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REGULATIONS ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT

The establishment, operation, and management of corporate entities in the PRC is governed by the PRC Company Law (《中華人民共和國公司法》), which was promulgated by the SCNPC, on December 29, 1993, and came into effect on July 1, 1994. The PRC Company Law was most recently amended on October 26, 2018. A foreign invested company is also subject to the PRC Company Law, unless otherwise provided by the foreign investment laws.

On March 15, 2019, the NPC promulgated the Foreign Investment Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國外商投資法》) (the “Foreign Investment Law”), which came into effect on January 1, 2020 and replaced the trio of laws regulating foreign investment in China, namely, the Sino-foreign Equity Joint Venture Enterprise Law (《中華人民共和國中外合資經營企業法》), the Sino-foreign Cooperative Joint Venture Enterprise Law (《中華人民共和國中外合作經營企業法》) and the Wholly Foreign-invested Enterprise Law (《中華人民共和國外資企業法》), together with their implementation rules and ancillary regulations. Existing foreign-invested enterprises established prior to the effective of the Foreign Investment Law may keep their corporate forms for five years. The Implementing Rules of the Foreign Investment Law (《中華人民共和國外商投資法實施條例》) were promulgated by the State Council on December 26, 2019 and came into effect on January 1, 2020. Pursuant to the Foreign Investment Law, “foreign investors” means natural person, enterprise, or other organization of a foreign country, “foreign-invested enterprises”, (the “FIEs”), means any enterprise established under PRC law that is wholly or partially invested by foreign investors and “foreign investment” means any foreign investor’s direct or indirect investment in China, including: (i) establishing FIEs in China either individually or jointly with other investors; (ii) obtaining stock shares, stock equity, property shares, or other similar interests in Chinese domestic enterprises; (iii) investing in new projects in China either individually or jointly with other investors; and (iv) making investment through other means provided by laws, administrative regulations, or State Council provisions.

The Foreign Investment Law stipulates that China implements the management system of pre-establishment national treatment plus a negative list to foreign investment and the government generally will not expropriate foreign investment, except under special circumstances, in which case it will provide fair and reasonable compensation to foreign investors. Foreign investors are barred from investing in prohibited industries on the negative list and must comply with the specified requirements when investing in restricted industries on that list. When a license is required to enter a certain industry, the foreign investor must apply for one, and the government must treat the application the same as one by a domestic enterprise, except where laws or regulations provide otherwise. In addition, foreign investors or FIEs are required to file information reports and foreign investment shall be subject to national security review.

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The Provisions on Guiding the Orientation of Foreign Investment (《指導外商投資方向規定》), which was promulgated by the State Council on February 11, 2002, and became effective on April 1, 2002, categorizes all foreign-invested projects into encouraged, permitted, restricted, and prohibited projects. The Special Administrative Measures (Negative List) for Foreign Investment Access (2021 Edition) (《外商投資准入特別管理措施(負面清單)》(2021年版)), was promulgated by the NDRC and the MOFCOM on December 27, 2021, and became effective on January 1, 2022, and lists the categories of restricted and prohibited foreign-invested projects. Those not listed are permitted foreign-invested projects.

On December 30, 2019, MOFCOM and the State Administration for Market Regulation (the “SAMR”), jointly promulgated the Measures for Information Reporting on Foreign Investment (《外商投資信息報告辦法》), which became effective on January 1, 2020. Pursuant to the Measures for Information Reporting on Foreign Investment, where a foreign investor carries out investment activities in China directly or indirectly, the foreign investor or the foreign-invested enterprise shall submit the investment information to the competent commerce department.

On December 19, 2020, the NDRC and the MOFCOM jointly promulgated the Measures on the Security Review of Foreign Investment (《外商投資安全審查辦法》), effective on January 18, 2021, which sets forth the provisions concerning the security review mechanism on foreign investment, including, amongst others, the types of investments subject to review, review scopes and procedures. The Office of the Working Mechanism of the Security Review of Foreign Investment (外商投資安全審查工作機制辦公室) (the “Office of the Working Mechanism”) will be established under the NDRC which will lead the task together with the MOFCOM. Foreign investor or relevant parties in China must declare the security review to the Office of the Working Mechanism prior to (i) the investments in the military industry, military industrial supporting and other fields relating to the security of national defense, and investments in areas surrounding military facilities and military industry facilities; and (ii) investments in important agricultural products, important energy and resources, important equipment manufacturing, important infrastructure, important transport services, important cultural products and services, important information technology and Internet products and services, important financial services, key technologies and other important fields relating to national security, and to obtain control in the target enterprise. “Control” as contemplated in item (ii) of the preceding sentence exists when the foreign investor (a) holds over 50% equity interests in the target enterprise, (b) has voting rights that can have material influence on the resolutions of the board of directors or shareholders meeting of the target enterprise even when it holds less than 50% equity interests in the target enterprise, or (c) has material influence on the target enterprise’s business decisions, human resources, accounting and technology.

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REGULATIONS ON NEVS

On June 22, 2022, the CBIRC promulgated the Notice of Encouraging Non-banking Institutions to Support the Development of New Energy Vehicles (《關於鼓勵非銀機構支持新能源汽車發展的通知》) (the “Non-banking Institutions Notice”), which regulates non-banking institutions such as automobile finance companies, finance companies of enterprise groups and financial leasing companies. The Non-banking Institutions Notice aims to promote the sale of NEVs and the availability of financial services with respect to the sale of NEVs. The Non-banking Institutions Notice encourages non-banking institutions to enhance the application of financial technologies, optimize the use of big data and credit ratings and improve the intelligence and precision level of loan approval when they provide loans and financial leasing services in relation to the sale of NEVs. In addition, the CBIRC paid close attention to the development of NEVs, which was reflected in the Guiding Opinions on Strengthening Industry-finance Cooperation to Promote Industrial Green Development (《關於銀行業保險業支持城市建設和治理的指導意見》), which was promulgated and became effective on May 6, 2022, and the Guiding Opinions on Strengthening Industry-finance Cooperation to Promote Industrial Green Development (《關於加強產融合作推動工業綠色發展的指導意見》), which was promulgated and became effective on September 3, 2021.

REGULATIONS ON INTERNET INFORMATION SECURITY AND PRIVACY PROTECTION

The PRC government has enacted Laws with respect to internet information security and protection of personal information from any abuse or unauthorized disclosure. Internet information in China is regulated and restricted from a national security standpoint. The SCNPC enacted the Decision on the Maintenance of Internet Security (《關於維護互聯網安全的決定》) on December 28, 2000, which was amended on August 27, 2009 and may subject persons to criminal liabilities in the PRC for any attempt to: (i) gain improper entry into a computer or system of strategic importance; (ii) disseminate politically disruptive information; (iii) leak state secrets; (iv) spread false commercial information; or (v) infringe intellectual property rights. In addition, on December 16, 1997, the Ministry of Public Security (the “MPS”), issued the Administration Measures on the Security Protection of Computer Information Network with International Connections (《計算機信息網絡國際聯網安全保護管理辦法》), which took effect on December 30, 1997 and were amended by the State Council on January 8, 2011, and which prohibits using the internet in ways which, among others, result in a leakage of state secrets or a spread of socially destabilizing content. The MPS has supervision and inspection powers in this regard, and relevant local security bureaus may also have jurisdiction. If an internet information service provider violates any of these measures, competent authorities may revoke its operating license and shut down its websites. The Administrative Measures for the Graded Protection of Information Security (《信息安全等級保護管理辦法》) that was issued and took effect on June 22, 2007 requires entities that operate and use information systems to fulfil the obligation of protection of the information system at multi-level. Entities that operate the information systems at Grade II or above shall, within 30 days after the date when its security protection grade is determined, handle the record-filing procedures at the local public security authority.

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Under the Several Provisions on Regulating the Market Order of Internet Information Services (《規範互聯網信息服務市場秩序若干規定》), issued by the MIIT in 2011, an internet information service provider may not collect any personal information of a user or provide any such information to third parties without the user's consent. It must expressly inform the user of the method, content and purpose of the collection and processing of such user's personal information and may only collect information to the extent necessary to provide its services. An internet information service provider is also required to properly maintain users' personal information, and in case of any leak or likely leak of such information, it must take immediate remedial measures and, in the event of a serious leak, report to the telecommunications regulatory authority immediately.

Pursuant to the Decision on Strengthening the Protection of Online Information (《關於加強網絡信息保護的決定》), issued by the SCNPC in 2012, and the Provisions on Protection of Personal Information of Telecommunication and Internet Users (《電信和互聯網用戶個人信息保護規定》), issued by the MIIT in 2013, any collection and use of a user's personal information must be subject to the consent of the user, be legal, rational and necessary and be limited to specified purposes, methods and scopes. An internet information service provider must also keep such information strictly confidential, and is further prohibited from divulging, tampering with or destroying any such information, or selling or providing such information to other parties. An internet information service provider is required to take technical and other measures to prevent the collected personal information from any unauthorized disclosure, damage or loss. Any violation of these laws may subject the internet information service provider to warnings, fines, confiscation of illegal gains, revocation of licenses, cancellation of filings, closure of websites or even criminal liabilities.

Pursuant to the Ninth Amendment to the Criminal Law (《中華人民共和國刑法修正案(九)》) issued by the SCNPC in August 2015 and which became effective in November 2015, any internet service provider that fails to fulfil the obligations related to the internet information security administration as required by applicable laws and refuses to rectify such failures when ordered, shall be subject to criminal penalty. Pursuant to the Notice of the Supreme People's Court, the Supreme People's Procuratorate and the MPS on Legally Punishing Criminal Activities Infringing upon the Personal Information of Citizens (《最高人民法院、最高人民檢察院、公安部關於依法懲處侵害公民個人信息犯罪活動的通知》), issued in 2013, and the Interpretation of the Supreme People's Court and the Supreme People's Procuratorate on Several Issues regarding Legal Application in Criminal Cases Infringing upon the Personal Information of Citizens (《最高人民法院、最高人民檢察院關於辦理侵犯公民個人信息刑事案件適用法律若干問題的解釋》), which was issued on May 8, 2017 and took effect on June 1, 2017, the following activities may constitute the crime of infringing upon a citizen's personal information: (i) providing a citizen's personal information to specified persons or releasing a citizen's personal information online or through other methods in violation of relevant national provisions; (ii) providing legitimately collected information relating to a citizen to others without such citizen's consent (unless the information is processed, not traceable to a specific person and not recoverable); (iii) collecting a citizen's personal information in violation of applicable rules and regulations when performing a duty or providing services; or (iv) obtaining a citizen's personal information by purchasing, accepting or exchanging such information in violation of applicable rules and regulations.

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The PRC Cyber Security Law (《中華人民共和國網絡安全法》), which was promulgated by the SCNPC in November 2016 and took effect on June 1, 2017, reaffirmed certain basic principles and requirements on personal information protection previously specified in other existing Laws, including those described above. It also requires a network operator, including internet information service providers among others, to adopt technical measures and other necessary measures in accordance with applicable Laws as well as compulsory national and industrial standards to safeguard the safety and stability of network operations, effectively respond to network security incidents, prevent illegal and criminal activities, and maintain the integrity, confidentiality and availability of network data. Any individuals and organisations that use networks must not endanger network security or use networks to engage in unlawful activities, such as those endangering national security, economic order and the social order or infringing the reputation, privacy, intellectual property rights and other lawful rights and interests of others. Violations of the provisions and requirements under the PRC Cyber Security Law may subject an internet information service provider to warnings, fines, confiscation of illegal gains, revocation of licenses, cancellation of filings, closure of websites or even criminal liabilities.

On 23 January 2019, the Office of the Central Cyberspace Affairs Commission (the "OCCAC"), the MIIT, and the MPS, and the SAMR jointly issued the Notice on Special Governance of Illegal Collection and Use of Personal Information via Apps (《關於開展App違法違規收集使用個人信息專項治理的公告》), which restates the requirement of legal collection and use of personal information, encourages APP operators to conduct security certifications, and encourages search engines and APP stores to clearly mark and recommend those certified APPs.

The Method for Identifying the Illegal Collection and Use of Personal Information by Apps (《APP違法違規收集使用個人信息行為認定方法》), promulgated jointly by the MIIT, the MPS, the OCCAC and the SAMR in November 2019 specifies the practices of illegal collection and use of personal information, providing reference for regulatory authorities and offering guidance for App operators' self-examination and self-correction under the current regulatory environment. We have strictly complied with the aforesaid regulations and have not received any inquiries or been asked for correction from the regulatory authorities so far.

The PRC Civil Code (《中華人民共和國民法典》) that was issued by the NPC on May 28, 2020 and was effective on January 1, 2021 provides that natural persons' personal information shall be protected by law, and the processing of personal information shall be subject to the principle of legitimacy, rightfulness and necessity, with no excessive processing.

On June 10, 2021, the SCNPC issued the Data Security Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國數據安全法》) to regulate data processing activities and security supervision in the PRC, which took effect on September 1, 2021. According to the Data Security Law of the PRC, data processing activities shall be carried out in accordance with PRC laws and regulations, establishing and improving the data security management system of the whole process, organizing and carrying out data security education and training, and taking corresponding technical measures and other necessary measures to guarantee data security. Where data processing activities are carried out through the Internet and other information networks, the above-mentioned data security protection obligations shall be fulfilled on the basis of the

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hierarchical network security protection system. In carrying out data processing activities, risk monitoring shall be strengthened, and remedial measures shall be taken immediately when data security defects, loopholes and other risks are found. In the event of a data security incident, the processors of data shall take immediate measures to deal with it, inform the user in time and report to the competent authorities in accordance with relevant provisions. The processors of important data shall, in accordance with relevant provisions, carry out regular risk assessments of their data processing activities and submit risk assessment reports to the competent authorities. The Data Security Law of the PRC provides a national data security review system, under which data processing activities that affect or may affect national security shall be reviewed. Any organization or individual carrying out data processing activities that violates the Data Security Law of the PRC shall bear the corresponding civil, administrative or criminal liability depending on the specific circumstances.

On August 20, 2021, the SCNPC promulgated the Personal Information Protection Law (《中華人民共和國個人信息保護法》) (the “PIPL”), which took effect on November 1, 2021. Pursuant to the PIPL, a personal information processor may process the personal information of an individual only under the following circumstances: (i) where consent is obtained from the individual; (ii) where it is necessary for the execution or performance of a contract to which the individual is a party, or where it is necessary for carrying out human resource management pursuant to employment rules legally adopted or a collective contract legally concluded; (iii) where it is necessary for performing a statutory responsibility or statutory obligation; (iv) where it is necessary in response to a public health emergency, or for protecting the life, health or property safety of a natural person in the case of an emergency; (v) where the personal information is processed within a reasonable scope to carry out any news reporting, supervision by public opinions or any other activity for public interest purposes; (vi) where the personal information, which has already been disclosed by an individual or otherwise legally disclosed, is processed within a reasonable scope; or (vii) any other circumstance as provided by laws or administrative regulations. In principle, the consent of an individual must be obtained for the processing of his or her personal information, except under the circumstances of the aforementioned items (ii) to (vii). Where personal information is to be processed based on the consent of an individual, such consent shall be a voluntary and explicit indication of intent given by such individual on a fully informed basis. If laws or administrative regulations provide that the processing of personal information shall be subject to the separate consent or written consent of the individual concerned, such provisions shall prevail.

On November 14, 2021, the CAC released the Regulations on the Administration of Cyber Data Security (Draft for Comments) (《網絡數據安全管理條例(徵求意見稿)》) (the “Draft Regulations”), which stipulated that a data processor would be subject to mandatory cybersecurity review under relevant rules and regulations if such data processor (i) engages in the merger, reorganization or division of internet platform operators that have gathered a large number of data resources related to national security, economic development and public interests, which affects or may affect national security; (ii) processes personal information of more than one million users and seeks to be listed abroad; (iii) seeks to be listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and such listing affects or may affect national security; or (iv) engages in other data processing activities that affect or may affect national security. However, the Draft Regulations did not provide further clarification on “affect or may affect national security.” As of the Latest Practicable Date, the Regulation had not been formally adopted, and it remains uncertain when and in what form the Draft Regulations will be enacted.

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On December 28, 2021, the CAC, together with other relevant departments, jointly promulgated the Cybersecurity Review Measures (《網絡安全審查辦法》), which became effective on February 15, 2022. According to the Cybersecurity Review Measures, (i) the purchase of network products and services by a critical information infrastructure operator, or the data processing activities of a network platform operator that affect or may affect national security shall be subject to cybersecurity review; (ii) a network platform operator who possesses personal information of more than one million users are subject to mandatory cybersecurity review before it could be listed abroad; and (iii) the relevant government authorities may also initiate cybersecurity review if such government authorities determine a network product, service or data processing activity affects or may affect national security. We possess the personal information of more than one million individuals, which were collected primarily by automobile dealerships that procured our operation management services from their customers and stored on our Smart Star system. Nevertheless, our PRC Legal Advisors are of the view that our proposed [REDACTED] on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange would not trigger mandatory application for cybersecurity review since [REDACTED] on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange is not treated as [REDACTED] abroad under the Cybersecurity Review Measures based on our PRC Legal Advisors’ consultation with the China Cybersecurity Review Technology and Certification Center (中國網絡安全審查技術與認證中心) on April 17, 2023.

Our PRC Legal Advisors are also of the view that we were in compliance with the Cybersecurity Review Measures and the Draft Regulations (if implemented in their current forms) in all material aspects, considering that (i) we have implemented various internal control measures and policies to ensure data security and privacy protection to comply with applicable cybersecurity and data privacy laws and regulations as disclosed in “Business—Pledged Vehicle Monitoring Services—Data Security and Privacy;” (ii) during the Track Record Period and as of the Latest Practicable Date, we had not experienced any material data or personal information leakage or loss, infringement of data or personal information, or information security incident; (iii) during the Track Record Period and up to the Latest Practicable Date, we had not been subject to any fines, administrative penalties, or other sanctions by any relevant regulatory authorities in the PRC in relation to violation of cybersecurity, data security and personal data protection laws and regulations; (iv) we had not been notified by any Chinese government authorities of being classified as a critical information infrastructure operator in accordance with the CII Regulations, nor had we been involved in any data processing activities that might give rise to national security risks based on the factors set out in Article 10 of the Cybersecurity Review Measures and have not been inquired, investigated, warned or penalized by any Chinese government authorities in this respect; and (v) we will continually monitor our compliance status in accordance with the latest changes in applicable regulatory requirements regarding cybersecurity and data privacy laws, and enhance our data processing practices in a timely manner.

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REGULATIONS ON ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING

The PRC Anti-money Laundering Law (《中華人民共和國反洗錢法》), which became effective in 2007, sets forth the principal anti-money laundering requirements applicable to financial institutions as well as non-financial institutions with anti-money laundering obligations, including the adoption of precautionary and supervisory measures, establishment of various systems for client identification, retention of clients’ identification information and transactions records, and reports on large transactions and suspicious transactions. Financial institutions subject to the PRC Anti-money Laundering Law include banks, credit unions, trust investment companies, stock brokerage companies, futures brokerage companies, insurance companies, fund management companies and other financial institutions as listed and published by the PBOC, while the list of the non-financial institutions with anti-money laundering obligations will be jointly published by the PBOC and other related authorities of the State Council. The PBOC and other government authorities issued a series of administrative rules and regulations to specify the antimoney laundering obligations of financial institutions and certain non-financial institutions, such as fund sales institutions. However, the State Council has not yet promulgated a list of the non-financial institutions subject to anti-money laundering obligations.

REGULATIONS ON ANTI-CORRUPTION

The Interim Provisions on the Prohibition of Commercial Bribery Behavior issued by the State Administration for Industry and Commerce (《國家工商行政管理局關於禁止商業賄賂行為的暫行規定》) which came into effect on November 15, 1996, further stipulated the constitution and legal liabilities of commercial bribery. The United Nations Convention against Corruption (《聯合國反腐敗公約》) was adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on October 31, 2003. The convention aims to promote and enhance various measures for preventing and combating corruption in a more effective and powerful way, and to promote, facilitate and support international cooperation and technical assistance in preventing and combating corruption, including asset recovery, encouraging integrity, accountability and proper management of public affairs and properties. The PRC government ratified this convention in 2005 with reservations.

REGULATIONS ON ANTI-UNFAIR COMPETITION AND ANTI-MONOPOLY

According to the Anti-Unfair Competition Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國反不正當競爭法》) (the “Anti-Unfair Competition Law”), which was adopted by the SCNPC on September 2, 1993, became effective as of December 1, 1993, and last amended on April 23, 2019, unfair competition refers to that the operator disrupts the market competition order and damages the legitimate rights and interests of other operators or consumers in violation of the provisions of the Anti-unfair Competition Law in the production and operating activities. Pursuant to the Anti-unfair Competition Law, operators shall abide by the principle of voluntariness, equality, impartiality, integrity and adhere to laws and business ethics during market transactions. Operators in violation of the Anti-unfair Competition Law shall bear corresponding civil, administrative or criminal liabilities depending on the specific circumstances.

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The Anti-monopoly Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國反壟斷法》) promulgated by the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress, or the Anti-monopoly Law, which became effective on August 1, 2022, prohibits undertakings from monopolistic conducts such as:

- Entering into monopolistic agreements, which means agreements or concerted practices to eliminate or restrict competition. For example, agreements for fixing or altering prices of goods, limiting the output or sales volume of goods, fixing the price of goods for resale to third parties, among others, unless such agreements satisfy the specific exemptions prescribed therein, such as improving technologies or increasing the efficiency and competitiveness of medium- and small-sized undertakings. Relevant conducts may lead to an order to cease the relevant activities, and confiscation of illegal gains and fines (from 1% to 10% of sales revenue in the preceding year, or a fine up to RMB5,000,000 if the intended monopolistic agreement has not been performed);
- Abuse of dominant market position. For example, selling goods at unfairly high prices or purchasing goods at unfairly low prices, selling goods at prices below cost or refusing to trade with a trading party without any justifiable cause. Relevant conducts may lead to an order to cease the relevant activities, confiscation of the illegal gains and fines (from 1% to 10% of sales revenue in the preceding year); and
- Concentration of undertakings which has or may have an effect of eliminating or restricting competition. Pursuant to the Anti-monopoly Law and the Rules of the State Council on Declaration Threshold for Concentration of Undertakings (《國務院關於經營者集中申報標準的規定》) as amended on September 18, 2018, require that the anti-monopoly enforcement agency (i.e., the State Administration for Market Regulation) shall be notified in advance of any concentration of undertaking if certain filing thresholds (i.e., during the previous fiscal year, (i) the total global turnover of all operators participating in the transaction exceeded RMB10 billion in the preceding fiscal year and at least two of these operators each had a turnover of more than RMB400 million within China in the preceding fiscal year, or (ii) the total turnover within China of all the operators participating in the concentration exceeded RMB2 billion in the preceding fiscal year, and at least two of these operators each had a turnover of more than RMB400 million within China in the preceding fiscal year) are triggered, and no concentration shall be implemented until the anti-monopoly enforcement agency clears the anti-monopoly filing.

In March 2018, the SAMR was formed as a new regulatory agency to take over, among other things, the anti-monopoly enforcement functions from the relevant departments under the MOFCOM, the NDRC and the SAIC, respectively. Since its inception, the SAMR has continued to strengthen its anti-monopoly enforcement. The SAMR issued the Notice on Anti-monopoly Enforcement Authorization (《關於反壟斷執法授權的通知》) on December 28, 2018, which grants authorizations to the SAMR’s province-level branches for anti-monopoly enforcement within their respective jurisdictions, and issued the Anti-monopoly

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Compliance Guideline for Operators (《經營者反壟斷合規指南》) on September 11, 2020, which applies to operators under the Anti-monopoly Law for establishing an anti-monopoly compliance management system and preventing anti-monopoly compliance risks. On November 18, 2021, the National Anti-monopoly Bureau was officially established to formulate anti-monopoly institutional measures and guidelines, implement anti-monopoly law enforcement, undertake the guidance for enterprises’ anti-monopoly action responding abroad and so on.

According to the Anti-monopoly Guidelines of the Anti-monopoly Commission under the State Council in the Field of Intellectual Property Rights (《國務院反壟斷委員會關於知識產權領域的反壟斷指南》), which was promulgated and became effective on January 4, 2019, or the Anti-monopoly IP Rights Guidelines, the Anti-monopoly Law is applicable when the operator abuses intellectual property rights and conducts acts that exclude or restrict competition. Pursuant to the Anti-monopoly IP Rights Guidelines, analysis of whether the operator has abused intellectual property rights to exclude or restrict competition shall follow the following basic principles: (i) the same regulatory standards for other forms of property rights shall be adopted and the relevant provisions of the Anti-monopoly Law of the PRC shall be followed; (ii) the characteristics of intellectual property rights shall be taken into account; (iii) the operator shall not be presumed to have a dominant market position in the relevant market because of its ownership of intellectual property rights; and (iv) the positive impact of relevant behaviors on efficiency and innovation shall be considered on a case-by-case basis.

On June 26, 2019, the SAMR issued the Interim Provisions on the Prohibitions of Acts of Abuse of Dominant Market Positions (《禁止濫用市場支配地位行為暫行規定》), which took effect on September 1, 2019 and was amended on March 24, 2022 to further prevent and prohibit the abuse of dominant market positions.

On June 24, 2022, the Decision of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress to Amend the Anti-monopoly Law of the People’s Republic of China (《全國人民代表大會常務委員會關於修改〈中華人民共和國反壟斷法〉的決定》), or the Decision to Amend the Anti-monopoly Law, was adopted and became effective on August 1, 2022. The Decision to Amend the Anti-monopoly Law strengthens the regulation on the internet platforms, requiring that undertakings shall not use data and algorithms, technologies, capital advantages, platform rules, and other means to engage in monopolistic conduct; and also escalates in full scale the administrative penalties for monopolistic conducts, for the failure to notify the anti-monopoly enforcement agency on the proposed concentration of undertakings, the State Council Anti-monopoly Enforcement Agency may order to reinstate the original status prior to the concentration and impose a fine up to ten percent of the operator’s last year’s sales revenue, provided that the concentration of undertakings has or may have an effect on excluding or limiting competition; if the concentration does not have the effect on excluding or limiting competition, a fine up to RMB5,000,000 may be imposed on operators. Since such provisions are relatively new, uncertain still remains as to the interpretation and implementation of such laws and regulations.

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As advised by our PRC Legal Advisors and based on confirmation from our Directors, as of the Latest Practicable Date, we had never (i) entered into any monopolistic agreements; (ii) abused our dominant market position; or (iii) engaged in illegal concentration of undertakings, which are prohibited under the Anti-monopoly Law and relevant laws and regulations. Based on the foregoing, our PRC Legal Advisors are of the view that we had not been involved in any material non-compliance with relevant anti-monopoly laws and regulations as of the Latest Practicable Date.

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Regulation on foreign currency exchange

The principal regulations governing foreign currency exchange in the PRC are the Foreign Exchange Administration Regulations of the PRC (《中華人民共和國外匯管理條例》), most recently amended in 2008. Under PRC foreign exchange regulations, payments of current account items, such as profit distributions, interest payments and trade and service-related foreign exchange transactions, can be made in foreign currencies without prior approval from the SAFE, by complying with certain procedural requirements. By contrast, approval from or registration with appropriate government authorities is required where RMB is to be converted into foreign currency and remitted out of China to pay capital account items, such as direct investments, repayment of foreign currency-denominated loans, repatriation of investments and investments in securities outside of China.

In 2012, SAFE promulgated the Circular of Further Improving and Adjusting Foreign Exchange Administration Policies on Foreign Direct Investment (《關於進一步改進和調整直接投資外匯管理政策的通知》) (the "Circular 59"), which substantially amends and simplifies the current foreign exchange procedure. Pursuant to Circular 59, the opening of various special purpose foreign exchange accounts, such as pre-establishment expenses accounts, foreign exchange capital accounts and guarantee accounts, the reinvestment of RMB proceeds derived by foreign investors in the PRC, and the remittance of foreign exchange profits and dividends by a foreign-invested enterprise to its foreign shareholders no longer require the approval or verification of SAFE, and multiple capital accounts for the same entity may be opened in different provinces, which was not possible previously. In 2013, SAFE specified that the administration by SAFE or its local branches over direct investment by foreign investors in the PRC must be conducted by way of registration and banks must process foreign exchange business relating to the direct investment in the PRC based on the registration information provided by SAFE and its local branches. In February 2015, SAFE promulgated the Notice on Further Simplifying and Improving the Administration of the Foreign Exchange Concerning Direct Investment (《關於進一步簡化和改進直接投資外匯管理政策的通知》). Instead of applying for approvals regarding foreign exchange registrations of foreign direct investment and overseas direct investment from SAFE, entities and individuals may apply for such foreign exchange registrations from qualified banks. The qualified banks, under the supervision of SAFE, may directly review the applications and conduct the registration.

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In March 2015, SAFE promulgated the Circular of the SAFE on Reforming the Management Approach regarding the Settlement of Foreign Capital of Foreign-invested Enterprise (《國家外匯管理局關於改革外商投資企業外匯資本金結匯管理方式的通知》) (the “Circular 19”), which expands a pilot reform of the administration of the settlement of the foreign exchange capitals of foreign-invested enterprises nationwide. Circular 19 replaced both the Circular of the SAFE on Issues Relating to the Improvement of Business Operations with Respect to the Administration of Foreign Exchange Capital Payment and Settlement of Foreign-invested Enterprises (《國家外匯管理局關於完善外商投資企業外匯資本金支付結匯管理有關業務操作問題的通知》) (the “Circular 142”), and the Circular of the SAFE on Issues concerning the Pilot Reform of the Administrative Approach Regarding the Settlement of the Foreign Exchange Capitals of Foreign-invested Enterprises in Certain Areas (《國家外匯管理局關於在部分地區開展外商投資企業外匯資本金結匯管理方式改革試點有關問題的通知》) (the “Circular 36”). Circular 19 allows all foreign-invested enterprises established in the PRC to settle their foreign exchange capital on a discretionary basis according to the actual needs of their business operation, provides the procedures for foreign invested companies to use RMB converted from foreign currency-denominated capital for equity investments and removes certain other restrictions that had been provided in Circular 142. However, Circular 19 continues to prohibit foreign-invested enterprises from, among other things, using RMB funds converted from their foreign exchange capital for expenditure beyond their business scope and providing entrusted loans or repaying loans between non-financial enterprises. SAFE promulgated the Notice of the SAFE on Reforming and Standardising the Foreign Exchange Settlement Management Policy of Capital Account (《國家外匯管理局關於改革和規範資本項目結匯管理政策的通知》) (the “Circular 16”), effective June 2016, which reiterates some of the rules set forth in Circular 19. Circular 16 provides that discretionary foreign exchange settlement applies to foreign exchange capital, foreign debt offering proceeds and remitted foreign listing proceeds, and the corresponding RMB capital converted from foreign exchange may be used to extend loans to related parties or repay inter-company loans (including advances by third parties). However, there are substantial uncertainties with respect to Circular 16’s interpretation and implementation in practice. Circular 19 or Circular 16 may delay or limit us from using the proceeds of offshore offerings to make additional capital contributions to our PRC subsidiaries and any violations of these circulars could result in severe monetary or other penalties.

In January 2017, SAFE promulgated the Circular on Further Improving Reform of Foreign Exchange Administration and Optimising Genuineness and Compliance Verification (《關於進一步推進外匯管理改革完善真實合規性審核的通知》) (the “Circular 3”), which stipulates several capital control measures with respect to the outbound remittance of profits from domestic entities to offshore entities, including (i) banks must check whether the transaction is genuine by reviewing board resolutions regarding profit distribution, original copies of tax filing records and audited financial statements, and (ii) domestic entities must retain income to account for previous years’ losses before remitting any profits. Moreover, pursuant to Circular 3, domestic entities must explain in detail the sources of capital and how the capital will be used, and provide board resolutions, contracts and other proof as a part of the registration procedure for outbound investment.

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Regulations on foreign exchange registration of overseas investment by PRC residents

In 2014, SAFE issued the SAFE Circular on Relevant Issues Concerning Foreign Exchange Control on Domestic Residents’ Offshore Investment and Financing and Roundtrip Investment Through Special Purpose Vehicles (《國家外匯管理局關於境內居民通過特殊目的公司境外投融資及返程投資外匯管理有關問題的通知》) (the “Circular 37”), replacing the SAFE Circular on Issues Concerning the Regulation of Foreign Exchange in Equity Finance and Return Investments by Domestic Residents through Offshore Special Purpose Vehicles (《國家外匯管理局關於境內居民通過特殊目的公司融資及返程投資外匯管理有關問題的通知》). Circular 37 regulates foreign exchange matters in relation to the use of special purpose vehicles by PRC residents or entities to seek offshore investment and financing or conduct round trip investment in China. Under Circular 37, a “special purpose vehicle” refers to an offshore entity established or controlled, directly or indirectly, by PRC residents or entities for the purpose of seeking offshore financing or making offshore investment, using legitimate onshore or offshore assets or interests, while “round trip investment” refers to direct investment in China by PRC residents or entities through special purpose vehicles, namely, establishing foreign invested enterprises to obtain ownership, control rights and management rights. Circular 37 provides that, before making a contribution into a special purpose vehicle, PRC residents or entities are required to complete foreign exchange registration with SAFE or its local branch.

In 2015, SAFE promulgated the Notice on Further Simplifying and Improving the Administration of the Foreign Exchange Concerning Direct Investment (《關於進一步簡化和改進直接投資外匯管理政策的通知》). This notice has amended Circular 37 by requiring PRC residents or entities to register with qualified banks rather than SAFE or its local branch in connection with their establishment or control of an offshore entity established for the purpose of overseas investment or financing. PRC residents or entities who had contributed legitimate onshore or offshore interests or assets to special purpose vehicles but had not registered as required before the implementation of the Circular 37 must register their ownership interests or control in the special purpose vehicles with qualified banks. An amendment to the registration is required if there is a material change with respect to the special purpose vehicle registered, such as any change of basic information (including change of the PRC resident, name and operation term), increases or decreases in investment amount, transfers or exchanges of shares, and mergers or divisions. Failure to comply with the registration procedures set forth in Circular 37 and the subsequent notice, or making misrepresentations or failing to disclose the control of the foreign-invested enterprise that is established through round-trip investment, may result in restrictions being imposed on the foreign exchange activities of the relevant foreign-invested enterprise, including payment of dividends and other distributions, such as proceeds from any reduction in capital, share transfer or liquidation, to its offshore parent or affiliate, and the capital inflow from the offshore parent, and may also subject relevant PRC residents or entities to penalties under PRC foreign exchange administration regulations.

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Regulations on stock incentive plans

SAFE promulgated the Circular of the SAFE on Issues concerning the Administration of Foreign Exchange Used for Domestic Individuals’ Participation in Equity Incentive Plans of Companies Listed Overseas (《國家外匯管理局關於境內個人參與境外上市公司股權激勵計劃外匯管理有關問題的通知》) (the “Stock Option Rules”), in February 2012. Under the Stock Option Rules and other relevant rules and regulations, PRC residents who participate in a stock incentive plan in an overseas publicly listed company are required to register with SAFE or its local branches and complete certain other procedures. Participants in a stock incentive plan who are PRC residents must retain a qualified PRC agent, which could be a PRC subsidiary of the overseas publicly listed company or another qualified institution selected by the PRC subsidiary, to conduct the SAFE registration and other procedures with respect to the stock incentive plan on behalf of the participants. In addition, the PRC agent is required to amend the SAFE registration with respect to the stock incentive plan if there is any material change to the stock incentive plan or the PRC agent or any other material changes. The PRC agent must apply to SAFE or its local branches on behalf of the PRC residents who have the right to exercise the employee share options for an annual quota for the payment of foreign currencies in connection with the PRC residents’ exercise of the employee share options. The foreign exchange proceeds received by the PRC residents from the sale of shares under the stock incentive plans granted and dividends distributed by the overseas listed companies must be remitted into the bank accounts in the PRC opened by the applicable PRC agent before distribution to such PRC residents.

Regulations on dividend distribution

The principal regulations governing distribution of dividends of wholly foreign-invested enterprises include the PRC Company Law, the Foreign Investment Law and the Implementing Rules of the Foreign Investment Law. Under these laws, foreign-invested enterprises in the PRC may pay dividends only out of their accumulated after-tax profits, if any, determined in accordance with PRC accounting standards and regulations. In addition, foreign-invested enterprises in the PRC are required to allocate at least 10% of their respective accumulated profits each year, if any, to fund certain reserve funds until these reserves have reached 50% of the registered capital of the enterprises. A PRC company shall not distribute any profits until any losses from prior fiscal years have been offset. Profits retained from prior fiscal years may be distributed together with distributable profits from the current fiscal year. Foreign-invested enterprises may, at their discretion, allocate a portion of their after-tax profits based on PRC accounting standards to staff welfare and bonus funds. These reserves are not distributable as cash dividends.

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REGULATIONS ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Copyright

The PRC Copyright Law (《中華人民共和國著作權法》) was last amended on February 26, 2010 and came into effect on April 1, 2010. A new Copyright Law was published on November 11, 2020, and will become effective on June 1, 2021. Copyrights include personal rights such as the right of publication and that of attribution, as well as property rights such as the right of production and that of distribution. Reproducing, distributing, performing, projecting, broadcasting or compiling a work or communicating the same to the public via an information network without permission from the owner of the copyright therein, unless otherwise provided in the Copyright Law, shall constitute infringements of copyrights. The infringer shall, according to the circumstances of the case, undertake to cease the infringement, take remedial action, and offer an apology, pay damages, etc.

The Measures for the Registration of Computer Software Copyright (《計算機軟件著作權登記辦法》) (the “Software Copyright Measures”), promulgated by the NCA on February 20, 2002, regulates registrations of software copyright, exclusive licensing contracts for software copyright and transfer contracts. The NCA shall be the competent authority for the nationwide administration of software copyright registration, and the Copyright Protection Centre of China (the “CPCC”) is designated as the software registration authority. The CPCC shall grant registration certificates to the Computer Software Copyrights applicants which conforms to the provisions of both the Software Copyright Measures and the Regulations on Computer Software Protection (Revised in 2013) (《計算機軟件保護條例》(2013年修訂)).

Trademark

Pursuant to the PRC Trademark Law (《中華人民共和國商標法》), which was last revised on April 23, 2019 and came into effect on November 1, 2019, the right to exclusive use of a registered trademark shall be limited to trademarks which have been approved for registration and to goods for which the use of trademark has been approved. The period of validity of a registered trademark shall be ten years from the day the registration is approved. Using a trademark that is identical with or similar to a registered trademark in connection with the same or similar goods without the authorization of the owner of the registered trademark constitutes an infringement of the exclusive right to use a registered trademark. The infringer shall undertake to cease the infringement, take remedial action, and pay damages, etc.

Patent

Patents are protected by the Patent Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國專利法》) which was promulgated on March 12, 1984 and last amended on October 17, 2020 with effect from June 1, 2021. A patentable invention or utility model must meet three conditions: novelty, inventiveness and practical applicability. Patents cannot be granted for scientific discoveries, rules and methods for intellectual activities, methods used to diagnose or treat diseases, animal and plant breeds, methods of nuclear transformation or substances obtained by means of

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nuclear transformation. The Patent Office under the National Intellectual Property Administration is responsible for receiving, examining and approving patent applications. A patent is valid for a twenty-year term for an invention, a ten-year term for a utility model and a fifteen-year term for a design. Except under certain specific circumstances provided by law, any third-party user must obtain consent or a proper license from the patent owner to use the patent, or else the use will constitute an infringement of the rights of the patent holder.

Domain name

Pursuant to the Measures for the Administration of Internet Domain Names (《互聯網域名管理辦法》), which was promulgated on August 24, 2017 and came into effect on November 1, 2017, “domain name” shall refer to the character mark of hierarchical structure, which identifies and locates a computer on the internet and corresponds to the Internet protocol address of that computer. The principle of “first come, first serve” is followed for the domain name registration service. After completing the domain name registration, the applicant becomes the holder of the domain name registered by them. Furthermore, the holder shall pay operation fees for registered domain names on schedule. If the domain name holder fails to pay the corresponding fees as required, the original domain name registrar shall write it off and notify the holder of the domain name in written form.

REGULATIONS ON TAX

Enterprise Income Tax

The Law of the PRC on Enterprise Income Tax (《中華人民共和國企業所得稅法》) and The Regulations for the Implementation of the Law on Enterprise Income Tax (《中華人民共和國企業所得稅法實施條例》) (collectively, the “EIT Laws”) were promulgated on March 16, 2007 and December 6, 2007, respectively and were most recently amended on December 29, 2018 and April 23, 2019, respectively. According to the EIT Laws, taxpayers consist of resident enterprises and non-resident enterprises. Resident enterprises are defined as enterprises that are established in the PRC in accordance with PRC laws, or that are established in accordance with the laws of foreign countries but whose actual or de facto control is administered from within the PRC. Non-resident enterprises are defined as enterprises that are set up in accordance with the laws of foreign countries and whose actual administration is conducted outside the PRC, but have established institutions or premises in the PRC, or have no such established institutions or premises but have income generated from inside the PRC. Under the EIT Laws and relevant implementing regulations, a uniform EIT rate of 25% is applicable. However, if non-resident enterprises have not formed permanent establishments or premises in the PRC, or if they have formed permanent establishment institutions or premises in the PRC but there is no actual relationship between the relevant income derived in the PRC and the established institutions or premises set up by them, the enterprise income tax is, in that case, set at the rate of 10% for their income sourced from inside the PRC.

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Notice Regarding the Determination of Chinese-Controlled Offshore Incorporated Enterprises as the PRC Tax Resident Enterprises on the Basis of De Facto Management Bodies (《關於境外註冊中資控股企業依據實際管理機構標準認定為居民企業有關問題的通知》) (the “Circular 82”) promulgated by the STA on 22 April 2009 and amended on January 29, 2014 and December 29, 2017, sets out the standards and procedures for determining whether the “de facto management body” of an enterprise registered outside of the PRC and controlled by PRC enterprises or PRC enterprise groups is located within the PRC.

According to Circular 82, a Chinese-controlled offshore incorporated enterprise will be regarded as a PRC tax resident by virtue of having a “de facto management body” in the PRC and will be subject to PRC EIT on its worldwide income only if all of the following criteria are met: (i) the primary location of the day-to-day operation management is in the PRC; (ii) decisions relating to the enterprise’s financial and human resource matters are made or are subject to approval by organizations or personnel in the PRC; (iii) the enterprise’s primary assets, accounting books and records, company seals, and board and shareholders meeting minutes are located or maintained in the PRC; and (iv) 50% or more of voting board members or senior executives habitually reside in the PRC.

The EIT Laws permit certain High and New Technologies Enterprises, or HNTEs, to enjoy a reduced 15% EIT rate subject to these HNTEs meeting certain qualification criteria. In addition, the relevant EIT laws and regulations also provide that entities recognized as Software Enterprises are able to enjoy a tax holiday consisting of a two-year-exemption commencing from their first profitable calendar year and a 50% reduction in ordinary tax rate for the following three calendar years, while entities qualified as key software enterprises can enjoy a preferential EIT rate of 10%.

The Announcement on Issues of Enterprise Income Tax on Indirect Transfers of Assets by Non-PRC Resident Enterprises (《關於非居民企業間接轉讓財產企業所得稅若干問題的公告》) (the “Announcement 7”) was issued by the STA on February 3, 2015 and most recently amended pursuant to the Announcement on Issues Concerning the Withholding of Enterprise Income Tax at Source on Non-PRC Resident Enterprises, which was issued by the STA on October 17, 2017 and became effective as of 1 December 2017. Pursuant to Announcement 7, an “indirect transfer” of assets, including equity interests in a PRC resident enterprise, by non-PRC resident enterprises may be recharacterized and treated as a direct transfer of PRC taxable assets, if the arrangement does not have a reasonable commercial purpose and was established for the purpose of avoiding payment of PRC EIT. As a result, gains derived from an indirect transfer may be subject to PRC EIT. According to Announcement 7, “PRC taxable assets” include assets attributed to an establishment or a place of business in the PRC, immovable properties in the PRC, and equity investments in PRC resident enterprises. In respect of an indirect offshore transfer of assets of a PRC establishment or place of business, the relevant gain is to be regarded as effectively connected with the PRC establishment or a place of business and therefore included in its EIT filing, and would consequently be subject to PRC EIT at a rate of 25%. Where the underlying transfer relates to the immovable properties in the PRC or to equity investments in a PRC resident enterprise, which is not effectively connected to a PRC establishment or a place of business of a non-resident enterprise, a PRC EIT at 10% would apply, subject to available preferential tax treatment under applicable tax treaties or similar arrangements, and the party who is obligated to make the transfer payments has the withholding obligation. There is uncertainty as to the implementation details of Announcement 7.

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VAT and Business Tax

Before August 2013 and pursuant to applicable PRC tax regulations, any entity or individual conducting business in the service industry is generally required to pay a business tax at the rate of 5% on the revenue generated from providing services. However, if the services provided are related to technology development and transfer, the business tax may be exempted subject to approval by the relevant tax authorities.

In November 2011, the MOF and the STA promulgated the Pilot Plan for Imposition of Value-Added Tax to Replace Business Tax (《營業稅改徵增值稅試點方案》). In May and December 2013, April 2014, March 2016 and July 2017, the MOF and the STA promulgated five circulars to further expand the scope of services that are to be subject to VAT instead of business tax. Pursuant to these tax rules, from August 1, 2013, a VAT was imposed to replace the business tax in certain service industries, including technology services and advertising services, and from May 1, 2016, VAT replaced business tax in all industries, on a nationwide basis. On November 19, 2017, the State Council further amended the Interim Regulation of the PRC on Value Added Tax (《中華人民共和國增值稅暫行條例》) to reflect the normalization of the pilot program. The VAT rates generally applicable are simplified as 17%, 11%, 6% and 0%, and the VAT rate applicable to the small-scale taxpayers is 3%. Unlike business tax, a taxpayer is allowed to offset the qualified input VAT paid on taxable purchases against the output VAT chargeable on the revenue from services provided.

On April 4, 2018, the MOF and the STA issued the Notice on Adjustment of VAT Rates (《關於調整增值稅稅率的通知》), which came into effect on May 1, 2018. According to the abovementioned notice, the taxable goods previously subject to VAT rates of 17% and 11% respectively become subject to lower VAT rates of 16% and 10%, respectively starting from May 1, 2018.

On March 20, 2019, the MOF, the STA and the General Administration of Customs issued the Announcement on Policies for Deepening the VAT Reform (《關於深化增值稅改革有關政策的公告》) (the “Announcement 39”), which came into effect on April 1, 2019, to further slash VAT rates. According to Announcement 39, (i) for general VAT payers’ sales activities or imports previously subject to VAT at an existing applicable rate of 16% or 10%, the applicable VAT rate is adjusted to 13% or 9% respectively; (ii) for the agricultural products purchased by taxpayers to which an existing 10% deduction rate is applicable, the deduction rate is adjusted to 9%; (iii) for the agricultural products purchased by taxpayers for production or commissioned processing, which are subject to VAT at 13%, the input VAT will be calculated at a 10% deduction rate; (iv) for the exportation of goods or labor services that are subject to VAT at 16%, with the applicable export refund at the same rate, the export refund rate is adjusted to 13%; and (v) for the exportation of goods or cross-border taxable activities that are subject to VAT at 10%, with the export refund at the same rate, the export refund rate is adjusted to 9%.

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REGULATIONS ON EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL WELFARE

The Labor Contract Law

According to the Labor Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國勞動法》) promulgated on July 5, 1994 and last amended on December 29, 2018, enterprises and institutions shall establish and improve their system of workplace safety and sanitation, strictly abide by state rules and standards on workplace safety, educate laborers in labor safety and sanitation in the PRC. Labor safety and sanitation facilities shall comply with state-fixed standards. Enterprises and institutions shall provide laborers with a safe workplace and sanitation conditions which are in compliance with state stipulations and the relevant articles of labor protection. The PRC Labor Contract Law (《中華人民共和國勞動合同法》), which was implemented on January 1, 2008 and amended on December 28, 2012, is primarily aimed at regulating employee/employer rights and obligations, including matters with respect to the establishment, performance and termination of labor contracts. Pursuant to the PRC Labor Contract Law, labor contracts shall be concluded in writing if labor relationships are to be or have been established between enterprises or institutions and the laborers. Enterprises and institutions are forbidden to force laborers to work beyond the time limit and employers shall pay laborers for overtime work in accordance with the laws and regulations. In addition, labor wages shall not be lower than local standards on minimum wages and shall be paid to laborers in a timely manner.

Social Insurance and Housing Fund

As required under the Regulation of Insurance for Labor Injury (《工傷保險條例》) implemented on 1 January 2004 and amended on December 20, 2010, the Provisional Measures for Maternity Insurance of Employees of Corporations (《企業職工生育保險試行辦法》) implemented on January 1, 1995, the Decisions on the Establishment of a Unified Program for Basic Old-Aged Pension Insurance for Employees of Corporations of the State Council (《國務院關於建立統一的企業職工基本養老保險制度的決定》) issued on July 16, 1997, the Decisions on the Establishment of the Medical Insurance Program for Urban Workers of the State Council (《國務院關於建立城鎮職工基本醫療保險制度的決定》) promulgated on December 14, 1998, the Unemployment Insurance Measures (《失業保險條例》) promulgated on January 22, 1999 and the Social Insurance Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國社會保險法》) implemented on July 1, 2011 and amended on December 29, 2018, enterprises are obliged to provide their employees in the PRC with welfare schemes covering pension insurance, unemployment insurance, maternity insurance, labor injury insurance and medical insurance. These payments are made to local administrative authorities and any employer that fails to contribute may be fined and ordered to make up within a prescribed time limit.

In accordance with the Regulations on the Management of Housing Funds (《住房公積金管理條例》) which was promulgated by the State Council on 3 April 1999 and last amended on March 24, 2019, enterprises must register at the competent managing center for housing funds and upon the examination by such managing center of housing funds, these enterprises shall complete procedures for opening an account at the relevant bank for the deposit of employees' housing funds. Enterprises are also required to pay and deposit housing funds on behalf of their employees in full and in a timely manner.

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REGULATIONS ON CONSUMERS PROTECTION

Under the Law of the PRC on Protection of Consumer Rights and Interests (《中華人民共和國消費者權益保護法》) (the “Consumer Law”) issued on 31 October 1993 and recently amended on 25 October 2013, “consumer” is defined as any person who purchases or uses commodities or receives services for the purpose of consumption, and all manufacturers, distributors and service providers are required to guarantee that their provided commodities or services meet the requirements on personal and property safety. According to the Consumer Law, consumers whose lawful rights and interests are infringed upon the purchase or use of commodities may claim compensation from sellers, which shall, after paying compensation, have the right to be reimbursed by manufacturers or other sellers that are liable for supplying the commodities to them.

REGULATIONS ON OUTBOUND DIRECT INVESTMENT

According to the Measures for the Administration of Overseas Investment (《境外投資管理辦法》) promulgated by the MOFCOM on September 6, 2014 which became effective on October 6, 2014, overseas investment means establishing non-financial enterprises or obtaining ownership, control, operation management rights and other interests of existing non-financial enterprises in foreign countries through incorporation, merger and acquisition and other means by enterprises that are legally incorporated in the PRC. MOFCOM and the provincial commercial administration authorities are responsible for the management and supervision of overseas investments. MOFCOM and the provincial commercial administration authorities will implement filing administration and approval respectively according to the different types of overseas investments.

According to the Administrative Measures for Overseas Investment by Enterprises (《企業境外投資管理辦法》) promulgated by the NDRC on December 26, 2017, which became effective on March 1, 2018, overseas investment means any investment activity in which a domestic enterprise of the PRC obtains overseas ownership, control, operation and management rights and other relevant interests directly or through its controlled overseas enterprise by way of contributing asset, interest or providing financing and guarantee. To conduct overseas investment, certain procedures (such as approval and record-filing of overseas investment project) shall be complied with according to the relevant circumstances of the overseas investment project.

On July 13, 2009, the SAFE issued Provisions on the Foreign Exchange Administration of the Overseas Direct Investment of Domestic Institutions (《國家外匯管理局關於發布<境內機構境外直接投資外匯管理規定>的通知》). Pursuant to this, domestic institutions may make overseas direct investment with their own foreign exchange funds, domestic foreign exchange loans meeting the relevant requirements, foreign exchange purchased with RMB funds, tangible assets, intangible assets and other sources of foreign exchange assets approved by the foreign exchange authorities. Domestic institutions may retain the profits made from overseas direct investment outside China for their overseas direct investment. In addition, a domestic institution shall, after obtaining the approval of its overseas direct investment from the competent administrative department of overseas direct investment, handle the foreign

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exchange registration formalities for its overseas direct investment at the local foreign exchange authority. The Notice of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Further Improving and Adjusting Foreign Exchange Administration Policies for Direct Investment (《國家外匯管理局關於進一步改進和調整直接投資外匯管理政策的通知》) was issued by SAFE on November 19, 2012 and amended on May 4, 2015, October 10, 2018 and December 30, 2019 respectively, under which PRC enterprises must register for overseas direct investment with local banks. The shareholders or beneficial owners who are PRC entities are required to be in compliance with the related overseas investment regulations. If they fail to complete the filings or registrations required by overseas direct investment regulations, the relevant authority may order them to suspend or cease the implementation of such investment and make corrections within a specified time, as well as issuing a warning to such investor and the relevant responsible persons; where a crime is constituted, criminal liability shall be investigated in accordance with the law.

REGULATIONS ON M&A AND OVERSEAS LISTINGS

On August 8, 2006, six PRC regulatory agencies (namely the MOFCOM, SASAC, the SAT, the SAMR, the CSRC and the SAFE), issued the Regulations on Mergers and Acquisitions of Domestic Enterprises by Foreign Investors (the “M&A Rules”) (《關於外國投資者併購境內企業的規定》), which took effect on September 8, 2006 and was amended on June 22, 2009. Foreign investors shall comply with the M&A Rules: when they purchase equity interests of a domestic company or subscribe to the increased capital of a domestic company, and thus changing the nature of the domestic company into a foreign-invested enterprise; or when the foreign investors establish a foreign-invested enterprise in the PRC, purchase the assets of a domestic company and operate the assets; or when the foreign investors purchase the asset of a domestic company, establish a foreign-invested enterprise by injecting such assets and operate the assets. The M&A Rules purport, among other things, to require offshore special purpose vehicles formed for overseas listing purposes through acquisitions of PRC domestic companies and controlled by PRC companies or individuals, to obtain the approval of CSRC prior to publicly listing their securities on an overseas stock exchange.

On February 17, 2023, the CSRC issued the Trial Measures and Supporting Guidelines, which came into effect on March 31, 2023. The Trial Measures and Supporting Guidelines shall apply to the following overseas issuance: (i) direct overseas [REDACTED] and listings of PRC domestic companies, and (ii) indirect overseas [REDACTED] and listing of a foreign company with major business operations and/or assets located in the PRC. The Trial Measures and Supporting Guidelines provide that if the issuer both meets the following criteria, the overseas [REDACTED] and listing shall be determined as an indirect overseas [REDACTED] and listing by a PRC domestic company: (i) any of the total assets, net assets, revenues or profits of the domestic operating entities of the issuer in the most recent accounting year accounts for more than 50% of the corresponding figure in the issuer’s audited consolidated financial statements for the same period; and (ii) its major operational activities are carried out in the PRC or its main places of business are located in the PRC, or the senior managers in charge of operation and management of the issuer are mostly Chinese citizens or are domiciled in the PRC.

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According to the Trial Measures and Supporting Guidelines, an issuer shall submit required filing documents to the CSRC within three business days after the overseas listing application has been submitted to the relevant overseas regulator or listing venue. In addition, following the listing on an overseas market, the issuer shall submit a report to the CSRC within three business days after the occurrence and public disclosure of the following events involving the issuer: (i) change of control; (ii) investigations or sanctions imposed by overseas regulators; (iii) change of listing status or transfer of listing segment; and (iv) voluntary or involuntary delisting. Besides, if any material change in the principal business and operation of the issuer after its overseas [REDACTED] and listing takes place and results in the issuer no longer within the scope of record-filing under the Trial Measures and Supporting Guidelines, the issuer shall submit a special report and a legal opinion issued by a PRC law firm to the CSRC within three business days after the occurrence of such change in order to provide an explanation of the relevant situation.

The Trial Measures and Supporting Guidelines also stipulate the circumstances where the overseas [REDACTED] and listing is explicitly prohibited, including: (i) [REDACTED] and listings are explicitly prohibited by specific laws and regulations; (ii) [REDACTED] and listings constitute threat to or endanger national security; (iii) the PRC domestic company, its controlling shareholder(s), or its actual controller, have committed relevant crimes such as corruption, bribery, embezzlement, misappropriation of property or undermining the order of the socialist market economy during the latest three years; (iv) the listing is under investigations for suspicion of criminal offenses or is involved in major violations of laws and regulations and no conclusion of the investigation has yet been made; or (v) there are material ownership disputes over equity interests held by the controlling shareholder(s) (or by other shareholder who is controlled by the controlling shareholder(s) or the actual controller).

Based on the foregoing, our PRC Legal Advisors are of the view that we need to complete the filing procedures with the CSRC in connection with the [REDACTED] pursuant to the Overseas Listing Trial Measures. As of the Latest Practicable Date, we had completed such filing procedures.

On February 24, 2023, the CSRC published the revised Provisions on Strengthening Confidentiality and Archives Administration of Overseas Securities Offering and Listing by Domestic Companies (《關於加強境內企業境外發行證券和上市相關保密和檔案管理工作的規定》) (the “Archives Rules”), which becomes effective from March 31, 2023. The Archives Rules require that, in relation to the overseas listing activities of domestic enterprises, such domestic enterprises, as well as securities companies and securities service institutions providing relevant securities services, are required to strictly comply with the relevant requirements on confidentiality and archives management, establish a sound confidentiality and archives system, and take necessary measures to implement their confidentiality and archives management responsibilities. Under the Archives Rules, the “domestic enterprises” refer to the domestic joint stock limited companies listing overseas directly and the domestic operation entities of a non-PRC company listing overseas. According to the Archives Rules, during the course of an overseas [REDACTED] and listing, if a domestic enterprise needs to publicly disclose or provide to securities companies, accounting firms or other securities

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service providers and overseas regulators, any materials that contain relevant state secrets, government work secrets or that have a sensitive impact (i.e. be detrimental to national security or the public interest if divulged), the domestic enterprise should complete the relevant approval/filing and other regulatory procedures. However, there remain uncertainties regarding the further interpretation and implementation of the Archives Rules.

REGULATIONS ON STRICTLY COMBATING ILLEGAL SECURITIES ACTIVITIES

On July 6, 2021, the General Office of the CPC Central Committee and the General Office of the State Council jointly promulgated the Opinions on Strictly Combating Illegal Securities Activities in Accordance with the Law (《關於依法從嚴打擊證券違法活動的意見》), which called for the enhanced administration and supervision of overseas-listed China-based companies, proposed to revise the relevant regulation governing the overseas issuance and listing of shares by such companies and clarified the responsibilities of competent domestic industry regulators and government authorities.