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In preparation for the [REDACTED], our Company has sought the following waivers from strict compliance with the relevant provisions of the Listing Rules and [an] exemption from strict compliance with the relevant provisions of the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance.

WAIVER IN RESPECT OF MANAGEMENT PRESENCE IN HONG KONG

According to Rule 8.12 of the Listing Rules, a new applicant for a [REDACTED] on the Stock Exchange 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 a sufficient management presence in Hong Kong for the purpose of satisfying the requirement under Rule 8.12 and Rule 19A.15 of the Listing Rules. Our management headquarters, senior management, business operations and assets are primarily based outside Hong Kong. The Directors consider that either by means of relocation of our existing executive Directors or appointment of additional 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 or the Shareholders as a whole. As such, we have applied to the Stock Exchange for, and the Stock Exchange [has granted] us a waiver from strict compliance with 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, among others, the following conditions:

- (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 appointed are Mr. Zheng, the chairman of our Board, our executive Director and the chief executive officer of our Company, and Mr. Ng Tung Ching Raphael (吳東澄) (“**Mr. Ng**”), our joint company secretary (the “**Authorized Representatives**”). Mr. Ng is situated and based in Hong Kong and will be available to meet with the Stock Exchange in Hong Kong within a reasonable time frame upon the request of the Stock Exchange. Both of the Authorized Representatives will be readily contactable by telephone and email to deal promptly with enquiries from the Stock Exchange. Our Company has provided contact details of the Authorized Representatives to the Stock Exchange and will inform the Stock Exchange promptly in respect of any change in the authorized representatives;
- (b) both Authorized Representatives have means to contact all Directors (including the independent non-executive Directors) promptly at all times as and when the Stock Exchange wishes to contact our Directors on any matters. Our Company has implemented a policy whereby (i) each Director has provided their respective valid phone numbers or other means of communication to the Authorized Representatives;

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- (ii) in the event that a Director expects to travel or is otherwise out of office, he/she will endeavor 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 Director has provided his/her mobile phone number, e-mail address and, where available, office phone number to the Stock Exchange and will inform the Stock Exchange promptly if there are any changes to the contact details of the Directors;
- (c) pursuant to Rule 3.20 of the Listing Rules, each Director has provided his/her contact information to the Stock Exchange and to the Authorized Representatives. This will ensure that the Stock Exchange and the Authorized Representatives should have means for contacting all Directors promptly at all times as and when require;
- (d) all our Directors who are not ordinarily resident in Hong Kong have confirmed that they possess or can apply for valid travel documents to visit Hong Kong and will be able to meet with relevant members of the Stock Exchange in Hong Kong upon reasonable notice, when required;
- (e) pursuant to Rule 8A.33 of the Listing Rules, we have retained the services of Guotai Junan Capital Limited as our Compliance Adviser commencing on the [REDACTED]. The Compliance Adviser will have access at all times to our Authorized Representatives, Directors, and members of our senior management, who will act as the additional channel of communication with the Stock Exchange when the Authorized Representatives are not available. The contact details of the Compliance Adviser has been provided to the Stock Exchange and the Company will inform the Stock Exchange promptly in respect of any change in the Compliance Adviser;
- (f) our Authorized Representatives, Directors and other officers of our Company will provide promptly such information and assistance as the Compliance Adviser may reasonably require in connection with the performance of the Compliance Adviser’s duties as set forth in Chapters 3A and 8A of the Listing Rules. There will be adequate and efficient means of communication between our Company, Authorized Representatives, Directors and other officers of our Company and the Compliance Adviser, and, to the extent reasonably practicable and legally permissible, we will keep the Compliance Adviser informed of all communications and dealings between the Stock Exchange and us; meetings between the Stock Exchange and our Directors could be arranged through our Authorized Representatives or the Compliance Adviser, or directly with our Directors within a reasonable time frame. We will inform the Stock Exchange as soon as practicable in respect of any change of Authorized Representatives and/or the Compliance Adviser;
- (g) we plan to appoint other professional advisers (including legal advisers 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

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- (h) our Company has designated one of our staff members as the communication officer at our headquarters after the [REDACTED] who will be responsible for maintaining day-to-day communication with the Authorized Representatives and our Company’s professional advisors in Hong Kong, including our legal advisers 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.

WAIVER IN RESPECT OF JOINT COMPANY SECRETARIES

Pursuant to Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules and Chapter 3.10 of the Guide for New Listing Applicants, a new applicant for [REDACTED] on the Stock Exchange 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 Ms. Liu Hongyan (劉紅岩) (“**Ms. Liu**”) and Mr. Ng as our joint company secretaries. See “Directors, Supervisors and Senior Management — Joint Company Secretaries” for their biographical detail.

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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 Ms. Liu, who joined our Group in January 2018 and is the chief financial officer and secretary to our Board with day-to-day knowledge of the Company’s affairs. Ms. Liu 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 an effective and efficient manner. However, Ms. Liu 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. Ng, who is an associate member of both The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute and The Chartered Governance Institute and 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 Ms. Liu for an initial period of three years from the [REDACTED] to enable Ms. Liu 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.

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 Ms. Liu 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. Ng, as a joint company secretary of our Company, will work closely with Ms. Liu to jointly discharge the duties and responsibilities as company secretaries and assist Ms. Liu in acquiring the relevant experience as required under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules. Mr. Ng will also assist Ms. Liu 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. Ng is expected to work closely with Ms. Liu and will maintain regular contact with Ms. Liu, the Directors and the senior management of our Company. In addition, Ms. Liu will comply with the annual professional training requirement under Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules and will enhance her knowledge of the Listing Rules during the three-year period from the [REDACTED]. Ms. Liu will also be assisted by (a) the Compliance Adviser, particularly in relation to compliance with the Listing Rules; and (b) the Hong Kong legal advisers of our Company, on matters concerning our Company’s ongoing compliance with the Listing Rules and the applicable laws and regulations.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.10 of the Guide for New Listing Applicants, the waiver will be revoked immediately if Mr. Ng ceases to provide assistance to Ms. Liu 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.

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Prior to the expiration of the initial three-year period, the qualifications and experience of Ms. Liu 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 Ms. Liu, having benefited from the assistance of Mr. Ng 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.