rulings of the people’s courts are final. Judgments or rulings of the second instance of the intermediate people’s courts, the higher people’s courts and the Supreme People’s Court and those of the first instance of the Supreme People’s Court are final. However, if the Supreme People’s Court or the people’s courts at the next higher level finds any definite errors in a legally effective final judgment or ruling of the people’s court at a lower level, or if the chief judge of a people’s court at any level finds any definite errors in a legally effective final judgment or ruling of such court, the case can be retried according to judicial supervision procedures.

The Civil Procedure Law of the PRC (中華人民共和國民事訴訟法) (hereinafter referred to as the “**PRC Civil Procedure Law**”) adopted on April 9, 1991 and amended three times on October 28, 2007, August 31, 2012 and June 27, 2017 respectively, prescribes the conditions for instituting a civil action, the jurisdiction of the people’s court, the procedures for conducting a civil action, and the procedures for enforcement of a civil judgment or ruling. All parties to a civil action conducted within the PRC must abide by the PRC Civil Procedure Law. A civil case is generally heard by the court located in the defendant’s place of domicile. The court of jurisdiction in respect of a civil action may also be chosen by explicit agreement among the parties to a contract, provided that the people’s court having jurisdiction should be located at places directly connected with the disputes, such as the plaintiff’s or the defendant’s place of domicile, the place where the contract is executed or signed or the place where the object of the action is located. Meanwhile, such choice shall not in any circumstances contravene the regulations of differential jurisdiction and exclusive jurisdiction.

A foreign individual, a person without nationality, a foreign enterprise or a foreign organization is given the same litigation rights and obligations as a citizen, a legal person or other organizations of the PRC when initiating actions or defending against litigations at a people’s court. Should a foreign court limit the litigation rights of PRC citizens or enterprises, the PRC court may apply the same limitations to the citizens or enterprises of such foreign country. A foreign individual, a person without nationality, a foreign enterprise or a foreign organization must engage a PRC lawyer in case he or it needs to engage a lawyer for the purpose of initiating actions or defending against litigations at a people’s court. In accordance with the international treaties to which the PRC is a signatory or participant or according to the principle of reciprocity, a people’s court and a foreign court may request each other to serve documents, conduct investigation and collect evidence and conduct other actions on its behalf. A people’s court shall not accommodate any request made by a foreign court which will result in the violation of sovereignty, security or public interests of the PRC.

All parties to a civil action shall perform the legally effective judgments and rulings. If any party to a civil action refuses to abide by a judgment or ruling made by a people’s court or an award made by an arbitration tribunal in the PRC, the other party may apply to the people’s court for the enforcement of the same within two years subject to application for postponed enforcement or revocation. If a party fails to satisfy within the stipulated period a judgment which the court has granted an enforcement approval, the court may, upon the application of the other party, mandatorily enforce the judgment against such party.

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Where a party requests for enforcement of an effective judgment or ruling made by a people’s court, but the opposite party or his property is not within the territory of the People’s Republic of China, the party may directly apply to the foreign court with jurisdiction for recognition and enforcement of the judgment or ruling, or the people’s court may, in accordance with the provisions of international treaties to which the PRC is a signatory or in which the PRC is a participant or according to the principle of reciprocity, request for recognition and enforcement by the foreign court. Similarly, for an effective judgment or ruling made by a foreign court that requires recognition and enforcement by a people’s court of the PRC, a party may directly apply to an intermediate people’s court of the PRC with jurisdiction for recognition and enforcement of the judgment or ruling, or the foreign court may, in accordance with the provisions of international treaties to which its country and the PRC are signatories or in which its country is a participant or according to the principle of reciprocity, request for recognition and enforcement by the people’s court, unless the people’s court considers that the recognition or enforcement of such judgment or ruling would violate the basic legal principles of the PRC, its sovereignty or national security or would not be in social and public interest.

The Company Law of the People’s Republic of China, the Special Regulations of the State Council on the Overseas Offering and the Listing of Shares by Joint Stock Limited Companies and the Mandatory Provisions for the Articles of Association of Companies to be Listed Overseas

The Company Law of the People’s Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as the “**PRC Company Law**”) was adopted by the Standing Committee of the Eighth NPC at its Fifth Session on December 29, 1993 and came into effect on July 1, 1994. It was successively amended on December 25, 1999, August 28, 2004, October 27, 2005, December 28, 2013 and October 26, 2018. The newly revised PRC Company Law has been implemented since October 26, 2018.

The Special Regulations of the State Council on the Overseas Offering and the Listing of Shares by Joint Stock Limited Companies (國務院關於股份有限公司境外募集股份及上市的特別規定) (hereinafter referred to as the “**Special Regulations**”) were passed at the 22nd Standing Committee Meeting of the State Council on July 4, 1994 and promulgated and implemented on August 4, 1994. The Special Regulations include provisions in respect of the overseas share offering and listing of joint stock limited companies.

The Mandatory Provisions for the articles of association of Companies to be Listed Overseas (hereinafter referred to as the “**Mandatory Provisions**”) jointly promulgated by the former Securities Commission of the State Council and the former State Commission for Restructuring the Economic System on September 29, 1994 prescribe that the provisions should be incorporated in the articles of association of joint stock limited companies to be listed overseas stock exchanges. Accordingly, the Mandatory Provisions have been incorporated in the articles of association. References to a “company” made in this Appendix are to a joint stock limited company established under the PRC Company Law with H Shares to be issued.

Set out below is a summary of the major provisions of the PRC Company Law, the Special Regulations and the Mandatory Provisions.

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General

A “joint stock limited company” refers to a corporate legal person incorporated in China under the PRC Company Law with independent legal person properties and entitlements to such legal person properties. The liability of the company for its own debts is limited to the total amount of all assets it owns and the liability of its shareholders for the company is limited to the extent of the shares they subscribe for.

Incorporation

A company may be established by promotion or subscription. A company shall have a minimum of two but no more than 200 people as its promoters, over half of which must be residents within the PRC. Companies established by promotion are companies of which the registered capital is the total share capital subscribed for by all the promoters registered with the company’s registration authorities. No share offering shall be made before the shares subscribed for by promoters are fully paid up. For companies established by share offering, the registered capital is the total paid-up share capital as registered with the company’s registration authorities. If laws, administrative regulations and State Council decisions provide otherwise on paid-in registered capital and the minimum registered capital, a company should follow such provisions.

For companies incorporated by way of promotion, the promoters shall subscribe in writing for the shares required to be subscribed for by them and pay up their capital contributions under the articles of association. Procedures relating to the transfer of titles to non-monetary assets shall be duly completed if such assets are to be contributed as capital. Promoters who fail to pay up their capital contributions in accordance with the foregoing provisions shall assume default liabilities in accordance with the covenants set out in the promoters’ agreements. After the promoters have confirmed the capital contribution under the articles of association, a board of directors and a supervisory board shall be elected and the board of directors shall apply for registration of establishment by filing the articles of association with the company registration authorities, and other documents as required by the law or administrative regulations.

Where companies are incorporated by subscription, not less than 35% of their total number of shares must be subscribed for by the promoters, unless otherwise provided by laws or administrative regulations. A promoter who offers shares to the public must publish a prospectus and prepare a subscription letter to be completed, signed and sealed by subscribers, specifying the number and amount of shares to be subscribed for and the subscribers’ addresses. The subscribers shall pay up monies for the shares they subscribe for. Where a promoter is offering shares to the public, such offer shall be underwritten by security companies established under PRC law, and underwriting agreements shall be entered into. A promoter offering shares to the public shall also enter into agreements with banks in relation to the receipt of subscription monies. The receiving banks shall receive and keep in custody the subscription monies, issue receipts to subscribers who have paid the subscription monies and is obliged to furnish evidence of receipt of those subscription monies to relevant authorities. After the subscription monies for the share issue have been paid in full, a capital verification institution established under PRC laws must be engaged to conduct a capital verification and furnish a certificate thereof. The promoters shall preside over and convene an inauguration meeting within 30 days from the date of the full payment of subscription money. The inauguration meeting shall be formed by the promoters and subscribers. Where the shares issued remain undersubscribed by the deadline stipulated in the document, or where the promoter fails to convene an inauguration meeting within 30 days of the subscription monies for the

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shares issued being fully paid up, the subscribers may demand that the promoters refund the subscription monies so paid together with the interest at bank rates of a deposit for the same period. Within 30 days after the conclusion of the inauguration meeting, the board of directors shall apply to the company registration authority for registration of the establishment of the company. A company is formally established and has the capacity of a legal person after approval of registration has been given by the relevant company registration authority for industry and commerce and a business license has been issued.

A company's promoters shall be liable for: (1) the debts and expenses incurred in the establishment process jointly and severally if the company cannot be incorporated; (2) the subscription monies paid by the subscribers together with interest at bank rates of deposit for the same period jointly and severally if the company cannot be incorporated; and (3) the compensation of any damages suffered by the company in the course of its establishment as a result of the promoters' fault.

Share Capital

The promoters may make a capital contribution in currencies, or non-monetary assets such as in kind or intellectual property rights or land use rights which can be appraised with monetary value and transferred lawfully, except for assets which are prohibited from being contributed as capital by the laws or administrative regulations. If a capital contribution is made in non-monetary assets, a valuation of the assets contributed must be carried out pursuant to the provisions of the laws or administrative regulations on valuation without any over-valuation or under-valuation.

The issuance of shares shall be conducted in a fair and equitable manner. Each share of the same class must carry equal rights. Shares issued at the same time and within the same class must be issued on the same conditions and at the same price. The same price per share shall be paid by any share subscriber (whether an entity or an individual). The share offering price may be equal to or greater than the nominal value of the share, but may not be less than the nominal value.

A company must obtain the approval of CSRC to offer its shares to the overseas public. The Special Regulations and the Mandatory Provisions provide that the shares issued to foreign investors and listed overseas by a company shall be in registered form, denominated in Renminbi and subscribed for in foreign currencies. Shares issued to foreign investors (including the investors from the territories of Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and listed in Hong Kong are classified as H Shares, and those shares issued to investors within the PRC, other than these regions mentioned above, are known as domestic shares. Under the Special Regulations, upon approval of CSRC, a company may agree, in the underwriting agreement in respect of an issue of H Shares, to retain not more than 15% of the aggregate number of such overseas listed foreign shares proposed to be issued in addition to the number of underwritten shares. The issuance of retained shares is deemed to be a part of this offering.

Under the PRC Company Law, a company issuing registered share certificates shall maintain a shareholder registry which sets forth the following matters: (1) the name and domicile of each shareholder; (2) the number of shares held by each shareholder; (3) the serial numbers of shares held by each shareholder; and (4) the date on which each shareholder acquired the shares.

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Increase in Share Capital

Pursuant to the relevant provisions of the PRC Company Law, where a company is issuing new shares, resolutions shall be passed at general meeting in accordance with the articles of association in respect of the class and amount of the new shares, the issue price of the new shares, the commencement and end dates for the issue of the new shares and the class and amount of the new shares proposed to be issued to existing shareholders.

When a company launches a public issue of new shares to the public upon the approval by CSRC, a new share offering prospectus and financial accounting report must be announced and a subscription letter must be prepared. After the new shares issued by the company has been paid up, the change must be registered with the company registration authority and a public announcement must be made accordingly. Where an increase in registered capital of a company is made by means of an issue of new shares, the subscription of new shares by shareholders shall be made in accordance with the relevant provisions on the payment of subscription monies for the establishment of a company.

Reduction of Share Capital

A company shall reduce its registered capital in accordance with the following procedures prescribed by the PRC Company Law: (1) the company shall prepare a balance sheet and an inventory of assets; (2) the reduction of registered capital must be approved by shareholders at general meeting; (3) the company shall notify its creditors within 10 days and publish an announcement in newspapers within 30 days from the day on which the resolution approving the reduction was passed; (4) the creditors of the company are entitled to require the company to repay its debts or provide guarantees for such debts within 30 days from receipt of the notification or within 45 days from the date of the announcement if he/she/it has not received any notification; and (5) the company must apply to the company registration authority for change in registration.

Repurchase of Shares

Pursuant to the PRC Company Law, a company may not repurchase its own shares other than for the following purposes: (1) reducing its registered capital; (2) merging with other companies which hold its shares; (3) granting shares to its employees as incentives; (4) acquiring its shares at the request of its shareholders who vote in a shareholders' general meeting against a resolution regarding a merger and division; (5) utilizing the shares for conversion of listed corporate bonds which are convertible into shares; and (6) where it is necessary for the listed company to safeguard the value of the company and the interests of its shareholders. The acquisition by a company of its own shares on the grounds set out in item (1) to (2) above shall be approved by way of a resolution of a shareholders' general meeting; the acquisition by a company of its own shares in circumstances as set out in items (3), (5) and (6) above may be approved by way of a resolution at a board meeting with two-third or more of the directors present in accordance with the provisions of the company's articles of association or the authorization of the shareholders' general meeting.

Following the acquisition by a company of its own shares in accordance with these requirements, such shares shall be canceled within 10 days from the date of the acquisition under the circumstance in item (1); such shares shall be transferred or canceled within six months under the circumstances in items (2) or (4); the total shares held by the Company shall not exceed 10% of the total shares issued by the Company and such shares shall be transferred or canceled within three years under the circumstances in items (3), (5) or (6).

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A listed company shall perform its information disclosure obligations in accordance with the provisions of the Securities Law of People’s Republic of China when acquiring its own shares. The acquisition by a listed company of its own shares in circumstances as set out in items (3), (5) and (6) of this article shall be conducted through open centralized trading.

The Company shall not accept the shares of the Company as the subject of pledge.

Transfer of Shares

Shares held by shareholders may be transferred legally. Pursuant to the PRC Company Law, a shareholder should effect a transfer of his shares on a stock exchange established in accordance with laws or by any other means as required by the State Council. Registered shares may be transferred after the shareholders endorse the back of the share certificates or in other manner specified by laws and administrative regulations. Following the transfer, the company shall enter the names and addresses of the transferees into its share register. No changes of registration in the share register described above shall be effected during a period of 20 days prior to convening a shareholders’ general meeting or 5 days prior to the record date for the purpose of determining entitlements to dividend distributions, unless otherwise stipulated by laws on the registration of changes in the share register of listed companies. The transfer of bearer share certificates shall become effective upon the delivery of the certificates to the transferee by the shareholder. The Mandatory Provision provides that changes due to share transfer should not be made to shareholder registry within 30 days before a shareholders’ general meeting or within 5 days before the record date for the purpose of determining entitlements to dividend distributions.

Pursuant to the PRC Company Law, shares held by promoters may not be transferred within one year of the establishment of the company. Shares of the company issued prior to the public issue of shares may not be transferred within one year of the date of the company’s listing on a stock exchange. Directors, supervisors and the senior management of a company shall declare to the company their shareholdings in it and changes in such shareholdings. During their terms of office, they may transfer no more than 25% of the total number of shares they hold in the company every year. They shall not transfer the shares they hold within one year from the date of the company’s listing on a stock exchange, nor within six months after they leave their positions in the company. The articles of association may set out other restrictive provisions in respect of the transfer of shares in the company held by its directors, supervisors and the senior management.

Shareholders

Under the PRC Company Law, the rights of shareholders include the rights: (1) to receive a return on assets, participate in significant decision-making and select management personnel; (2) to petition the people’s court to revoke any resolution passed on a shareholders’ general meeting or a meeting of the board of directors that has been convened or whose voting has been conducted in violation of the laws, regulations or the articles of association, or any resolution the contents of which is in violation of the articles of association, provided that such petition shall be submitted within 60 days of the passing of such resolution; (3) to transfer the shares of the shareholders legally; (4) to attend or appoint a proxy to attend shareholders’ general meetings and exercise the voting rights; (5) to inspect the articles of association, share register, counterfoil of company debentures, minutes of shareholders’ general meetings, board resolutions, resolutions of the board of supervisors and financial and accounting reports, and to make suggestions or inquiries in respect of the company’s operations; (6) to receive dividends in respect of the number of shares held; (7) to participate in distribution of residual properties of the

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company in proportion to their shareholdings upon the liquidation of the company; and (8) any other shareholders' rights provided for in laws, administrative regulations, other normative documents and the articles of association.

The obligations of shareholders include the obligation to abide by the company's articles of association, to pay the subscription monies in respect of the shares subscribed for, to be liable for the company's debts and liabilities to the extent of the amount of subscription monies agreed to be paid in respect of the shares taken up by them and any other shareholder obligation specified in the articles of association.

Shareholders' General Meetings

The general meeting is the organ of authority of the company, which exercises its powers in accordance with the PRC Company Law. The general meeting may exercise its powers: (1) to decide on the company's operational objectives and investment plans; (2) to elect and dismiss the directors and supervisors not being representative(s) of employees and to decide on the matters relating to the remuneration of directors and supervisors; (3) to review and approve the reports of the board of directors; (4) to review and approve the reports of the board of supervisors or the reports of the supervisors; (5) to review and approve the company's annual financial budgets proposals and final accounts proposals; (6) to review and approve the company's profit distribution proposals and loss recovery proposals; (7) to decide on any increase or reduction of the company's registered capital; (8) to decide on the issue of corporate bonds; (9) to decide on merger, division, dissolution and liquidation of the company or change of its corporate form; (10) to amend the company's articles of association; and (11) to exercise any other authority stipulated in the articles of association.

Pursuant to the PRC Company Law and the Mandatory Provisions, a shareholders' general meeting is required to be held once every year within six months after the end of the previous accounting year. An extraordinary general meeting is required to be held within two months upon the occurrence of any of the following: (1) the number of directors is less than the number required by law or less than two-thirds of the number specified in the articles of association; (2) the total outstanding losses of the company amounted to one-third of the company's total paid-in share capital; (3) shareholders individually or in aggregate holding 10% or more of the company's shares request to convene an extraordinary general meeting; (4) the board deems necessary; (5) the board of supervisors so proposes; or (6) any other circumstances as provided for in the articles of association.

A shareholders' general meeting shall be convened by the board of directors and presided over by the chairman of the board of directors. In the event that the chairman is incapable of performing or is not performing his duties, the meeting shall be presided over by the vice chairman. In the event that the vice chairman is incapable of performing or is not performing his duties, a director recommended by half or more of the directors shall preside over the meeting. Where the board of directors is incapable of performing or is not performing its duties, the board of supervisors shall convene and preside over the shareholders' general meeting in a timely manner. If the board of supervisors fails to convene and preside over the shareholders' general meeting, shareholders individually or in aggregate holding 10% or more of the company's shares for 90 days or more consecutively may unilaterally convene and preside over the shareholders' general meeting.

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In accordance with the PRC Company Law, a notice of the general meeting stating the date and venue of the meeting and the matters to be considered at the meeting shall be given to all shareholders 20 days prior to the meeting. A notice of extraordinary general meeting shall be given to all shareholders 15 days prior to the meeting. For the issuance of bearer share certificates, the time and venue of and matters to be considered at the meeting shall be announced 30 days prior to the meeting. A single shareholder who holds, or several shareholders who jointly hold, more than three percent of the shares of the company may submit an interim proposal in writing to the board of directors within 10 days before the general meeting. The board of directors shall notify other shareholders within two days upon receipt of the proposal, and submit the interim proposal to the general meeting for deliberation. The contents of the interim proposal shall fall within the scope of powers of the general meeting, and the proposal shall provide clear agenda and specific matters for a resolution is to be made. A general meeting shall not make any resolution in respect of any matter not set out in the notices. Holders of bearer share certificates who intend to attend a general meeting shall deposit their share certificates with the company during the time from five days before the meeting to the conclusion of the meeting.

In accordance with the Mandatory Provisions, a written notice of the general meeting stating, among other things, matters to be considered at the meeting as well as the time and venue of the meeting shall be given to all shareholders 45 days before the meeting. A shareholder who intends to attend the meeting shall deliver his written reply regarding his attendance of the meeting to the company 20 days before the date of the meeting.

There is no specific provision in the PRC Company Law regarding the number of shareholders constituting a quorum in a shareholders' general meeting, although the Special Regulations and the Mandatory Provisions provide that a company's general meeting may be convened when written replies to the notice of that meeting from shareholders holding shares representing no less than 50% of the voting rights in the company have been received 20 days before the proposed date. If that 50% level is not achieved, the company shall notify shareholders again within five days by announcement of the matters to be considered at the meeting as well as the date and venue of the meeting, and the general meeting may be held by the company thereafter.

Pursuant to the PRC Company Law, shareholders present at a shareholders' general meeting have one vote for each share they hold, save that the Company's shares held by the company are not entitled to any voting rights.

An accumulative voting system may be adopted for the election of directors and supervisors at the general meeting pursuant to the provisions of the articles of association or a resolution of the general meeting. Under the accumulative voting system, each share shall be entitled to the number of votes equivalent to the number of directors or supervisors to be elected at the general meeting, and shareholders may consolidate their votes for one or more directors or supervisors when casting a vote.

Pursuant to the PRC Company Law, resolutions of the general meeting must be passed by more than half of the voting rights held by shareholders present at the meeting, with the exception of resolutions relating to merger, division or dissolution of the company, increase or reduction of registered share capital, change of corporate form or amendments to the articles of association, in each case of which must be passed by more than two-thirds of the voting rights held by the shareholders present at the meeting. Where the PRC Company Law and the articles of association provide that the transfer or acquisition of significant assets or the provision of external guarantees by the company and such other matters must be approved by way of resolution of the general meeting, the board of directors shall

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convene a shareholders' general meeting promptly to vote on such matters. A shareholder may entrust a proxy to attend the general meeting on his/her behalf. The proxy shall present the shareholders' power of attorney to the company and exercise voting rights within the scope of authorization. Minutes shall be prepared in respect of matters considered at the general meeting and the chairperson and directors attending the meeting shall endorse such minutes by signature. The minutes shall be kept together with the shareholders' attendance register and the proxy forms.

Pursuant to the Mandatory Provisions, the increase or reduction of share capital, the issuance of shares of any class, warrants or other similar securities and bonds, the division, merger, dissolution and liquidation of the company, the amendments to the articles of association and any other matters, which, as resolved by way of an ordinary resolution of the general meeting, may have a material impact on the company and require adoption by way of a special resolution, must be approved through special resolutions by more than two-thirds of the voting rights held by shareholders (including his/her proxies) present at the meeting.

The Mandatory Provisions require a special resolution to be passed at the general meeting and a class meeting to be held in the event of a variation or derogation of the class rights of a shareholder class. For this purpose, holders of domestic shares and H shares are deemed to be shareholders of different classes.

Board of Directors

A company shall have a board of directors, which shall consist of 5 to 19 members. Members of the board of directors may include staff representatives, who shall be democratically elected by the company's staff at a staff representative assembly, general staff meeting or otherwise. The term of a director shall be stipulated in the articles of association, provided that no term of office shall last for more than three years. A director may serve consecutive terms if re-elected. A director shall continue to perform his/her duties as a director in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations and the articles of association until a duly reelected director takes office, if re-election is not conducted in a timely manner upon the expiry of his/her term of office or if the resignation of director results in the number of directors being less than the quorum.

Under the PRC Company Law, the board of directors may exercise its powers: (1) to convene shareholders' general meetings; (2) to implement the resolutions passed by the shareholders at the shareholders' general meetings; (3) to decide on the company's operational plans and investment proposals; (4) to formulate proposal for the company's annual financial budgets and final accounts; (5) to formulate the company's profit distribution proposals and loss recovery proposals; (6) to formulate proposals for the increase or reduction of the company's registered capital and the issue of corporate bonds; (7) to formulate proposals for the merger, division or dissolution of the company or change of corporate form; (8) to decide on the setup of the company's internal management organs; (9) to appoint or dismiss the company's manager and decide on his/her remuneration and, based on the manager's recommendation, to appoint or dismiss any deputy general manager and financial officer of the company and to decide on their remunerations; (10) to formulate the company's basic management system; and (11) to exercise any other authority stipulated in the articles of association.

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Meetings of the board of directors shall be convened at least twice each year. Notices of meeting shall be given to all directors and supervisors 10 days before the meeting. Interim board meetings may be proposed to be convened by shareholders representing more than 10% of the voting rights, more than one-third of the directors or the supervisory board. The chairman shall convene the meeting within 10 days of receiving such proposal, and preside over the meeting. The board of directors may otherwise determine the means and the period of notice for convening an interim board meeting. Meetings of the board of directors shall be held only if more than half of the directors are present. Resolutions of the board of directors shall be passed by more than half of all directors. Each director shall have one vote for a resolution to be approved by the board. Directors shall attend board meetings in person. If a director is unable to attend for any reason, he/she may appoint another director to attend the meeting on his/her behalf by a written power of attorney specifying the scope of authorization. Meanwhile, the board of directors shall keep minutes of resolutions passed at board meetings. The minutes shall be signed by the directors present at the meeting.

If a resolution of the board of directors violates the laws, administrative regulations or the articles of association or resolutions of the general meeting, and as a result of which the company sustains serious losses, the directors participating in the resolution are liable to compensate the company. However, if it can be proved that a director expressly objected to the resolution when the resolution was voted on, and that such objection was recorded in the minutes of the meeting, such director shall be relieved from that liability.

Under the PRC Company Law, the following person may not serve as a director in a company: (1) a person who is unable or has limited ability to undertake any civil liabilities; (2) a person who has been convicted of an offense of corruption, bribery, embezzlement, misappropriation of property or destruction of the socialist economic order, or who has been deprived of his political rights due to his crimes, in each case where less than five years have elapsed since the date of completion of the sentence; (3) a person who has been a former director, factory manager or manager of a company or an enterprise that has entered into insolvent liquidation and who was personally liable for the insolvency of such company or enterprise, where less than three years have elapsed since the date of the completion of the bankruptcy and liquidation of the company or enterprise; (4) a person who has been a legal representative of a company or an enterprise that has had its business license revoked due to violations of the law or has been ordered to close down by law and the person was personally responsible, where less than three years have elapsed since the date of such revocation; and (5) a person who is liable for a relatively large amount of debts that are overdue.

Where a company elects or appoints a director to which any of the above circumstances applies, such election or appointment shall be null and void. A director to which any of the above circumstances applies during his/her term of office shall be released of his/her duties by the company.

In addition, the Mandatory Provisions further provide other circumstances under which a person is disqualified from acting as a director of a company, including: (1) the person is under investigation by the judicial authorities after a claim has been brought for violating the criminal law, pending conclusion of the case; (2) the person is not eligible for enterprise leadership under the laws and administrative regulations; (3) the person is not a natural person; and (4) no more than five years have lapsed since the person was found guilty of violating relevant securities regulations and involved in fraud or dishonesty as adjudged by relevant regulatory authorities.

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Under the PRC Company Law, the board shall appoint a chairman and may appoint a vice chairman. The chairman and the vice chairman shall be elected with approval of more than half of all the directors. The chairman shall convene and preside over board meetings and review the implementation of board resolutions. The vice chairman shall assist the chairman to perform his/her duties. Where the chairman is incapable of performing, or is not performing his/her duties, the duties shall be performed by the vice chairman. Where the vice chairman is incapable of performing, or is not performing his/her duties, a director jointly elected by more than half of the directors shall perform his/her duties.

Supervisory Board

A company shall have a supervisory board composed of not less than three members. The supervisory board shall consist of representatives of the shareholders and an appropriate proportion of representatives of the company’s staff, among which the proportion of representatives of the company’s staff shall not be less than one-third, and the actual proportion shall be determined in the articles of association. Representatives of the company’s staff at the supervisory board shall be democratically elected by the company’s staff at the staff representative assembly, general staff meeting or otherwise. The supervisory board shall appoint a chairman and may appoint a vice chairman. The chairman and the vice chairman of the supervisory board shall be elected by more than half of all the supervisors. Directors and senior management members shall not act concurrently as supervisors.

According to the Reply of the Overseas Listing Department of CSRC and the Production System Department of the State Commission for Restructuring the Economic System on Opinions Concerning the Supplement and Amendment to Articles of Association by Companies to Be Listed in Hong Kong (中國證監會海外上市部、國家體改委生產體制司關於到香港上市公司對公司章程作補充修改的意見的函), the chairman of the supervisory board shall be selected by more than two-thirds of all the supervisors. Directors and senior management members shall not act concurrently as supervisors.

The chairman of the supervisory board shall convene and preside over supervisory board meetings. Where the chairman of the supervisory board is incapable of performing, or is not performing his/her duties, the vice chairman of the supervisory board shall convene and preside over supervisory board meetings. Where the vice chairman of the supervisory board is incapable of performing, or is not performing his/her duties, a supervisor elected by more than half of the supervisors shall convene and preside over supervisory board meetings.

Each term of office of a supervisor is three years and he/she may serve consecutive terms if re-elected. A supervisor shall continue to perform his/her duties as a supervisor in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations and the articles of association until a duly re-elected supervisor takes office, if re-election is not conducted in a timely manner upon the expiry of his/her term of office or if the resignation of supervisor results in the number of supervisors being less than the quorum.

The supervisory board may exercise its powers: (1) to review the company’s financial position; (2) to supervise the directors and senior management in their performance of their duties and to propose the removal of directors and senior management who have violated laws, regulations, the articles of association or resolutions of the shareholders’ general meetings; (3) when the acts of a director or a senior management personnel are detrimental to the company’s interests, to require the director and senior management to correct these acts; (4) to propose the convening of extraordinary shareholders’ general meetings and to convene and preside over shareholders’ general meetings when the board fails to perform the duty of convening and presiding over shareholders’ general meetings under the PRC

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Company Law; (5) to submit proposals to the shareholders' general meetings; (6) to bring actions against directors and senior management personnel pursuant to the relevant provisions of the PRC Company Law; and (7) to exercise any other authority stipulated in the articles of association.

Supervisors may be present at board meetings and make inquiries or proposals in respect of the resolutions of the board. The supervisory board may investigate any irregularities identified in the operation of the company and, when necessary, may engage an accounting firm to assist its work at the cost of the company.

Manager and Senior Management

Under the relevant requirements of the PRC Company Law, a company shall have a manager who shall be appointed or removed by the board of directors. Meanwhile, under the relevant requirements of the Mandatory Provisions, the manager, who reports to the board of directors, may exercise his/her powers: (1) to manage the production and operation and administration of the company and arrange for the implementation of the resolutions of the board of directors; (2) to arrange for the implementation of the company's annual operation plans and investment proposals; (3) to formulate proposals for the establishment of the company's internal management organs; (4) to formulate the fundamental management system of the company; (5) to formulate the company's specific rules and regulations; (6) to recommend the appointment or dismissal of any deputy manager and any financial officer of the company; (7) to appoint or dismiss management personnel (other than those required to be appointed or dismissed by the board of directors); and (8) to exercise any other authority granted by the board of directors. Other provisions in the articles of association on the manager's powers shall also be complied with. The manager shall be present at meetings of the board of directors. However, the manager shall have no voting rights at meetings of the board of directors unless he/she concurrently serves as a director. According to the PRC Company Law, senior management refers to manager, deputy manager, financial officer, secretary to the board of a listed company and other personnel stipulated in the articles of association.

Duties of Directors, Supervisors, General Managers and Other Senior Management

Directors, supervisors and senior management are required under the PRC Company Law to comply with the relevant laws, administrative regulations and the articles of association, and shall be obliged to be faithful and diligent towards the Company. Directors, supervisors and management personnel are prohibited from abusing their authority in accepting bribes or other unlawful income and from misappropriating the company's property. Furthermore, directors and senior management are prohibited from: (1) misappropriating company funds; (2) depositing company funds into accounts under their own names or the names of other individuals; (3) loaning company funds to others or providing guarantees in favor of others supported by company's property in violation of the articles of association or without approval of the general meeting or the board of directors; (4) entering into contracts or transactions with the company in violation of the articles of association or without approval of the general meeting; (5) using their position to procure business opportunities for themselves or others that should have otherwise been available to the company or operating businesses similar to that of the company for their own benefits or on behalf of others without approval of the general meeting; (6) accepting for their own benefit commissions from a third party for transactions conducted with the company; (7) unauthorized divulgence of confidential information of the company; and (8) other acts in violation of their duty of loyalty to the company. Income generated by directors or senior management in violation of aforementioned shall be returned to the company.

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A director, supervisor or senior management who contravenes law, administrative regulation or the articles of association in the performance of his/her duties resulting in any loss to the company shall be liable to the company for compensation.

Where a director, supervisor or senior management is required to attend a shareholders' general meeting, such director, supervisor or senior management shall attend the meeting and answer the inquiries from shareholders. Directors and senior management shall furnish all true information and data to the supervisory board, without impeding the discharge of duties by the supervisory board or supervisors.

Where a director or senior management contravenes laws, administrative regulations or the articles of association in the performance of his/her duties resulting in any loss to the company, shareholder(s) holding individually or in aggregate more than 1% of the company's shares consecutively for more than 180 days may request in writing that the supervisory board institute litigation at the people's court. Where the supervisory board violates the laws or administrative regulations or the articles of association in the discharge of its duties resulting in any loss to the company, such shareholder(s) may request in writing that the board of directors institute litigation at the people's court on its behalf. If the supervisory board or the board of directors refuses to institute litigation after receiving this written request from the shareholder(s), or fails to institute litigation within 30 days of the date of receiving the request, or in case of emergency where failure to institute litigation immediately will result in irrecoverable damage to the company's interests, such shareholder(s) shall have the power to institute litigation directly at the people's court in its own name for the company's benefit. For other parties who infringe the lawful interests of the company resulting in loss to the company, such shareholder(s) may institute litigation at the people's court in accordance with the procedure described above. Where a director or senior management contravenes any laws, administrative regulations or the articles of association in infringement of shareholders' interests, a shareholder may also institute litigation at the people's court.

The Special Regulations and the Mandatory Provisions provide that a company's directors, supervisors, manager and other senior management shall have duty of good faith to the company. They are required to faithfully perform their duties, to protect the interests of the company and not to use their positions in the company for their own benefits. The Mandatory Provisions contain detailed stipulations on these duties.

Finance and Accounting

Under the PRC Company Law, A company shall establish its own financial and accounting systems according to the laws, administrative regulations and the regulations of the competent financial departments under the State Council. At the end of each accounting year, a company shall prepare a financial report which shall be audited by an accounting firm in accordance with laws. The financial and accounting reports shall be prepared in accordance with laws, administrative regulations and the regulations of the financial departments under the State Council. The company's financial and accounting reports shall be made available for shareholders' inspection at the company within 20 days before the convening of an annual general meeting. A joint stock limited company that makes public stock offerings shall announce its financial and accounting reports.

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When distributing each year's profits after taxation, the company shall set aside 10% of its profits after taxation for the company's statutory common reserve fund until the fund has reached more than 50% of the PRC company's registered capital. When the company's statutory common reserve fund is not sufficient to make up for the company's losses for the previous years, the current year's profits shall first be used to make good the losses before any allocation is set aside for the statutory common reserve fund. After the company has made allocations to the statutory common reserve fund from its profits after taxation, it may, upon passing a resolution at a shareholders' general meeting, make further allocations from its profits after taxation to the discretionary common reserve fund. After the company has made good its losses and made allocations to its discretionary common reserve fund, the remaining profits after taxation shall be distributed in proportion to the number of shares held by the shareholders, except for those which are not distributed in a proportionate manner as provided by the articles of association.

Profits distributed to shareholders by a resolution of a shareholders' general meeting or the board of directors before losses have been made good and allocations have been made to the statutory common reserve fund in violation of the requirements described above must be returned to the company. The company shall not be entitled to any distribution of profits in respect of its own shares held by it.

The premium over the nominal value per share of the company on issue and other income as required by relevant governmental department to be treated as the capital reserve fund shall be accounted for as the capital reserve fund. The common reserve fund of a company shall be applied to make good the company's losses, expand its business operations or increase its capital. The capital reserve fund, however, shall not be used to make good the company's losses. Upon the transfer of the statutory common reserve fund into capital, the balance of the fund shall not be less than 25% of the registered capital of the company before such transfer.

The company shall have no accounting books other than the statutory books. The company's assets shall not be deposited in any account opened under the name of an individual.

Appointment and Dismissal of Auditors

Pursuant to the PRC Company Law, the engagement or dismissal of an accounting firm responsible for the company's auditing shall be determined by a shareholders' general meeting or the board of directors in accordance with the articles of association. The accounting firm should be allowed to make representations when the general meeting or the board of directors conducts a vote on the dismissal of the accounting firm. The company should provide true and complete accounting evidence, accounting books, financial and accounting reports and other accounting information to the engaged accounting firm without any refusal or withholding or falsification of data.

The Special Regulations require a company to engage an independent qualified accounting firm to audit the company's annual reports and to review and check other financial reports of the company. The accounting firm's term of office shall commence from the end of the shareholders' annual general meeting to the end of the next shareholders' annual general meeting.

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Profit Distribution

According to the PRC Company Law, a company shall not distribute profits before losses are covered and the statutory common reserve fund is provided. Additionally, the Special Regulations require that any dividend and other distribution to shareholders of H Shares shall be declared and calculated in RMB and paid in foreign currency. Under the Mandatory Provisions, a company shall make foreign currency payments to shareholders through receiving agents.

Amendments to the Articles of Association

Pursuant to PRC Company Law, the resolution of a shareholders' general meeting regarding any amendment to a company's articles of association requires affirmative votes by more than two-thirds of the votes held by shareholders attending the meeting. Pursuant to the Mandatory Provisions, the company may amend its articles of association according to the laws, administrative regulations and the articles of association. The amendment to articles of association involving content of the Mandatory Provisions will only be effective upon approval of the department in charge of company examination authorized by the State Council and approval of the securities regulatory department under by the State Council, while the amendment to articles of association involving matters of company registration must be registered with the relevant authority in accordance with laws.

Dissolution and Liquidation

Under the PRC Company Law, a company shall be dissolved for any of the following reasons: (1) the term of its operation set out in the articles of association has expired or other events of dissolution specified in the articles of association have occurred; (2) the shareholders have resolved at a shareholders' general meeting to dissolve the company; (3) the company shall be dissolved by reason of its merger or division; (4) the business license of the company is revoked or the company is ordered to close down or to be dissolved in accordance with the laws; or (5) the company is dissolved by the people's court in response to the request of shareholders holding shares that represent more than 10% of the voting rights of all shareholders of the company, on the grounds that the operation and management of the company has suffered serious difficulties that cannot be resolved through other means, rendering ongoing existence of the company a cause for significant losses to the shareholders' interests.

In the event of paragraph (1) above, the company may carry on its existence by amending its articles of association. The amendments to the articles of association in accordance with the provisions described above shall require the approval of more than two-thirds of voting rights of shareholders attending a shareholders' general meeting.

Where the company is dissolved under the circumstances set forth in paragraph (1), (2), (4) or (5) above, it should establish a liquidation committee within 15 days of the date on which the dissolution matter occurs. The liquidation committee shall be composed of directors or any other person determined by a shareholders' general meeting. If a liquidation committee is not established within the stipulated period, the company's creditors can apply to the people's court for setting up a liquidation committee with designated relevant personnel to conduct the liquidation. The people's court should accept such application and form a liquidation committee to conduct liquidation in a timely manner.

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The sort out committee may exercise following powers during the liquidation: (1) to sort out the company's assets and to prepare a balance sheet and an inventory of assets; (2) to notify the company's creditors or publish announcements; (3) to deal with any outstanding business related to the liquidation; (4) to pay any overdue tax together with any tax arising during the liquidation process; (5) to settle the company's claims and liabilities; (6) to handle the company's remaining assets after its debts have been paid off; and (7) to represent the company in any civil procedures.

The liquidation committee shall notify the company's creditors within ten days of its establishment, and publish an announcement in newspapers within 60 days. A creditor shall lodge his claim with the liquidation committee within 30 days of receipt of the notification or within 45 days of the date of the announcement if he has not received any notification.

A creditor shall report all matters relevant to his claimed creditor's rights and furnish relevant evidence. The liquidation committee shall register such creditor's rights. The liquidation committee shall not make any settlement to creditors during the period of the claim. Upon disposal of the company's property and preparation of the required balance sheet and inventory of assets, the liquidation committee shall draw up a liquidation plan and submit this plan to a shareholders' general meeting or a people's court for endorsement. The remaining part of the company's assets, after payment of liquidation expenses, employee wages, social insurance expenses and statutory compensation, outstanding taxes and the company's debts, shall be distributed to shareholders in proportion to shares held by them. The company shall continue to exist during the liquidation period, although it cannot conduct operating activities that are not related to the liquidation. The company's property shall not be distributed to shareholders before repayments are made in accordance with the requirements described above.

Upon liquidation of the company's property and preparation of the required balance sheet and inventory of assets, if the liquidation committee becomes aware that the company does not have sufficient assets to meet its liabilities, it must apply to a people's court for a declaration of bankruptcy in accordance with the laws. Following such declaration by the people's court, the liquidation committee shall hand over the administration of the liquidation to the people's court.

Upon completion of the liquidation, the liquidation committee shall prepare a liquidation report and submit it to the shareholders' general meeting or the people's court for verification, and to the company registration authority for the cancelation of company registration, and an announcement of its termination shall be published. Members of the liquidation committee shall be faithful in the discharge of their duties and shall perform their liquidation duties in compliance with laws. Members of the liquidation committee shall be prohibited from abusing their authority in accepting bribes or other unlawful income and from misappropriating the company's properties. Members of the liquidation committee who have caused the company or its creditors to suffer from any loss due to intentional fault or gross negligence, should be liable for making compensations to the company or its creditors. In addition, liquidation of a company declared bankrupt according to laws shall be processed in accordance with the laws on corporate bankruptcy.

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Overseas Listing

The shares of a company shall only be listed overseas after obtaining approval from CSRC, and the listing must be arranged in accordance with procedures specified by the State Council. Pursuant to the Special Regulations, a company may issue shares to overseas investors and list its shares overseas upon approval from CSRC. Subject to approval of the company's plans to issue overseas-listed foreign shares and domestic shares by CSRC, the board of directors of the company may make arrangement to implement such plans for issuance of shares, respectively, within fifteen months from the date of approval by CSRC.

In addition, if a company fails to issue all the shares as planned in one issue, it is not allowed to issue new shares not covered by the plan. If a company needs to adjust the issue plan, the shareholders' general meeting shall adopt a resolution for the examination by the company examination and approval department authorized by the State Council and the approval by the Securities Committee of the State Council.

Loss of Share Certificates

A shareholder may, in accordance with the public notice procedures set out in the PRC Civil Procedure Law, apply to a people's court if his share certificate(s) in registered form is either stolen, lost or destroyed, for a declaration that such certificate(s) will no longer be valid. After the people's court declares that such certificate(s) will no longer be valid, the shareholder may apply to the company for the issue of a replacement certificate(s).

A separate procedure regarding the loss of share certificates and H Share certificates of the overseas-listed foreign shareholders of the PRC is provided for in the Mandatory Provisions, details of which are set out in the articles of association.

Merger and Division

Under the PRC Company Law, a merger agreement shall be signed by merging companies and the involved companies shall prepare respective balance sheets and inventory of assets. The companies shall within 10 days of the date of passing the resolution approving the merger notify their respective creditors and publicly announce the merger in Newspapers within 30 days. A creditor may, within 30 days from the date of reception of the notification, or within 45 days from the date of the announcement if he has not received such notification, request the company to settle any outstanding debts or provide corresponding guarantees.

In case of a merger, the credits and debts of the merging parties shall be assumed by the surviving or the new company. In case of a division, the company's assets shall be divided and a balance sheet and an inventory of assets shall be prepared. When a resolution regarding the company's division is approved, the company should notify all its creditors within 10 days of the date of passing such resolution and publicly announce the division in newspapers within 30 days. Unless an agreement in writing is reached with creditors before the company's division in respect of the settlement of debts, the liabilities of the company which have accrued prior to the division shall be jointly borne by the divided companies.

Changes in the registration as a result of the merger or division shall be registered with the relevant administration authority for industry and commerce.

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The PRC Securities Laws, Regulations and Regulatory Regimes

The PRC has promulgated a series of regulations that relate to the issue and trading of the Shares and disclosure of information. In October 1992, the State Council established the Securities Committee and CSRC. The Securities Committee is responsible for coordinating the drafting of securities regulations, formulating securities-related policies, planning the development of securities markets, directing, coordinating and supervising all securities related institutions in the PRC and administering CSRC. CSRC is the regulatory arm of the Securities Committee and is responsible for the drafting of regulatory provisions governing securities markets, supervising securities companies, regulating public offerings of securities by PRC companies in the PRC or overseas, regulating the trading of securities, compiling securities-related statistics and undertaking relevant research and analysis. In April 1998, the State Council consolidated the Securities Committee and CSRC and reformed CSRC.

On April 22, 1993, the State Council promulgated the Provisional Regulations Concerning the Issue and Trading of Shares (股票發行與交易管理暫行條例) govern the application and approval procedures for public offerings of shares, issuing of and trading of shares, the acquisition of listed companies, deposit, clearing and transfer of shares, the disclosure of information, investigation, penalties and dispute resolutions with respect to a listed company.

On December 25, 1995, the State Council promulgated the Special Regulations of the State Council Concerning Domestic Listed Foreign Shares of Joint Stock Limited Companies (國務院關於股份有限公司境內上市外資股的特別規定). These regulations principally govern the issue, subscription, trading and declaration of dividends and other distributions of domestic listed foreign shares and disclosure of information of joint stock limited companies having domestic listed foreign shares.

The PRC Securities Law (中華人民共和國證券法) (the “**Securities Law**”) took effect on July 1, 1999 and was revised as of August 28, 2004, October 27, 2005, June 29, 2013, August 31, 2014 and December 28, 2019, respectively. The latest Securities Law was implemented on March 1, 2020. It was the first national securities law in the PRC, and is divided into 14 chapters and 226 articles comprehensively regulating activities in the PRC securities market, including the issue and trading of securities, takeovers by listed companies and the duties and responsibilities of the securities exchanges, securities companies, securities clearing institutions and securities regulatory authorities. Article 224 of the PRC Securities Law provides that domestic enterprises shall satisfy the relevant requirements of the State Council when it issues shares or lists shares outside the PRC directly or indirectly. Currently, the issue and trading of foreign issued securities (including shares) are principally governed by the regulations and rules promulgated by the State Council and CSRC.

Arbitration and Enforcement of Arbitral Awards

The Arbitration Law of the PRC(2017 Amendment) (中華人民共和國仲裁法(2017修正)) (the “**PRC Arbitration Law**”) was enacted by the Standing Committee of the NPC on August 31, 1994, which became effective on September 1, 1995 and was amended on August 27, 2009 and September 1, 2017. It is applicable to, among other matters, economic disputes involving foreign parties where all parties have entered into a written agreement to resolve disputes by arbitration before an arbitration committee constituted in accordance with the PRC Arbitration Law. The PRC Arbitration Law provides that an arbitration committee may, before the promulgation of arbitration regulations by the PRC Arbitration Association, formulate interim arbitration provisions in accordance with the PRC Arbitration Law and the PRC Civil Procedure Law. Where the involved parties have agreed to settle disputes by means of

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arbitration, a people’s court will refuse to handle a legal proceeding initiated by one of the parties at such people’s court, unless the arbitration agreement has lapsed.

The Listing Rules and the Mandatory Provisions require an arbitration clause to be included in the articles of association of a company listed in Hong Kong and, the Listing Rules, also require contracts between the company and each director or supervisor shall include arbitration clauses. Pursuant to such clause, whenever a dispute or claim arises from right or obligation provided in the articles of association, the PRC Company Law or other relevant laws and administrative regulations concerning the affairs of the company between (1) a holder of overseas listed foreign shares and the company; (2) a holder of overseas listed foreign shares and a holder of domestic shares; or (3) a holder of overseas listed foreign shares and the company’s directors, supervisors or other management personnel, such parties shall be required to refer such dispute or claim to arbitration at either the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (“**CIETAC**”) or the Hong Kong International Arbitration Center (“**HKIAC**”). Disputes in respect of the definition of shareholder and disputes in relation to the company’s shareholder registry need not be resolved by arbitration. If the party seeking arbitration elects to arbitrate the dispute or claim at the HKIAC, then either party may apply to have such arbitration conducted in Shenzhen in accordance with the securities arbitration rules of the HKIAC.

Under the PRC Arbitration Law and PRC Civil Procedure Law, an arbitral award shall be final and binding on the parties involved in the arbitration. If one party fails to comply with the arbitral award, the other party to the award may apply to a people’s court for its enforcement. However, the people’s court may refuse to enforce an arbitral award made by an arbitration commission if there is any procedural irregularity (including but not limited to irregularity in the composition of the arbitration tribunal, the jurisdiction of the arbitration commission, or the making of an award on matters beyond the scope of the arbitration agreement or outside the jurisdiction of the arbitration commission).

Any party seeking to enforce an award of a foreign affairs arbitration organ of the PRC against a party who or whose property is not located within the PRC may apply to a foreign court with jurisdiction over the relevant matters for recognition and enforcement of the award. Likewise, an arbitral award made by a foreign arbitral body may be recognized and enforced by a PRC court in accordance with the principle of reciprocity or any international treaties concluded or acceded to by the PRC.

The PRC acceded to the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (the “**New York Convention**”) passed on June 10, 1958 pursuant to a resolution passed by the Standing Committee of the NPC on December 2, 1986. The New York Convention provides that all arbitral awards made in a state which is a party to the New York Convention shall be recognized and enforced by other parties thereto subject to their rights to refuse enforcement under certain circumstances, including where the enforcement of the arbitral award is against the public policy of that state. At the time of the PRC’s accession to the Convention, the Standing Committee of the NPC declared that (1) the PRC will only apply the New York Convention to the recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards made in the territories of other parties based on the principle of reciprocity; and (2) the New York Convention will only apply to disputes deemed under PRC laws to be arising from contractual or non-contractual mercantile legal relations.

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An arrangement for mutual enforcement of arbitral awards between Hong Kong and the Supreme People’s Court of China was reached. The Supreme People’s Court of China adopted the Arrangements on the Mutual Enforcement of Arbitral Awards between the Mainland and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on June 18, 1999, which went into effect on February 1, 2000. The arrangements reflect the spirit of the New York Convention. Under the arrangements, the awards by the Mainland arbitral bodies recognized by Hong Kong may be enforced in Hong Kong and the awards by the Hong Kong arbitral bodies may also be enforced in the Mainland China. If the Mainland court finds that the enforcement of awards made by the Hong Kong arbitral bodies in the Mainland will be against public interests of the Mainland, the awards may not be enforced.

SUMMARY OF MATERIAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND PRC COMPANY LAW

The Hong Kong laws applicable to a company incorporated in Hong Kong are the Companies Ordinance and the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance and are supplemented by common law and the rules of equity that are applicable to Hong Kong. As a joint stock limited company established in the PRC that is seeking a [REDACTED] of shares on the Stock Exchange, the Company is governed by the PRC Company Law and all other rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to the PRC Company Law.

Set out below is a summary of certain material differences between Hong Kong Company Law applicable to a company incorporated in Hong Kong and the PRC Company Law applicable to a joint stock limited company incorporated under the PRC Company Law. This summary is, however, not intended to be an exhaustive comparison.

Incorporation of Corporate

Under Hong Kong company law, a company with share capital, shall be incorporated by the Registrar of Companies in Hong Kong and the company will acquire an independent corporate existence upon its incorporation. A company may be incorporated as a public company or a private company. Pursuant to the Companies Ordinance, the articles of association of a private company incorporated in Hong Kong shall contain provisions that restrict a member’s right to transfer shares. A public company’s articles of association do not contain such provisions.

Under the PRC Company Law, a joint stock limited company may be incorporated by promotion or subscription. The amended PRC Company Law which came into effect on October 26, 2018 has no provision on the minimum registered capital of joint stock companies, except that laws, administrative regulations and State Council decisions have separate provisions on paid-in registered capital and the minimum registered capital of joint stock, in which case the company should follow such provisions.

Share Capital

Under Hong Kong law, the directors of a Hong Kong company may, with the prior approval of the shareholders if required, issue new shares of the company. The PRC Company Law provides that any increase in our registered capital must be approved by our shareholders’ general meeting and the relevant PRC governmental and regulatory authorities. There are no such minimum capital requirements on a Hong Kong company under Hong Kong law.

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Under the PRC Securities Law, a company which is approved by the relevant securities regulatory authority to list its shares on a stock exchange must have a total share capital of not less than RMB30 million. There is no such restriction on companies incorporated in Hong Kong under Hong Kong law.

Under the PRC Company Law, the shares may be subscribed for in the form of money or non-monetary assets (other than assets not entitled to be used as capital contributions under relevant laws and administrative regulations). For non-monetary assets to be used as capital contributions, appraisals and transfer procedures of property rights must be carried out to ensure no over-valuation or under-valuation of the assets. There is no such restriction on a Hong Kong company under Hong Kong law.

Restrictions on Shareholding and Transfer of Shares

Under PRC law, our Domestic Shares, which are denominated and subscribed for in Renminbi, may only be subscribed for and traded by the government or government authorized departments, PRC legal persons, natural persons, qualified foreign institutional investors, or eligible foreign strategic investors. Overseas listed shares, which are denominated in Renminbi and subscribed for in a foreign currency other than Renminbi, may only be subscribed for, and traded by investors from Hong Kong, Macau or Taiwan or any country and territory outside the PRC, or qualified domestic institutional investors. However, qualified institutional investors and individual investors may trade Southbound Hong Kong trading Link and Northbound Shanghai trading Link (or the Northbound Shenzhen trading Link) shares via participating in Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect.

Under the PRC Company Law, a promoter of a joint stock limited company is not allowed to transfer the shares it holds for a period of one year after the date of establishment of the company. Shares in issue prior to the public offering cannot be transferred within one year from the [REDACTED] of the shares on a stock exchange. Shares in a joint stock limited company held by its directors, supervisors and senior management transferred each year during their term of office shall not exceed 25% of the total shares they held in the company, and the shares they held in the company cannot be transferred within one year from the [REDACTED] of the shares, and also cannot be transferred within half a year after such person has left office. The articles of association may set other restrictive requirements on the transfer of the company’s shares held by its directors, supervisors and senior management. There are no such restrictions on shareholdings and transfers of shares under Hong Kong law apart from six-month lockup on the company’s issue of shares and the 12-month lockup on controlling shareholders’ disposal of shares.

Financial Assistance for Acquisition of Shares

The PRC Company Law does not prohibit or restrict a joint stock limited company or its subsidiaries from providing financial assistance for the purpose of an acquisition of its own or its holding company’s shares. However, the Mandatory Provisions contain special restrictions provisions on a company and its subsidiaries on providing aforesaid financial assistance similar to those under the Hong Kong Company Law.

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Variation of Class Rights

The PRC Company Law has no special provision relating to variation of class rights. However, the PRC Company Law states that the State Council can promulgate separate regulations relating to other kinds of shares. The Mandatory Provisions contain elaborate provisions relating to the circumstances which are deemed to be variations of class rights and the approval procedure required to be followed in respect thereof. These provisions have been incorporated in the Articles of Association.

Under the Companies Ordinance, no rights attached to any class of shares can be varied except (i) with the approval of a special resolution of the holders of the relevant class at a separate meeting, (ii) with the consent in writing of the holders representing at least 75% of the total voting rights of holders of the relevant class of shares, or (iii) if there are provisions in the articles of association relating to the variation of those rights, then in accordance with those provisions.

Directors, Senior Management and Supervisors

The PRC Company Law, unlike Hong Kong Company Law, does not contain any requirements relating to the declaration of directors' interests in material contracts, restrictions on companies providing certain benefits to directors and guarantees in respect of directors' liability and prohibitions against compensation for loss of office without shareholders' approval. The Mandatory Provisions, however, contain certain restrictions on interested contracts and specify the circumstances under which a director may receive compensation for loss of office.

Supervisory Board

Under the PRC Company Law, a joint stock limited company's directors and members of the senior management are subject to the supervision of supervisory board. There is no mandatory requirement for the establishment of supervisory board for a company incorporated in Hong Kong. The Mandatory Provisions provide that each supervisor owes a duty, in the exercise of his powers, to act in good faith and honestly in what he considers to be in the best interests of the company and to exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.

Derivative Action by Minority Shareholders

According to Hong Kong law, as permitted by court, shareholders may initiate a derivative action on behalf of the company against directors who have any misconduct to the company if the directors control a majority of votes at a general meeting, thereby effectively preventing a company from suing the directors in breach of their duties in its own name.

The PRC Company Law provides shareholders of a joint stock limited company with the right so that in the event where the directors and senior management violate their obligations and cause damages to a company, the shareholders individually or jointly holding more than 1% of the shares in the company for more than 180 consecutive days may request in writing the supervisory board to initiate proceedings in the people's court. In the event that the supervisory board violates their obligations and cause damages to company, the above said shareholders may send written request to the board of directors to initiate proceedings in the people's court. Upon receipt of aforesaid written request from the shareholders, if the supervisory board or the board of directors refuses to initiate such proceedings, or has not initiated proceedings within 30 days from the date of receipt of the request, or if under urgent situations, failure of

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initiating immediate proceeding may cause irremediable damages to the company, the above said shareholders shall, for the benefit of the company's interests, have the right to initiate proceedings directly to the people's court in their own name.

The Mandatory Provisions also provide further remedies against the directors, supervisors and senior management who breach their duties to the company. In addition, as a condition to the listing of shares on the Stock Exchange, each director and supervisor of a joint stock limited company is required to give an undertaking in favor of the company acting as agent for the shareholders. This allows minority shareholders to take action against directors and supervisors of the company in default.

Protection of Minorities

Under Hong Kong law, a shareholder who complains that the business of a company incorporated in Hong Kong are conducted in a manner unfairly prejudicial to his interests may petition to the Court to make an appropriate order to give relief to the unfairly prejudicial conduct. Alternatively, pursuant to the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance, a shareholder may seek to wind up the company on the just and equitable ground. In addition, on the application of a specified number of members, the Financial Secretary may appoint inspectors who are given extensive statutory powers to investigate the affairs of a company incorporated or registered in Hong Kong.

According to the PRC Company Law, in the event that the company encounters substantial difficulties in its operation and management and its continuance shall cause a significant loss to the interest of its shareholders, and where this cannot be resolved through other means, the shareholders who hold more than 10% of the total shareholders' voting rights of the company may present a petition to the People's Court for the dissolution of the company. The Mandatory Provisions, however, contains provisions that a controlling shareholder may not exercise its voting rights in a prejudicial manner to the interests of the entire or part of shareholders of a company to relieve a director or supervisor of his duty to act honestly in the best interests of the company or to approve the expropriation by a director or supervisor of the company's assets or the individual rights of other shareholders.

Notice of Shareholders' General Meetings

Under the PRC Company Law, notice of a shareholders' annual general meeting and an extraordinary shareholders meeting must be given to shareholders at least 20 days and 15 days before the meeting, respectively. Under the Special Regulations and the Mandatory Provisions, at least 45 days' written notice must be given to all shareholders before the meeting and shareholders who wish to attend the meeting must send their writing replies to the company at least 20 days before the date of the meeting.

For a company incorporated in Hong Kong, the minimum period of notice is 14 days in the case of an annual general meeting. Further, where a meeting involves consideration of a resolution requiring special notice, the company must also give its shareholders notice of the resolution at least 14 days before the meeting. The notice period for the annual shareholders' general meeting is 21 days.

Quorum for Shareholders' General Meetings

Under the Companies Ordinance, the quorum for a general meeting must be at least two members unless the articles of association of the company otherwise provided. For companies with only one shareholder, the quorum must be one shareholder. The PRC Company Law does not specify the quorum

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for a shareholders' general meeting, but the Special Regulations and the Mandatory Provisions provide that general meetings may only be convened after replies to the notice of that meeting have been received from shareholders whose shares represent at least 50% of the voting rights at least 20 days before the proposed date of the meeting, or if the replies of shareholders is not reached 50% of the voting rights, the company shall within five days notify its shareholders again by way of a public announcement and the shareholders' general meeting may be held thereafter.

Voting

Under the Companies Ordinance, an ordinary resolution is passed by a simple majority of affirmative votes cast by shareholders present in person, or by proxy, at a general meeting, and a special resolution is passed by not less than three-fourths of affirmative votes casted by shareholders present in person, or by proxy, at a general meeting.

Under the PRC Company Law, the passing of any resolution requires more than one-half of the affirmative votes held by our shareholders present at a shareholders' meeting except in cases such as proposed amendments to our articles of association, increase or decrease of registered capital, merger, division, dissolution or transformation, which require two-thirds of the affirmative votes cast by shareholders present at a shareholders' general meeting.

Financial Disclosure

Under the PRC Company Law, a joint stock limited company is required to make available at the company for inspection by shareholders its financial report 20 days before its shareholders' annual general meeting. In addition, a joint stock limited company of which the shares are publicly issued must publish its financial report. The Companies Ordinance requires a company incorporated in Hong Kong to send to every shareholder a copy of its financial statements, auditors' report and directors' report, which are to be presented before the company's annual general meeting, not less than 21 days before such meeting. A joint stock limited company is required under the PRC law to prepare its financial statements in accordance with the PRC GAAP. In addition, pursuant to the Mandatory Provisions, a company must, in addition to preparing financial statements according to the PRC GAAP, have its financial statements prepared and audited in accordance with international accounting standards or the accounting standards of the oversea place where the shares are listed and its financial statements must also contain a statement of the financial effect of the material differences (if any) from the financial statements prepared in accordance with the PRC GAAP. The lower of the after-tax profits of a specific fiscal year stated in the statements prepared based on the above-mentioned principles shall prevail in the allocation of such profits. The company shall publish its financial reports twice in each accounting year. An interim financial report shall be published within 60 days after the end of the first six months of each accounting year, while an annual financial report shall be published within 120 days after the end of each accounting year.

The Special Regulations require that there should not be any contradiction between the information disclosed within and outside the PRC and that, to the extent that there are differences in the information disclosed in accordance with the relevant PRC and overseas laws, regulations and requirements of the relevant stock exchanges, such differences should also be disclosed simultaneously.

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Information on Directors and Shareholders

The PRC Company Law gives shareholders the right to inspect the company's articles of association, minutes of the shareholders' general meetings, share register, counterfoil of company debentures, resolutions of board meetings, resolutions of the board of supervisors and financial and accounting reports, which is similar to the shareholders' rights of Hong Kong companies under Hong Kong law.

Receiving Agent

Under the PRC Company Law and Hong Kong law, dividends once declared are debts payable to shareholders. The limitation period for debt recovery action under Hong Kong law is six years, while under the PRC laws this limitation period is three years. The Mandatory Provisions require the relevant company to appoint a trust company registered under the Hong Kong Trustee Ordinance (Chapter 29 of the Laws of Hong Kong) as a receiving agent to receive on behalf of holders of shares dividends declared and all other monies owed by the company in respect of its shares.

Corporate Reorganization

Corporate reorganization involving a company incorporated in Hong Kong may be effected in a number of ways, such as a transfer of the whole or part of the business or property of the company in the course of voluntary winding up to another company pursuant to Section 237 of the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance or a compromise or arrangement between the company and its creditors or between the company and its shareholders under Section 237 and Division 2 of Part 13 of the Companies Ordinance, which requires the sanction of the court. In addition, subject to the shareholders' approval, an intra-group wholly-owned subsidiary company may also be amalgamated horizontally or vertically under the Companies Ordinance.

Under PRC law, merger, division, dissolution or change the form of a joint stock limited company has to be approved by shareholders in general meeting.

Dispute Arbitration

In Hong Kong, disputes between shareholders on the one hand, and a company incorporated in Hong Kong or its directors on the other hand, may be resolved through legal proceedings in the courts. The Mandatory Provisions provide that such disputes should be submitted to arbitration at either the HKIAC or the CIETAC, at the claimant's choice.

Statutory Reserve Fund Withdrawal

Under the PRC Company Law, when a joint stock limited company allocating the after-tax profits of the current year, the Company shall allocate (10) ten percent of its profit to the statutory common reserve fund. There are no corresponding provisions under Hong Kong law.

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Remedies of the Company

Under the PRC Company Law, if a director, supervisor or senior management in carrying out his duties infringes any law, administrative regulation or the articles of association of a company, which results in damage to the company, that director, supervisor or senior management should be responsible to the company for such damages. In addition, the Listing Rules require listed companies’ articles of association to provide for remedies of the company similar to those available under Hong Kong law (including rescission of the relevant contract and recovery of profits from a director, supervisor or senior management).

Dividends

The company has the power in certain circumstances to withhold, and pay to the relevant tax authorities, any tax payable under PRC law on any dividends or other distributions payable to a shareholder. Under Hong Kong law, the limitation period for an action to recover a debt (including the recovery of dividends) is six years, whereas under PRC laws, the relevant limitation period is three years. The company must not exercise its powers to forfeit any unclaimed dividend in respect of shares until after the expiry of the applicable limitation period.

Fiduciary Duties

In Hong Kong, directors owe fiduciary duties to the company, including the duty not to act in conflict with the company’s interests. Furthermore, the Companies Ordinance has codified the directors’ statutory duty of care.

Under the PRC Company Law, directors, supervisors and senior management should be loyal and diligent. Under the Mandatory Provisions, directors, supervisors and senior management are not permitted, without the approval of the shareholders’ general meeting, to engage in any activities which compete with or damage the interests of their company.

Closure of Register of Shareholders

The Companies Ordinance requires that the register of shareholders of a company must not generally be closed for the registration of transfers of shares for more than 30 days (extendable to 60 days under certain circumstances) in a year, whereas, as required by the PRC Company Law and the Mandatory Provisions, share transfers shall not be registered within 30 days before the date of a shareholders’ general meeting or within five days before the base date set for the purpose of distribution of dividends.