# Beijing Fourth Paradigm Technology Co., Ltd. 北京第四節式智能技術股份有限公司

# TERMS OF REFERENCE AND RULES OF PROCEDURES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE UNDER THE BOARD

#### CHAPTER 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 In order to enhance the internal control, audit and connected transaction systems, ensure effective management of the Board for the senior management of Beijing Fourth Paradigm Technology Co., Ltd. (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (the "Group") in financial reporting, risk management and internal control, and improve the corporate governance structure, the audit committee under the Board is established and these terms of reference are formulated in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations of the Company Law of the People's Republic of China (the "Company Law"), the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Hong Kong Listing Rules") and the requirements of the Articles of Association of Beijing Fourth Paradigm Technology Co., Ltd. (the "Articles of Association").

**Article 2** The Audit Committee (the "Committee") is a standing committee under the Board and is principally responsible for reviewing and monitoring the following areas:

- (I) truthfulness of financial reports and procedures for financial reporting;
- (II) financial controls, and effectiveness of risk management and internal control systems;
- (III) ensuring the adequacy of resources, qualifications and experience of the accounting and financial reporting staff in accounting, internal audit and financial reporting functions and their staff training programs and budget expenditure;
- (IV) reviewing the findings of internal investigations and management's response regarding any suspected fraudulent activities or irregularities or suspected violations of laws, rules and regulations;
- (V) assessing whether the Company has any significant failings or weaknesses in internal control:
- (VI) ensuring the extent and frequency of adequate and effective communication of monitoring results by the relevant functional departments to the Board and its committees;
- (VII) assessing the changes in the nature and severity of significant risks faced by the Company in the previous year and the Company's ability to respond to the changes in its businesses and external environment:
- (VIII) performance of internal audit functional departments and personnel;
- (IX) appointment of external auditors and assessment of their qualifications, independence and performance;

- (X) periodic review and annual audit of the Group's financial reports; and
- (XI) compliance with relevant accounting standards and legal and regulatory requirements on financial information disclosures.

**Article 3** The Committee shall be responsible for risk management and monitoring and shall be accountable to the Board. The senior management shall be responsible for the preparation, submission and truthfulness of financial reports and provide the confirmation to the Committee regarding the effectiveness of the relevant risk management and internal control systems. The senior management and external auditors shall both be ultimately accountable to the Board and shareholders.

#### **CHAPTER 2 COMPOSITION**

**Article 4** The Committee shall consist of at least three members who shall all be non-executive directors and be directly appointed by the Board. The majority of the members shall be independent non-executive directors. The Committee shall be chaired by an independent non-executive director.

**Article 5** At least one member of the Audit Committee shall be an independent non-executive director with appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise (hereinafter referred to as "Financial Professional") as required by the Hong Kong Listing Rules.

**Article 6** A former partner of the existing auditor responsible for auditing the Group's accounts shall not serve as a member of the Audit Committee of the Group within two years after any of the following dates (whichever is later):

- (I) the date when it ceases to be a partner of the firm; or
- (II) the date when it ceases to have any financial interest in the firm.

**Article 7** Members of the Committee shall attend regular meetings of the Committee, and shall actively express their opinions on matters proposed at the meetings, have a thorough understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the Committee and themselves as members of the Committee, and be familiar with the operation mode, business activities and development of the Group.

**Article 8** The person in charge of internal audit of the Group shall be present at the meetings of the Committee to provide assistance. At the request of the Committee, the senior management, the person in charge of the finance department and representatives of external auditors of the Group shall also be in attendance at some or all meetings of the Committee or participate in the discussion of certain matters proposed at the meetings.

**Article 9** The secretary of the Board or the joint company secretaries of the Company or their respective proxies appointed by them shall be the secretary of the Committee. The Audit Committee may from time to time, appoint any other person with appropriate qualification and experience to act as the secretary of the Audit Committee.

#### CHAPTER 3 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

# **Section 1** Financial Reporting

**Article 10** The Committee shall be responsible for reviewing and monitoring the effectiveness of the financial reporting procedures implemented by the senior management and their compliance with relevant laws and regulations.

**Article 11** The Committee shall review the following with the senior management and the internal and external auditors:

- (I) the appropriateness of the Group's accounting and financial reports, including compliance with the accounting standards, any complex or unusual transactions, accounting treatment of significant risks and uncertainties and areas requiring highly subjective judgment;
- (II) material adjustments arising from audit;
- (III) significant accounting and financial reporting issues raised by internal and external auditors;
- (IV) new developments of or significant changes to the Group's existing accounting policies and recommendations to the Board on any significant new policies or significant changes to existing policies;
- (V) other reports submitted by the Board in relation to the duties and responsibilities of the Committee.

**Article 12** The Committee shall review with the senior management and the internal and external auditors and approve or, if necessary, recommend for approval by the Board:

- (I) the audited annual financial reports together with the report of the external auditors;
- (II) the interim financial reports;
- (III) the quarterly results, if applicable;
- (IV) all the financial information contained in important publicly disclosed documents, including prospectus, shareholder circular and other documents concerning placement of shares.

Article 13 In reviewing financial reports, the Committee shall pay attention to any changes in accounting policies and practices.

**Article 14** If a dividend proposal submitted by the senior management deviates from the dividend policy approved by the Board, the Committee shall review such dividend proposal and make recommendations to the Board.

**Article 15** The Committee shall review with the senior management and the internal auditors the measures and procedures for control of the regulatory documents submitted by the Group to the regulatory authorities.

# Section 2 Risk Management and Internal Control Systems

Article 16 The Committee shall review and evaluate whether the senior management has established appropriate risk management and internal control systems. This function is part of the Committee's risk management and control duties to establish proper and effective risk management and internal control systems. It is the responsibility of the senior management to confirm to the Committee as to the effectiveness of the risk management and internal control systems. The Committee shall discuss with the senior management in relation to the risk management and internal control systems and ensure that the management has performed its duties to establish effective risk management and internal control systems.

**Article 17** The Committee shall review the internal audit programs of the Company and its subsidiaries, review such annual audit plans with the internal auditors and provide guidance to them so as to consider the adequacy of the accounting system, risk management and the degree of internal control.

Article 18 With the help of risk management personnel and internal auditors, the Committee shall at least annually conduct a review of the soundness and effectiveness of the risk management and internal control hierarchy, mechanism and system of the Group, and advise and make recommendations towards the improvement of the risk management and internal control systems of the Group. Such review shall cover all important monitoring areas, including the functions of financial monitoring, operational monitoring and compliance monitoring, and monitoring of the implementation of the Group's risk management system. The Committee shall discuss with the management the risk management and internal control systems and ensure that the management has performed its duties to establish such effective systems. This discussion shall include the adequacy of resources, qualifications and experience of staff of the Company's accounting and financial reporting functions and their staff training programs and budget. The Committee shall discuss with the management about the scope and quality of the ongoing monitoring of risks and the internal control system as well as the internal audit function and work of other providers of assurance. The Committee shall take the initiative to or, upon delegation by the Board, consider the major investigation findings of the relevant risk management and internal control matters as well as the management's response to the investigation results. The Committee shall oversee the management in the design, execution and supervision of the risk management and internal control systems, and urge the management to confirm whether the abovementioned systems are effective.

The Committee shall particularly focus on the following in conducting such annual review:

- (I) the changes since the last annual review in the nature and severity of significant risks, and the Group's ability to respond to the changes in its internal businesses and the external environment:
- (II) the scope and quality of the senior management's ongoing monitoring of risks (including but not limited to compliance risks on financial reporting, accounting and external reporting) and the internal control system and, if applicable, the internal audit function and work of other providers of assurance;
- (III) the effectiveness of the internal control system established by the senior management to monitor transactions entered into or to be entered into between any member of the Group and any connected person or related party within the meaning of the Hong Kong Listing Rules;
- (IV) the effectiveness of the Group's procedures in relation to financial reporting and compliance with the Hong Kong Listing Rules;

- (V) the work of the internal risk management and audit functions and other supervision departments, including the reports (both regular and exceptional) issued by the risk management personnel and internal auditors, management recommendations submitted by the external auditors as well as the senior management's responses, and any examination reports issued by regulatory authorities and the senior management's responses. The Committee shall also meet with the senior management, the risk management personnel, the internal auditors and the external auditors to discuss findings from its work and the resolutions, or otherwise, any difficulties encountered;
- (VI) the extent and frequency of communication of monitoring results to the Committee which enables it to form a continuous assessment of the Group's state of control and the effectiveness of financial reporting risk management;
- (VII) the incidence of significant control failings or weaknesses that have been identified at any time during the relevant period and the extent to which they have resulted in unforeseen outcomes or contingencies that have had, could already have had, or may in the future have, a material impact on the Group's financial performance or condition;
- (VIII) regarding risk management matters that may have a significant impact on the Group's financial position and reputation, ensuring that the above matters have been properly addressed, and ensuring that any significant impact of these matters is reflected in the financial reports; and
- (IX) the adequacy of resources, qualifications and experience of staff of the Group's accounting, risk management, internal audit and financial reporting functions and their staff training programs and budget.

**Article 19** The Committee shall review arrangements under which employees of the Group may raise concerns about possible improprieties in financial reporting, internal control or other matters privately. The Committee shall ensure that proper arrangements are in place for the fair and independent investigations of such matters and for appropriate follow-up action.

**Article 20** The Committee shall study important investigation results of the relevant risk management and internal control matters (whether the investigation is conducted as delegated by the Board or upon the Committee's own initiative) and the senior management's response to these results.

**Article 21** Where the Board disagrees with the Audit Committee's view on the selection, appointment, resignation or dismissal of the external auditors, the Company should include in the Corporate Governance Report a statement from the Audit Committee explaining its recommendation and also the reason(s) why the Board has taken a different view.

**Article 22** Monitor other matters as required by laws, regulations and listing rules of the place where the Company's securities are listed and as authorized by the Board of the Company.

#### **Section 3** Internal Audit

#### **Article 23** The Committee shall:

- (I) regularly assess and monitor the effectiveness of the internal audit function, review and approve the duties and responsibilities and structure of internal audit with reference to the opinions of the senior management and the person in charge of internal audit, and ensure that the internal audit function is adequately resourced and has an appropriate standing and no unreasonable restrictions are imposed on its function;
- (II) be informed of the results of assessment on the person in charge of internal audit;
- (III) approve the results of assessment on other senior members of the internal audit team as advised by the person in charge of internal audit and report the same to the Audit Committee;
- (IV) review, monitor, examine and approve the audit programs, approaches, annual audit plans and budgets for internal audit and ensure the independence of internal audit and sufficient resources available to conduct relevant work; and
- (V) ensure adequate communication and coordination between the internal audit department and external auditors.

**Article 24** The Committee shall urge relevant functional departments to disclose, in the Corporate Governance Report, how the Company has complied with the risk management and internal control code provisions during the reporting period. In particular, they shall disclose:

- (I) the procedures used by the Company to identify, evaluate and manage significant risks;
- (II) the main features of the Company's risk management and internal control;
- (III) the procedures used by the Company to review the effectiveness of risk management and internal control systems, and the procedures to resolve material internal control defects;
- (IV) the procedures and internal control measures of the Company for handling and dissemination of inside information;
- (V) the frequency of the Board for reviewing risk management and internal control systems and whether the systems are adequate and effective in the view of the Company.
- (VI) the Board acknowledge that it is responsible for the risk management and internal control systems and reviewing their effectiveness. The Board should also explain that such systems are designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The Committee shall also urge the Board to disclose, in the Corporate Governance Report, whether it has obtained the confirmation from the management on effectiveness of the Company's risk management and internal control systems and urge the Board to disclose details of other important concerns.

#### The Committee shall:

- (I) review relevant reports submitted by internal audit, and the senior management's responses to any identified weaknesses on internal control; and
- (II) receive and review internal audit reports summarizing the senior management's responses to matters for which no measures have been taken, and the status of the measures taken in respect of those matters.

Article 25 The Committee shall individually meet the person in charge of internal audit in the absence of senior management or executive directors to discuss in the Committee's or internal auditors' view any issue needing to be discussed individually.

#### Section 4 External Audit

**Article 26** The Committee is responsible for monitoring external auditors, reviewing and monitoring the independence and objectivity of external auditors, as well as the effectiveness and compliance of audit methods to ensure external auditors are ultimately accountable to the Board, the Committee, and shareholders.

Article 27 The Committee shall make recommendations to the Board on the appointment, reappointment and change of external auditors so as to submit the same to the general meeting for approval, and approve the remuneration and terms of service of external auditors. In the event of resignation of any external auditors, the Committee shall look into the details of the resignation and clarify with the outgoing external auditors whether there is any work matter or reason for resignation requiring the Board's and the shareholders' attention.

Article 28 The Committee shall discuss with external auditors the nature and scope of the audit and reporting obligations before the Committee and the external auditors commence the audit work, review and monitor the effectiveness of the audit procedures in accordance with applicable standards, and ensure that the audit plan is risk-based and covers all relevant measurable activities during the entire accounting period, and coordinate the internal audit and external audit work. The Committee shall also review with external auditors (and senior management) all matters to be reported to the Committee in relation to general accounting standards.

Article 29 The Committee shall review significant financial reporting judgments and monitor the completeness, accuracy, integrity and fairness of interim and annual financial statements before submission to the Board with particular regard to changes in accounting policies and practices, major judgmental areas, adequacy of information disclosure, consistency between the financial statements and prior disclosures, any significant audit adjustments, the going concern assumption and any qualifications, and compliance with all applicable laws and accounting standards and requirements in relation to financial reporting as specified in the Hong Kong Listing Rules and other laws. The Committee shall consider any significant or unusual items that are, or may need to be, reflected in the report and accounts, it should consider due consideration to any matters that have been raised by the Company's staff responsible for the accounting and financial reporting function, compliance officer or auditors.

Article 30 The Committee shall review the audit results with external auditors, internal auditors and senior management, and report the same to the Board. The specific scope of review shall include but not limited to:

- (I) the external auditors' evaluation on the Group's internal accounting systems and relevant opinions;
- (II) the extent to which the management has cooperated with external auditors, including any major problems arising from the audit and any restrictions imposed by the senior management, or disagreement with the senior management on significant accounting issues:
- (III) existing or potential problems related to accounting and/or audit matters and any accounting errors, and any changes in accounting procedures and/or internal control system identified or arising during the audit;
- (IV) matters and material queries about accounting records, financial accounts or systems of control specified in the external auditor's management letter submitted by external auditors to senior management, the senior management's responses and follow-up of any identified weaknesses, and ensure that the Board will provide a timely response to the issues raised in the external auditor's management letter;
- (V) the appropriateness and standardization of principal accounting policies and treatments of the Group, and adoption of new accounting policies and treatments; and
- (VI) any other financial treatments that have been discussed with the senior management, specific use of existing treatments and external auditors' suggested treatments, as well as any other material events communicated with the senior management.

For the purposes of paragraph (I) of this article above, the Committee shall coordinate the settlement of any disagreements and disputes between the senior management and external auditors arising from financial reporting, in order to ensure the smooth preparation or issue of audit reports or implementation of related work. In the event of any material weaknesses in the monitoring process is identified, the Committee shall make recommendations to the Board on the actions to be taken.

**Article 31** Review the scope of audit and any other services provided by the external auditors and approve their fees and terms of service. As part of the review shall:

- (I) advise the external auditors to conduct any supplementary audit as deemed appropriate by the Committee;
- (II) review, with the external auditors, accounting principles, or report on recent or expected developments of accounting principles that may affect the Company or the scope of audit; and
- (III) discuss major expected audit issues, if any.

**Article 32** The Committee shall make recommendations to the Board, develop and implement the policy of engaging external auditors to provide non-audit services. For non-audit services, the Committee shall consider:

- (I) whether there are preventive measures or whether it is necessary to take or advise the Board to take appropriate measures to ensure that external auditors' objectivity and independence in carrying out audit work will not be compromised when they provide such non-audit services; and
- (II) the nature of non-audit services, the related fee levels and the fee levels both on an individual and collective basis relative to the external auditors.

**Article 33** The Committee shall annually review all non-audit works performed by the external auditors to ensure that such non-audit works do not involve any impermissible non-audit work and do not impair the independence of the external auditors.

**Article 34** The Committee shall approve the policy on hiring employees or former employees of external auditors and monitor the adoption of such policy to assess whether it has affected or is likely to affect the judgment or independence of the external auditors in carrying out audit work.

Article 35 The Committee shall liaise with the Board and senior management, and meet with the external auditors at least twice a year to discuss matters regarding the audit fees, any matters arising from audit and any other matters the external auditors wish to discuss.

#### Section 5 Others

Article 36 The Committee shall preliminarily consider the connected transactions requiring approval from the general meeting and the Board, and shall submit the same to the Board for approval.

**Article 37** The Committee shall consider and approve connected transactions or accept the filing of connected transactions within the scope of authorization of the Board.

**Article 38** Subsequent to the year end, the Committee shall submit to the Board a special report on connected transactions and implementation of the connected transaction management system during the year which shall fully and accurately report the overall positions, degree of risk and structural distribution of the connected transactions which the Company has conducted during the year.

**Article 39** The Committee shall review the soundness of the arrangements under which the Company permits the employees to report or complain about any irregularities of the Company in financial reporting, internal control or other related areas, and ensure that the Company has appropriate arrangements for fair and independent investigation and follow-up on relevant matters.

**Article 40** The Committee shall work with the Supervisory Committee in its supervisory audit.

**Article 41** The Committee shall study other subject matter as determined by the Board, keep the Board informed of any events which may have a material effect on the Group's financial position or business development, and make appropriate recommendations to the Board.

**Article 42** The Committee shall handle other matters stipulated by laws, regulations, regulatory documents and the Articles of Association, required by the securities regulatory authorities of the place where the shares of the Company are listed and authorized by the Board (including studying other subjects determined by the Board).

Article 43 The Committee shall communicate with other committees on a regular basis, ensure all material risk management issues and irregularities have been thoroughly discussed and followed up by taking into account the Board's responsibilities for the control of all risks, and ensure appropriate coordination has been provided to all reviews on internal control systems conducted by the Committee through audit.

**Article 44** The Committee shall upload these terms of reference to the websites of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and the Company, in order to explain its role, duties and authority as delegated by the Board.

#### **CHAPTER 4 POWER**

**Article 45** The Committee has the right to seek adequate resources and administrative support from senior management of the Group for the work of the Committee, and has separate and independent access to senior management of the Group.

Article 46 Senior management are expected to support the work of the Committee in the best possible faith to ensure that they provide the Committee with all necessary information that is appropriate in respect of the Group's operation, business, status etc. for the Committee to fulfil its responsibilities on a timely basis. The Committee has the right to request any member of senior management and any employee of the Group to promptly and as comprehensively as possible respond to the queries raised by any member of the Committee. Information provided to the Committee shall be accurate and complete, and be in the form and of the quality enabling the Committee to make an informed decision.

**Article 47** The Committee has the right to act on its own or at the appointment by the Board to investigate and consider major internal control issues, review the Group's operating, financial and accounting policies and practices, study relevant findings and responses of the senior management, and report the results of the investigation or review to the Board and make relevant recommendations.

**Article 48** Members of the Committee may, upon reasonable request, seek independent professional advice for their decision-making in appropriate circumstances, at the Group's expense. In the event of seeking advice from an external consultant, such consultant shall be appointed by the chairman of the Committee and its opinions shall be directly submitted to the chairman of the Committee (independent of the senior management).

### CHAPTER 5 RULES OF PROCEDURE

**Article 49** The Committee shall convene meetings at least twice a year before the periodic meetings of the Board. Notices shall be given to all members no less than 3 business days prior to the meeting. Such notice period may be waived with the written consent of more than half of the members of the Committee.

**Article 50** Extraordinary meetings may be convened upon proposal by the chairman or more than half of all members of the Committee. Notices of extraordinary meetings shall be given to all members no less than 3 business days prior to the meeting. Such notice period may be waived with the written consent of more than half of the members of the Committee. The external auditors of the Company can call for an extraordinary meeting if necessary.

**Article 51** Materials and notice of the meetings of the Committee shall be issued simultaneously. All members shall familiarize themselves fully with the meeting materials prior to the meeting.

Article 52 In principle, the meetings of the Committee shall be convened by way of a physical meeting in the presence of more than half of all members. However, in order to allow all members to fully express their opinions, the meetings may also be convened by telecommunication means or circulation of written resolutions. Telecommunication means refer to the use of telephone, video conference and other means to participate in the meeting; circulation of written resolutions refers to the way of making decision on proposals through separate or circulated service. The quorum of the meetings of the Committee shall be two members of the Committee, one of whom must be an independent non-executive director.

Article 53 The chairman of the Committee shall preside over meetings of the Committee. In the event that the chairman of the Committee is unable to attend, another member (who is an independent non-executive director) may be designated to preside over the meetings. If such designation is not made, more than half of the members being present shall select a member (who is an independent non-executive director) to preside over the meetings.

Article 54 Members of the Committee shall attend the meetings in person. In the event that a member is unable to attend, he/she may authorise another member in writing to attend and vote on his behalf. The proxy who attends and votes at the meeting shall submit the power of attorney to the chairman of the meeting before it begins. The power of attorney shall set out the name of the principal, name of the proxy, matters delegated, voting instructions on matters proposed at the meeting (for or against), scope and validity period of authorization, and shall be signed or sealed by the principal. The proxy shall exercise the right within the scope of authorization. The principal who authorizes other members to attend the meeting on his behalf shall be solely liable to any decisions made by the proxy within his scope of authorization.

Article 55 Votes at the meetings of the Committee shall be conducted by a show of hands, by voice or by disclosed ballot. Only the members of the Audit Committee are entitled to vote in a meeting of the Audit Committee and every member shall have one vote. Resolutions made at the meetings shall not take effect unless they are passed by more than half of all members (including members unable to be present). Members of the Committee shall give express votes, either for or against and may not abstain from voting.

Article 56 Representatives of the auditors shall usually attend the meetings of the Committee to provide assistance. At the request of the Committee, it may also invite non-members of the Committee that are directors, supervisors, relevant members of senior management and head of relevant departments of the Company to be in attendance at some or all of the meetings of the Committee. Prior approval from the chairman of the Committee shall be obtained for the list of such persons in attendance at the meeting.

**Article 57** Any member who is involved in any resolution considered at the meetings of the Committee, along with his associates, shall abstain from attending the meetings.

Article 58 Full records of the meetings of the Committee shall be kept. Minutes of the meetings of the Committee shall sufficiently record the matters considered and decisions reached by the Audit Committee and auditors in detail, including any concerns raised by the directors or dissenting views expressed. Members attending the meetings shall sign on the final version of the minutes of the meetings of the Committee. A resolution passed and signed by all members of the Audit Committee is valid, as if it had been passed at the meeting duly convened and held by the Audit Committee.

**Article 59** Members of the Committee and persons in attendance at the meetings are obligated to keep all considered matters confidential and shall not disclose such information without approval.

# **CHAPTER 6 REPORTING PROCEDURES**

**Article 60** All minutes of the meetings prepared by the Committee in accordance with the Article 56 regarding the rules of procedures shall be kept by the secretary of the Audit Committee and be available for inspection at any reasonable time on reasonable notice by any director.

**Article 61** The Committee shall regularly report to the Board on matters set out in these terms of reference, including the work of the Committee, and shall notify the Supervisory Committee of the same, unless those committees are restricted by legal and regulatory restriction and cannot report.

#### CHAPTER 7 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Article 62 The chairman of the Committee shall attend annual general meetings of the Company and be prepared to answer any shareholder's questions in relation to the duties of the Audit Committee.

**Article 63** If the chairman of the Committee is unable to attend an annual general meeting of the Company, he/she shall arrange for another member of the Committee to attend in his place. Such member shall be prepared to answer any shareholder's questions in relation to the work of the Committee at the annual general meeting.

## CHAPTER 8 EFFECTIVE DATE AND AMENDMENTS

Article 64 Upon approval by the Board, this Terms of Reference shall come into effect from the day on which the overseas listed foreign shares (H Shares) of the Company are listed on the Main Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. Where it is necessary to amend these terms of reference in light of changes in circumstances, the amendments shall be proposed by the Committee and submitted to the Board for consideration and approval.

Article 65 Matters not covered by these terms of reference shall be handled in accordance with the requirements of relevant state laws and regulations, the Hong Kong Listing Rules and the Articles of Association; in case there is any inconsistency between these terms of reference and any future relevant state laws and regulations, the Hong Kong Listing Rules or the Articles of Association amended by lawful procedures, the relevant state laws and regulations, the Hong Kong Listing Rules and the Articles of Association shall prevail and these terms of reference shall be amended accordingly, subject to the approval of the Board.

Article 66 These terms of reference shall be interpreted by the Board.