
WAIVERS FROM STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE LISTING RULES

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

MANAGEMENT PRESENCE IN HONG KONG

Pursuant to Rules 8.12 and 19A.15 of the Listing Rules, an issuer must have sufficient management presence in Hong Kong and, in normal circumstances, at least two of the issuer’s executive directors must be ordinarily resident in Hong Kong.

Currently, all of our executive Directors reside in the PRC and for the foreseeable future will not be ordinarily resident in Hong Kong. Our Company’s business operations and assets are primarily conducted and located in the PRC, and it would be practically difficult and commercially unnecessary for us to relocate two of our executive Directors to Hong Kong, or to appoint additional executive Directors solely for the purpose of satisfying Rules 8.12 and 19A.15 of the Listing Rules, primarily on the basis that, as our headquarters, principal business operations and assets are located in the PRC, our management is best able to attend to its function by being based in the PRC. Accordingly, we have applied to the Stock Exchange for, and the Stock Exchange [has granted] us, a waiver from compliance with Rules 8.12 and 19A.15 of the Listing Rules subject to, among others, the following conditions:

- (a) pursuant to Rule 3.05 of the Listing Rules, we have appointed two authorized representatives, namely Mr. Li Zhen, our executive Director and chairman of the Board, and Mr. Cheung Kai Cheong Willie (“**Mr. Cheung**”), one of our joint company secretaries, who will act as our Company’s principal channel of communication with the Stock Exchange. Mr. Cheung is ordinarily resident in Hong Kong. Although Mr. Li Zhen resides in the PRC, he possesses valid travel documents and is able to renew such travel documents when they expire to travel to Hong Kong. Each of our authorized representatives will be available to meet with the Stock Exchange in Hong Kong within a reasonable time frame upon the request of the Stock Exchange and will be readily contactable by telephone, facsimile and/or email (where available). Each of our authorized representatives is authorized to communicate on our behalf with the Stock Exchange. Our Company has been registered as a non-Hong Kong company under Part 16 of the Companies Ordinance and Mr. Cheung has also been authorized to accept service of legal process and notices in Hong Kong on behalf of our Company;
- (b) both of our authorized representatives have means to contact all our Directors (including our independent non-executive Directors) promptly at all times as and when the Stock Exchange wishes to contact our Directors for any matters. Our Directors who are not ordinarily resident in Hong Kong possess or can apply for valid travel documents to visit Hong Kong and will be able to meet with the Stock Exchange within a reasonable period of time, when required. Each of our Directors has provided his/her respective mobile phone numbers, office phone numbers, fax numbers and/or email addresses (where available) to our authorized representatives. In the event that a Director expects to travel, he/she will provide the phone number of the place of his/her accommodation to our authorized representatives or maintain

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an open line of communication via his/her mobile phone. Each of our Directors and authorized representatives has provided his/her mobile phone numbers, office phone numbers, fax numbers and/or email addresses (where available) to the Stock Exchange;

- (c) pursuant to Rules 3A.19 and 19A.05 of the Listing Rules, we have appointed Somerley Capital Limited as our compliance advisor (the “**Compliance Advisor**”), which shall have access at all times to our authorized representatives, Directors, senior management and other officers of our Company, and will act as an additional channel of communication between the Stock Exchange and us; and
- (d) meetings between the Stock Exchange and our Directors could be arranged through our authorized representatives or the Compliance Advisor, or directly with our Directors within a reasonable time frame. We will promptly inform the Stock Exchange of any changes of our authorized representatives and/or the Compliance Advisor.

JOINT COMPANY SECRETARIES

According to Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules and the Guidance Letter HKEX-GL108-20 issued by the Stock Exchange, the secretary of an issuer must be a person who has the requisite knowledge and experience to discharge the functions of the company secretary and is either (i) a member of the Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute, a solicitor or barrister as defined in the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Chapter 159 of the Laws of Hong Kong) or a certified public accountant as defined in the Professional Accountants Ordinance (Chapter 50 of the Laws of Hong Kong); or (ii) an individual who, by virtue of his/her academic or professional qualifications or relevant experience, is, in the opinion of the Stock Exchange, capable of discharging the functions of a company secretary.

According to the Guidance Letter HKEX-GL108-20, the waiver under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules will be granted for a fixed period of time, but in any case, will not exceed three years from the [REDACTED] (the “**Waiver Period**”) and on the conditions that (i) the company secretary in question must be assisted by a person who possesses the qualifications or experience as required under Rule 3.28 and is appointed as a joint company secretary throughout the Waiver Period; and (ii) the waiver can be revoked if there are material breaches of the Listing Rules by our Company.

We have appointed Mr. Li Yi and Mr. Cheung as our joint company secretaries. Mr. Li Yi served as our general manager from November 2010 to January 2021. He has been serving as our Director since December 15, 2015, the deputy general manager and the head of our financial department since January 15, 2021, the secretary of the Board since November 12, 2021. He was re-designated as our executive Director on April 27, 2023. Mr. Li Yi was appointed as a joint company secretary on June 1, 2023. Mr. Li Yi is primarily responsible for the daily operations, financial management and company secretarial matters of our Company and assisting the operation of the Board. Our Directors are of the view that, having regard to Mr. Li Yi’s thorough understanding of the overall business operations and corporate

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governance matters of our Company, he is considered as a suitable person to act as a company secretary of our Company. In addition, as our headquarters and principal business operations are substantially based and conducted in the PRC, our Directors believe that it is necessary to appoint Mr. Li Yi as a company secretary whose presence in the headquarters of our Company enables him to attend the day-to-day corporate secretarial matters of our Company and to take the necessary actions in an effective and efficient manner.

However, given that Mr. Li Yi does not possess a qualification stipulated in Rule 3.28(1) of the Listing Rules nor the “relevant experience” set out in Rule 3.28(2) of the Listing Rules, he is not able to solely fulfill the requirements as a company secretary of a [REDACTED] issuer stipulated under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules. In order to provide support to Mr. Li Yi, we have appointed Mr. Cheung, a fellow member of both the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants in the United Kingdom, who is qualified under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules, to act as the other joint company secretary to closely work with and provide support to Mr. Li Yi during the Waiver Period so as to enable Mr. Li Yi to acquire the relevant experience (as required under Rule 3.28(2) of the Listing Rules) to duly discharge his duties as a company secretary of a [REDACTED] issuer.

Accordingly, we have applied to the Stock Exchange for, and the Stock Exchange [has granted] us, a waiver from strict compliance with the requirements under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules in relation to the appointment of Mr. Li Yi as our joint company secretary on the condition that Mr. Li Yi will be assisted by Mr. Cheung as our joint company secretary throughout the Waiver Period. Being a fellow member of both the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants in the United Kingdom and by virtue of his experience in corporate secretarial practice, Mr. Cheung is, in our Directors’ opinion, a qualified and suitable person to render assistance to Mr. Li Yi so as to enable him to acquire the relevant experience (as required under Rule 3.28(2) of the Listing Rules) to duly discharge his duties. In addition, Mr. Li Yi will comply with the annual professional training requirement under Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules and will enhance his knowledge of the Listing Rules during the Waiver Period. Our Company will further ensure that Mr. Li Yi has access to the relevant training and support that would enhance his understanding of the Listing Rules and the duties of a company secretary of an issuer [REDACTED] on the Stock Exchange.

Such waiver will be revoked immediately if and when Mr. Cheung ceases to provide such assistance or our Company commits any material breaches of the Listing Rules during the Waiver Period. Before the expiry of such three-year period, we will liaise with the Stock Exchange to enable it to assess the then experience of Mr. Li Yi, having had the benefit of Mr. Cheung’s assistance for three years, will have acquired the relevant experience within the meaning of Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules so that a further waiver will not be necessary.

The biographical information of Mr. Li Yi and Mr. Cheung is set out in “Directors, Supervisors and Senior Management” in this document.