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In preparation for the [REDACTED], we have sought the following waivers from strict compliance with the relevant provisions of the Listing Rules and exemption from compliance with the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance:

WAIVER IN RESPECT OF MANAGEMENT PRESENCE IN HONG KONG

Pursuant to Rule 8.12 of the Listing Rules, our Company must have a sufficient management presence in Hong Kong. This normally means that at least two of our executive Directors must be ordinarily resident in Hong Kong. Rule 19A.15 of the Listing Rules further provides that the requirement in Rule 8.12 of the Listing Rules may be waived by having regard to, among other considerations, our arrangements for maintaining regular communication with the Stock Exchange.

We do not have sufficient management presence in Hong Kong for the purposes of satisfying the requirements under Rule 8.12 of the Listing Rules. Our Group’s management, business operations and assets are primarily based outside Hong Kong. The principal management headquarters and senior management of our Group are primarily based in China. Our Directors consider that either by means of relocation of our existing our executive Directors or the appointment of executive Directors who will be ordinarily resident in Hong Kong would not be beneficial to, or appropriate for, our Group and therefore would not be in the best interests of our Company and our Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 19A.15 of the Listing Rules, we have applied to the Stock Exchange for, and the Stock Exchange [has granted] us, a waiver from strict compliance with the requirements under Rule 8.12 and Rule 19A.15 of the Listing Rules. We will ensure that there is a regular and effective communication between us and the Stock Exchange by way of the following arrangements:

- (a) pursuant to Rule 3.05 of the Listing Rules, we have appointed and will continue to maintain two authorized representatives, who will act as our principal channel of communication with the Stock Exchange and ensure that our Company complies with the Listing Rules at all times. The two authorized representatives are Mr. Chen Keyuan (“**Mr. Chen**”), our executive Director and head of the legal and internal control center of the Group, and Mr. Lee Chung Shing (“**Mr. Lee**”), a joint company secretary of our Company. Each of our authorized representatives will be available to meet with the Stock Exchange within a reasonable time frame upon the request of the Stock Exchange and will be readily contactable by phone and email. Each of the authorized representatives is authorized to communicate on our behalf with the Stock Exchange;
- (b) both authorized representatives have means to contact all of 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. To enhance communication between the Stock Exchange, our authorized representatives and our Directors, we

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have implemented a policy that (i) each Director has provided their respective contact details (including phone number and e-mail address) to the authorized representatives; (ii) in the event that a Director expects to travel or is otherwise out of office, he/she will endeavour to provide his/her phone number of the place of his/her accommodation to the authorized representatives or maintain an open line of communication via his/her mobile phone; and (iii) each of our Directors has provided their respective mobile phone numbers, office phone numbers, e-mail addresses and fax numbers (if applicable) to the Stock Exchange pursuant to paragraph 10 of Chapter 3.10 under the Guide for New Listing Applicants published by the Stock Exchange;

- (c) we have appointed Guotai Junan Capital Limited as our compliance adviser (the “**Compliance Adviser**”) pursuant to Rule 3A.19 of the Listing Rules for a period commencing on the [REDACTED] and ending on the date on which we comply with Rule 13.46 of the Listing Rules in respect of our financial results for the first full financial year commencing after the [REDACTED]. The Compliance Adviser will have access at all times to our Authorized Representatives, our Directors and our senior management as prescribed by Rule 3A.23 of the Listing Rules, who will act as the additional channel of communication with the Stock Exchange when the Authorized Representatives are not available. Our Company shall ensure that our Authorized Representatives, Directors and our senior management members will timely provide such information and assistance as the Compliance Adviser may need or may reasonably request in connection with the performance of the Compliance Adviser’s duties as set forth in the Listing Rules;
- (d) we have provided the Stock Exchange with the names, mobile phone numbers, office phone numbers, fax numbers and email addresses of at least two of the Compliance Adviser’s officers who will act as our Compliance Adviser’s contact persons between the Stock Exchange and our Company. We will inform the Stock Exchange as soon as practicable in respect of any change of authorized representatives and/or the Compliance Adviser;
- (e) we will appoint other professional advisors (including legal advisors in Hong Kong) after the [REDACTED] to assist us in dealing with any questions which may be raised by the Stock Exchange and to ensure that there will be prompt and effective communication with the Stock Exchange; and
- (f) our Company has designated our staff members as the communication officer at our headquarters after the [REDACTED] who will be responsible for maintaining day-to-day communication with Mr. Lee and our Company’s professional advisors in Hong Kong, including our legal advisors in Hong Kong and the Compliance Adviser, to keep abreast of any correspondences and/or enquiries from the Stock Exchange and report to our executive Directors to further facilitate communication between the Stock Exchange and our Company.

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WAIVER IN RESPECT OF APPOINTMENT OF JOINT COMPANY SECRETARIES

Pursuant to Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules, we must appoint a company secretary 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 the company secretary. Note 1 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules provides that the Stock Exchange considers the following academic or professional qualifications to be acceptable:

- (a) a member of The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute;
- (b) a solicitor or barrister as defined in the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Chapter 159 of the Laws of Hong Kong); and
- (c) a certified public accountant as defined in the Professional Accountants Ordinance (Chapter 50 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

Note 2 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules further provides that the Stock Exchange considers the following factors in assessing the “relevant experience” of the individual:

- (a) length of employment with the issuer and other issuers and the roles he/she played;
- (b) familiarity with the Listing Rules and other relevant laws and regulations including the SFO, the Companies Ordinance, the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance and the Takeovers Code;
- (c) relevant training taken and/or to be taken in addition to the minimum requirement under Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules; and
- (d) professional qualifications in other jurisdictions.

Our Company has appointed Mr. Xue Zenghui (“**Mr. Xue**”), as one of our joint company secretaries. Mr. Xue has extensive experience in financing and investment services. The Company believes that it would be in the best interests of the Company and the corporate governance of the Group to have as its joint company secretary a person such as Mr. Xue, who is an employee of the Company and who has day-to-day knowledge of the Company’s affairs. Mr. Xue has the necessary nexus to the Board and close working relationship with management of the Company in order to perform the function of a joint company secretary and to take the necessary actions in the most effective and efficient manner. However, Mr. Xue presently does not possess any of the qualifications under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules, and may not be able to solely fulfill the requirements of the Listing Rules. Therefore, we have appointed Mr. Lee Chung Shing (“**Mr. Lee**”), an associate member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountant and a fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, who fully meets the requirements stipulated under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules to act as the other joint company secretary and to provide assistance to Mr. Xue for an initial period of three years from the [REDACTED] to enable Mr. Xue to acquire the “relevant experience” under Note 2 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules so as to fully comply with the requirements set forth under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules.

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Accordingly, we have applied to the Stock Exchange for, and the Stock Exchange [has granted], a waiver from strict compliance with the requirements under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules such that Mr. Xue may be appointed as a joint company secretary of our Company. The waiver is valid for an initial period of three years from the [REDACTED], and is granted on the condition that Mr. Lee will work closely with Mr. Xue to jointly discharge the duties and responsibilities as company secretary and assist Mr. Xue in acquiring the relevant experience as required under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules. Mr. Lee will also assist Mr. Xue in organizing Board meetings and Shareholders’ meetings of our Company as well as other matters of our Company which are incidental to the duties of a company secretary. Mr. Lee is expected to work closely with Mr. Xue and will maintain regular contact with Mr. Xue, the Directors, the Supervisors and the senior management of our Company. The waiver will be revoked immediately if Mr. Lee ceases to provide assistance to Mr. Xue as a joint company secretary for the three-year period after the [REDACTED] or where there are material breaches of the Listing Rules by our Company. In addition, Mr. Xue 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 three-year period from the [REDACTED]. Mr. Xue will also be assisted by (a) the Compliance Adviser of our Company, particularly in relation to compliance with the Listing Rules; and (b) the Hong Kong legal advisors of our Company, on matters concerning our Company’s ongoing compliance with the Listing Rules and the applicable laws and regulations.

Before the expiration of the initial three-year period, the qualifications of Mr. Xue will be re-evaluated to determine whether the requirements as stipulated in Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules can be satisfied and whether the need for ongoing assistance will continue. We will liaise with the Stock Exchange to enable it to assess whether Mr. Xue, having benefited from the assistance of Mr. Lee for the preceding three years, will have acquired the skills necessary to carry out the duties of company secretary and the relevant experience within the meaning of Note 2 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules so that a further waiver will not be necessary.

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