

# **Articles of Association**

**Huaxin Cement Co., Ltd.**

(Draft, applicable after the listing of H shares)

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## **Chapter 1 General Provisions**

**Article 1** To safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of the Company, its shareholders and creditors and to regulate the organization and activities of the Company, the Company formulated this Articles of Association, in accordance with the *Company Law of the People's Republic of China* (hereinafter referred to as the "Company Law"), the *Securities Law of the People's Republic of China* (hereinafter referred to as the "Securities Law"), the *State Council Special Regulations on the Overseas Offering and Listing of Shares by Joint Stock Limited Companies* (hereinafter referred to as the "Special Regulations"), the *Prerequisite Clauses of Articles of Association of Companies Seeking for Offshore Public Listing* (hereinafter referred to as the "Prerequisite Clauses"), the *Letter of Opinion on Supplemental Amendment to Articles of Association of Companies to be Listed in Hong Kong*, (Zheng Jian Hai Han [1995] No. 1), the *Opinion on Further Promoting the Standardized Operation and the Reform of Companies Listed outside the PRC* (Guo Jing Mao Qi Gai [1999] No. 230), the *Reply from the State Council on Adjusting Provisions on Notice Period of General Meeting and Other Relevant Matters Applicable to Overseas Listed Companies* (Guo Han [2019] No.97), the *Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited* (including relevant appendices, the "SEHK Listing Rules"), the *Guidelines on the Articles of Association of Listed Companies* and other relevant regulations.

**Article 2** The Company is a joint-stock limited company incorporated in accordance with the Company Law, the Securities Law, the Special Regulations and other relevant requirements under the laws, administrative rules and regulations of China (for the purposes hereof, excluding Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Macao Special Administrative Region and Taiwan, same below).

The Company was approved by the Hubei Provincial Commission for Restructuring the Economic Systems E Gai [1992] No. 60 and established by stock floatation, registered with the Hubei Administration for Market Regulation on 30 November, 1993, and obtained its business license. The Company's unified social credit code is 914200007068068827.

The founders of the Company are: Huaxin Cement Plant, People's Construction Bank of China Hubei Provincial Trust and Investment Corporation, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Hubei Provincial Trust and Investment Corporation, Huaxin Life Services Company, Shanghai Zhongnongxin Real Estate Company, Huaxin Utilities Company, Information Consultation Center of China Real Estate Industry Association, Hubei Provincial Asset Appraisal Company.

**Article 3** The Company obtained approval from the Hubei Provincial Government on 18 June, 1993 and issued in its initial public offering 40,000,000 RMB-denominated ordinary shares, which were listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange as of 3 January, 1994. On 23 September, 1994, the Company obtained approval from the Shanghai Securities Administration Office and issued 87,000,000 RMB-denominated special shares (domestically listed foreign shares), which were listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange as of 9 December, 1994. On 3 March, 1999, the Company issued additional 77,000,000 RMB-denominated special shares (domestically listed foreign shares) which were listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange as approved by the China Securities Regulatory Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "CSRC"). On 4 February, 2008, the Company issued additional 75,200,000 RMB-denominated ordinary shares which were listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange as approved by the CSRC. On 8 November, 2011, the Company issued additional 128,099,928 RMB-denominated ordinary shares which were listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange as approved by the CSRC.

**Article 4** The registered name of the Company in Chinese: 华新水泥股份有限公司  
The English name of the Company: Huaxin Cement Co., Ltd.

**Article 5** The address of the Company is No. 600, East Daqi Avenue, Huangshi, Hubei Province, People's Republic of China  
Zip Code: 435007  
Telephone: 027-87773896  
Fax: 027-87773992

**Article 6** The registered capital of the Company is RMB 2,096,599,855.

**Article 7** The Company is a joint stock limited company that has perpetual existence.

**Article 8** The manager is the legal representative of the Company.

**Article 9** The Communist Party's organization within the Company shall conduct its activities in accordance with the constitutional documents of the PRC Communist Party.

**Article 10** The Trade Union of the Company is incorporated in accordance with the *Trade Union Law of the People's Republic of China*. The Trade Union shall conduct its activities in accordance with the Trade Union Law and other applicable laws to protect the lawful rights and interests of the staff and workers of the Company. The Company shall provide necessary conditions for the activities of the Trade Union.

**Article 11** There is no governing or subordinating relationship between the controlling shareholder and its functioning departments on the one hand and the Company and its functioning departments on the other hand.

**Article 12** The entire capital of the Company is divided into shares of equal nominal value. The shareholders shall bear liabilities for the Company to the extent of their respective subscribed shares. The Company shall be liable for its debts to the extent of all its assets.

**Article 13** From the effective date of the Articles of Association, the Articles of Association constitute a legally binding document regulating the constitution and activities of the Company, and the rights and obligations between the Company and its shareholders and the shareholders inter se, and are binding on the Company and its shareholders, directors, supervisors and other senior executives.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, a shareholder may bring a lawsuit against other shareholders; against directors, supervisors, the manager and other senior executives of the Company; and against the Company; the Company may bring a lawsuit against shareholders, directors, supervisors, the manager and other senior executives of the Company.

For the purposes of the preceding paragraph, such lawsuits include proceedings commenced in court and arbitration proceedings commenced in arbitration tribunals.

**Article 14** The Company may invest in other limited liability companies and joint stock limited companies and shall be liable to the investee companies to the extent of its investment in such companies.

**Article 15** The term "senior executives" in the Articles shall refer to the deputy manager, the board

secretary and the head of finance of the Company.

## **Chapter 2 Objectives and Business Scope**

**Article 16** The business objective of the Company is to focus all its business activities on the purpose of increasing profits, to maximize the benefits to the Company and its shareholders. The Company shall comply with laws and regulations and shall conduct its business in a socially responsible manner.

**Article 17** The business scope of the Company as approved by the registration authority is: production of cement, manufacturing of cement products, sale of cement products, manufacturing of non-metal mineral products, sale of non-metal mine and products, manufacturing of new building material (excluding hazardous chemical products), manufacturing of lightweight building material, sale of building material, research and development of new material, sale of coal and products, sale of packaging material and products, manufacturing of packaging equipment, sale of packaging equipment, technology service, technology development, technology consulting, technology exchange, technology transfer, technology promotion, design of construction engineering, construction of earthwork, construction activities, mechanic electrical equipment manufacturing, sale of mechanic electrical equipment, leasing of mechanic equipment, treatment of solid wastes, goods import and export, import and export of technology, agency of import and export, agency of domestic trade, agent of sales, foreign contracting, goods warehouse service (excluding projects of hazardous chemicals and other projects requiring approval), warehouse equipment leasing service , domestic agency of goods transportation, international freight forwarder, unloading and handling, exploitation of mineral resources (non-coal mining), manufacturing of bio-based material, sale of bio-based material, research and development bio-based material technology, sale of chemical products (excluding chemical products requiring approval), manufacturing of special chemical products (excluding hazardous chemicals); sale of special chemical products (excluding hazardous chemicals), software development, internet data service, supply chain management service, labor service (excluding labor dispatch).

## **Chapter 3 Shares**

### **Section 1 Issuance of Shares**

**Article 18** The shares of the Company shall take the form of share certificates. The Company shall at all times have ordinary shares. The Company may, in accordance with its requirements and upon the approval of the company supervisory department authorized by the State Council, create other classes of shares.

**Article 19** The issuance of shares of the Company shall apply the principles of fairness and equity, and shares of the same class shall rank *pari passu* with each other.

For the same class of shares issued in the same tranche, each share shall be issued at the same price and subject to the same conditions. For the shares subscribed by any organization or individual, the price payable for each of such shares shall be the same.

**Article 20** All the shares issued by the Company shall have a par value dominated in Renminbi which shall be RMB 1.00 for each share.

For the purposes of the preceding paragraph, the term “Renminbi” means the lawful currency of China.

**Article 21** Subject to the approval of the securities regulatory authority of the State Council, the Company may issue shares to domestic and foreign investors.

The term “foreign investors” in the preceding paragraph shall refer to investors from foreign countries or from Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Macau Special Administrative Region or Taiwan that subscribe for shares issued by the Company, and the term “domestic investors” shall refer to investors within the People’s Republic of China, excluding the above-mentioned regions, that subscribe for shares issued by the Company.

Shares issued by the Company to domestic investors for subscription in Renminbi are RMB-denominated ordinary shares and shall be referred to as domestic shares (A shares). Shares issued by the Company to foreign investors and domestic natural persons who meet certain conditions for subscription in foreign currency shall be referred to as foreign shares. Foreign shares that are listed in the PRC shall be referred to as RMB-denominated special shares or domestically listed foreign shares (B shares). Foreign shares which are listed outside the PRC shall be referred to as overseas listed foreign shares. Foreign shares issued by the Company and listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (hereinafter referred to as the “Hong Kong Stock Exchange”) shall be referred to as H shares.

Shareholders of domestic shares and shareholders of foreign shares are both ordinary shareholders and shall be entitled to the same rights and bear the same obligations.

The term “foreign currencies” referred to in the preceding paragraph means the legal currencies (other than Renminbi) of other countries or regions which are recognized by the State Administration of Foreign Exchange and which can be used for the payment of shares to the Company.

The shares of the Company shall be centralized and held in custody by the Shanghai Branch of the China Securities Depository & Clearing Corporation Limited. H shares of the Company shall either be held by the central depository of Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited or held by the individual shareholders in their own names.

**Article 22** The Company initially issued a total of 137,000,000 ordinary shares as approved. At the time of establishment, the founders held 92,272,400 shares, accounting for 67.35% of the total shares of the Company at that time.

**Article 23** The share structure of the Company is composed of 2,096,599,855 ordinary shares, including 1,361,879,855 A shares, representing 64.96% of the total share capital, and 734,720,000 B

shares, representing 35.04% of the total share capital.

As approved by the China Securities Regulatory Commission and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, the Company's domestically listed foreign shares are converted into the H Shares and listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong by the way of introduction.

After the aforesaid domestically listed foreign shares are converted into the H Shares and listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong, the share structure of the Company is composed of 2,096,599,855 ordinary shares, including 1,361,879,855 A shares, representing 64.96% of the total share capital, and 734,720,000 H shares, representing 35.04% of the total share capital.

**Article 24** Subject to the approval of such plan by the securities regulatory authority of the State Council, the board of directors of the Company may make arrangements for the implementation of its plan for the separate issues of overseas listed foreign shares and domestic shares.

The Company's plan for the separate issues of overseas listed foreign shares and domestic shares may be implemented separately in accordance with the above provision within 15 months of the date of approval by the securities regulatory authority.

**Article 25** Where the total number of shares specified in an issue plan of the Company involves overseas listed foreign shares and domestic shares, each type of shares shall be fully subscribed at one time. Where there are special circumstances which render it impossible for any type of shares to be fully subscribed at any one time, multiple issues may be made subject to the approval of the securities regulatory authority.

**Article 26** The Company or its subsidiaries (including any affiliated enterprises of the Company) shall not provide any assistance, by way of donation, advanced payment, guarantee, compensation or loan, etc., to a person who is acquiring or is proposing to acquire shares of the Company.

The Company is not allowed to lend money, directly or via its subsidiary, to any of its directors, supervisors, or senior executives.

## **Section 2 Increase or Reduction of Capital and Repurchase of Shares**

**Article 27** The Company may, based on its operational and development needs and in accordance with the relevant provisions of laws and regulations, approve an increase of capital in the following manners upon respective resolutions at shareholders' general meetings:

- I. by public issuance of shares;
- II. by non-public issuance of shares;
- III. by allotting bonus shares to its existing shareholders;
- IV. by capitalizing its capital reserve;
- V. by any other means which is permitted by laws, administrative regulations and authorized by the China Securities Regulatory Commission.

In the event that the Company issues convertible corporate bonds that are converted into shares and the registered capital of the Company increases therefrom, the conversion shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of national laws, administrative regulations, departmental rules, the prospectus on the issuance of convertible corporate bonds and other relevant documents.

**Article 28** The Company may reduce its registered capital. The Company may reduce its registered capital in accordance with the Company Law and other relevant regulations and the procedures set out in the Articles.

**Article 29** The Company, in accordance with the law, administrative regulations, departmental rules and the provisions of the Articles, may acquire the shares of the Company in the following circumstances:

- I. to reduce the Company's registered capital;
- II. to merge with another company which holds shares of the Company;
- III. to use the shares for Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) or stock incentive plan;
- IV. when the shareholder requests the Company to acquire his or her shares due to the shareholder's disagreement with the resolutions for merger or demerger of the Company as determined at the shareholders' general meeting;
- V. to convert the shares as convertible corporate bonds issued by the listed company;
- VI. where it is necessary for the listed company to maintain its corporate value and shareholders' rights.

The Company is not allowed to purchase or sell its shares other than prescribed in the above provisions.

**Article 30** The Company may repurchase its shares by open centralized transaction method or other method approved by laws, regulations and the China Securities Regulatory Commission.

The Company's acquisition of its own shares under the circumstance as stipulated in (III), (V) or (VI) of the Article 29 shall be conducted by an open and centralized transaction method.

**Article 31** The Company's acquisition of its own shares under the circumstance as stipulated in (I) or (II) of the Article 29 shall be approved by a resolution of the shareholders' general meeting.

The Company's acquisition of its own shares under the circumstance as stipulated in (III), (V) or (VI) of the Article 29 shall be approved by a resolution at a board meeting attended by no less than two-thirds of the directors.

Shares acquired under the circumstances as stipulated in (I) of the Article 29 shall be cancelled within 10 days from the day of acquisition; shares acquired under the circumstance as stipulated in (II) or (IV) of the Article 29 shall be transferred or cancelled within 6 months from the day of acquisition; for the circumstances as stipulated in (III), (V) or (VI) of the Article 29, the total number of shares held by the Company shall not exceed 10% of the total issued shares of the Company and the shares so acquired by the Company shall be transferred or cancelled within 3 years from the day of acquisition.



Unless otherwise stipulated in relevant laws, regulations or listing rules of the place where the shares of the Company are listed.

**Article 32** The Company may, with the prior approval of a general meeting in accordance with the Articles, repurchase its own shares pursuant to an off-market agreement. Subject to the prior approval of a general meeting being given in the same manner, the Company may rescind or vary any contract so entered into by the Company or waive any of its rights thereunder.

The aforesaid agreement to repurchase shares includes (but is not limited to) an agreement to assume an obligation to repurchase shares or to acquire rights to repurchase shares of the Company.

The Company shall not assign an agreement for the repurchase of its shares or any of its rights under such agreement.

**Article 33** Shares lawfully repurchased by the Company shall be cancelled within the time limit prescribed by laws, administrative regulations or listing rules of the place where the shares of the Company are listed and an application shall be made to the original company registration authority to change the registration particulars of its registered capital.

**Article 34** The amount of the Company's registered capital shall be reduced by the aggregate nominal value of the shares cancelled. Unless the Company is in the course of liquidation, the Company shall comply with the following provisions when repurchasing its issued shares:

I. where the Company repurchases its shares at their nominal value, payment shall be made out of the credit balance of the distributable profits of the Company and the proceeds of a new issue of shares made for that purpose;

II. where the Company redeems or repurchases its shares at a premium, payment up to the nominal value of those shares shall be made out of the credit balance of the distributable profits of the Company and the proceeds of a new issue of shares made for that purpose; Payment of the portion in excess of the nominal value shall be made as follows:

1. if the shares being repurchased were issued at their nominal value, payment shall be made out of the credit balance of distributable profits of the Company;

2. if the shares being repurchased were issued at a premium, payment shall be made out of the credit balance of the distributable profits of the Company and the proceeds of a new issue of shares made for that purpose, provided that the amount to be paid out of the proceeds of the new issue of shares shall not exceed the aggregate of premiums received by the Company on the issue of the shares repurchased nor shall it exceed the credit balance of the share premium account (or the capital reserve fund) of the Company (including the premiums of the new shares issued) at the time of the repurchase;

III. payment by the Company for the following purposes shall be made out of the Company's distributable profits:

1. the acquisition of rights to repurchase its own shares;

2. the variation of any agreement to repurchase its own shares;

3. the release of any of the Company's obligations under any agreement to repurchase its shares.

IV. Following the reduction of the aggregate nominal value of the cancelled shares from the amount

of the registered capital of the Company in accordance with relevant regulations, to the extent that shares are repurchased out of an amount deducted from the distributable profits of the Company, such amount shall be charged to the share premium account (or the capital reserve fund) of the Company.

### **Section 3 Transfer of Shares**

**Article 35** The Company's shares are freely transferable and free from all liens, unless otherwise restricted by laws, administrative regulations, or the securities regulatory authority where the shares of the Company are listed.

**Article 36** The Company shall not accept shares of the Company as the subject of any pledge.

**Article 37** Directors, supervisors and senior executives of the Company shall notify the Company of the number of shares held and any changes in relation thereto and shall not transfer more than 25% of the total number of shares of the Company held by them every year during their tenure. The aforesaid officers shall not transfer the shares held by them within six months from the date they cease their employment with the Company. In addition, the aforesaid officers shall comply with other applicable provisions relating to the transfer of shares by them of the law, administrative regulation, departmental regulation, normative documents and the securities regulatory authority where the shares of the Company are listed.

**Article 38** In the event that any director, supervisor, senior executive or shareholder holding 5% or more of the voting shares of the Company disposes of the shares of the Company or other securities of the nature of equity within six months after his/her acquisition, or where shares are acquired within six months after the date of disposal of any shares, any gains arising therefrom shall belong and be accounted to the Company, and the board of directors shall recover such gains from any such officer or shareholder. However, if a securities company holds 5% or more shares by taking up the remaining shares not subscribed pursuant to an underwriting arrangement, the six (6) month moratorium shall not apply.

The shares or other securities of the nature of equity held by directors, supervisors, senior executives and individual shareholders as mentioned in the preceding paragraph, including the shares or other securities of the nature of equity held by their spouses, parents, and children, or held through the accounts of other securities.

In the event that the board of directors do not comply with the foregoing provisions, the shareholders are entitled to demand the board of directors to take enforcement action within 30 days. In the event the board of directors fails to take the said enforcement action within the time limit, the shareholders are entitled to institute proceedings in their own names at the people's court for the benefit of the Company.

In the event that the board of directors does not comply with the provisions of the first paragraph of this Article 38, the directors who are liable for the matter shall assume joint liability under the law.

**Article 39** All transfers of overseas listed foreign shares listed in Hong Kong shall be effected by written instruments of transfer in an ordinary or usual form or in any other form acceptable to board of directors (including the standard transfer format or form of transfer specified by the Hong Kong Stock Exchange from time to time); Where the transferor or transferee is a recognized clearing house (“Recognized Clearing House”) as defined by applicable regulations in Hong Kong laws from time to time, or its nominee, the form of transfer may be signed by hand or in a machine-imprinted format. All instruments of transfer shall be maintained at the statutory address of the Company or such places as board of directors may otherwise specify from time to time.

#### **Section 4 Financial Assistance for Acquisition of the Company’s Shares**

**Article 40** The Company and its subsidiaries shall not at any time and in any way provide any financial assistance to a person who acquires or proposes to acquire any shares of the Company. The aforementioned purchaser of the Company's shares includes a person who directly or indirectly assumes any obligations as a result of an acquisition of the Company's shares.

The Company and its subsidiaries shall not at any time and in any way provide financial assistance to the obligor referred to above for the purposes of reducing or discharging his/her obligations.

The provisions of this Article shall not apply to the circumstances described in Article 42 of this Chapter.

**Article 41** “Financial assistance” referred to in this Chapter includes (but is not limited to) financial assistance provided by way of:

- I. gift;
- II. guarantee (including the provision by the guarantor of an undertaking or property to secure the performance of obligations by the obligor), indemnity (other than an indemnity arising from the Company's own negligence or default), and release or waiver of rights;
- III. the provision of a loan or entering into a contract under which the obligations of the Company are to be fulfilled before the obligations of the other party to that contract; or the change of any party to such loan or contract, or the assignment of rights under such loan or contract; and
- IV. any other method when the Company is unable to pay its debts or has no net assets or when its net assets may be reduced by a material extent.

For the purpose of this Chapter, references to “an assumption of obligations” include where the obligor assumes an obligation through the entering into of a contract or the making of an arrangement (whether or not such contract or arrangement is enforceable, and whether or not such obligations are assumed by him/her personally or together with any other person) or by any other means whereby his/her financial position is changed.

**Article 42** The following shall not be deemed to be prohibited for the purpose of Article 40 of this Chapter:

- I. the provision of financial assistance by the Company in good faith in the interests of the Company, the principal purpose of which is not for the acquisition of shares of the Company, or where financial assistance is an incidental part of some larger overall plan of the Company;
- II. the lawful distribution by the Company of its assets by way of dividend;
- III. the distribution of dividend by way of an allotment of bonus shares;
- IV. a reduction of registered capital, repurchase of shares or restructuring of shares of the Company effected in accordance with the Articles of Association;
- V. the lending of money by the Company within its scope of operations in the ordinary course of its business (provided that the Company's net assets are not thereby reduced or, to the extent that those assets are thereby reduced, the financial assistance is provided out of the distributable profits of the Company);
- VI. the provision of fund by the Company for contributions to employees' stock ownership plan (provided that the Company's net assets are not thereby reduced or, to the extent that those assets are thereby reduced, the financial assistance is provided out of the distributable profits of the Company).

#### **Chapter 4 Share Certificates and Register of Shareholders**

**Article 43** The Company's share certificates shall be in registered form.

The share certificates of the Company shall, in addition to those provided in the Company Law, contain other items required to be specified by the stock exchange(s) on which the shares of the Company are listed.

The overseas listed shares issued by the Company may take the form of overseas depository receipts or other derivative forms of shares in accordance with the laws of the place where the company's shares are listed and the norms of the securities registration and depository.

**Article 44** Share certificates shall be signed by the Chairperson of the board of directors. If the stock exchange on which the Company's shares are listed requires the signature of other senior executives of the Company, the share certificates shall also be signed by other relevant senior executives. A share certificate shall become valid after it is affixed with the company seal or a machine-printed seal. The seal of the Company shall not be affixed to any share certificate unless with the authorization of the board of directors. The signatures of the Chairperson or other senior executives of the Company on the share certificates may also be machine-printed signatures.

**Article 45** The Company shall establish a register of shareholders with the information provided by the securities registration authority and enter therein the following details:

- I. the name (or title), address (or domicile), occupation or nature of each shareholder;
- II. the class and number of shares held by each shareholder;
- III. the amount paid or payable on the shares held by each shareholder;
- IV. the serial number of the shares held by each shareholder;
- V. the date on which each person is entered in the register as a shareholder; and
- VI. the date on which a person ceases to be a shareholder.

The register of shareholders shall be sufficient evidence of the holding of the shares of the Company

by the shareholders, unless there is evidence to the contrary.

**Article 46** The Company may, in accordance with any understanding or agreements reached between the securities regulatory authority of the State Council and the overseas securities supervisory authorities, maintain a register of holders of overseas listed foreign shares outside the PRC, and appoint an overseas agent to maintain that register. The original register of shareholders for H shares shall be maintained in Hong Kong.

A duplicate of the register of holders of overseas listed foreign shares shall be made and maintained at the Company's domicile. The appointed overseas agent shall ensure at all times that the original and the duplicate registers of holders of overseas listed foreign shares are consistent.

In the case of inconsistencies between any information recorded in the original register of holders of overseas listed foreign shares and that of the duplicate register, the original register shall prevail.

**Article 47** The Company shall keep a complete register of shareholders.

The register of shareholders shall comprise the following parts:

- I. a part maintained at the Company's domicile, which shall be the register of all shareholders other than such registered in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Article;
- II. a register of holders of overseas listed foreign shares maintained at the place of listing; and
- III. such parts maintained in such other places as the board of directors may deem necessary for listing purposes.

**Article 48** Different parts of the register of shareholders shall not overlap. No transfer of shares registered in one part of the register of shareholders shall, during the continuance of the registration of those shares, be registered in any other parts of the register of shareholders.

All fully paid-up H shares listed in Hong Kong are freely transferable in accordance with the Articles, but except where the following conditions are satisfied, the board of directors may refuse to recognize any instrument of transfer without providing any reason:

- I. the instrument of transfer relates only to overseas listed foreign shares listed in Hong Kong;
- II. stamp duty payable on the instrument of transfer is paid;
- III. the relevant share certificate(s) and such other evidence as reasonably required by the board of directors to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer have been presented;
- IV. the relevant shares of the Company are free from all liens. Alteration or rectification of each part of the register of shareholders shall be made in accordance with the law of the place where that part of the register of shareholders is kept.

**Article 49** With respect to H shares, the Company shall at any time ensure all title documents of H shares include the statements stipulated below, and shall instruct and procure its share registrar not to register the subscription, purchase or transfer of any of its shares in the name of any particular holder unless and until such holder submits to the share registrar a signed form with respect to such shares which bear statements to the following effect:

- I. The acquirer of the shares agrees with the Company and each shareholder of the Company, and the Company agrees with each shareholder, to observe and comply with the Company Law and

other relevant laws, administrative regulations, the Special Regulations and the Articles of Association;

II. The acquirer of the shares agrees with the Company, each shareholder, director, supervisor and senior executive of the Company, and the Company acting for itself and for each director, supervisor and senior executive agrees with each shareholder to refer all disputes and claims arising from the Articles of Association or any rights or obligations conferred or imposed by Company Law or other relevant laws or administrative regulations concerning the affairs of the Company to arbitration in accordance with the Articles of Association, and any referral to arbitration shall be deemed to authorize the arbitration tribunal to conduct hearing in open session and to publish its award. The resolution of arbitration shall be final and conclusive;

III. The acquirer of shares agrees with the Company and each shareholder of the Company that shares in the Company are freely transferable by the holder thereof;

IV. The acquirer of shares authorizes the Company to enter into a contract on his/her behalf with each director and senior executive whereby such directors and senior executives undertake to observe and comply with their obligations to shareholders stipulated in the Articles of Association.

**Article 50** The stipulated provisions under Chinese laws and the SEHK Listing Rules on suspension of registration of share transfers before the record date of a shareholders' general meeting or the Company's determination of dividend distribution shall be complied with.

**Article 51** Any person who has any objection in relation to the register of shareholders and seeks to register his/her name (or title) on the register of shareholders or to delete his/her name (or title) from the register of shareholders may in each case apply to a court of competent jurisdiction to rectify the register of shareholders.

**Article 52** Any shareholder who is registered on the register of shareholders or any person who requests his/her name to be entered in the register of shareholders may, if he/she has lost his/her share certificate (the "original certificate"), apply to the Company for a new certificate in respect of the shares (the "relevant shares") represented by the original certificate.

A holder of domestic shares who has lost his/her share certificate and applies for a replacement certificate to be issued shall comply with relevant provisions of the Company Law.

A holder of overseas listed foreign shares who has lost his/her share certificate and applies for a replacement certificate to be issued may do so in accordance with the laws, the rules of the stock exchange and other relevant requirements of the place where the original register of holders of overseas listed foreign shares is maintained.

The issue of replacement share certificates to the holder of H shares who has lost his/her share certificates and applied for replacement shall comply with the following requirements:

I. The applicant shall submit an application to the Company in prescribed form accompanied by a notarial certificate or statutory declaration, containing the grounds upon which the application is made and the circumstances and evidence of the loss of the share certificates as well as declaring that no other person shall be entitled to request to be registered as the shareholder in respect of the relevant shares.

II. No other declaration has been received by the Company from a person other than the applicant for having his/her name registered as the holder of the relevant shares before the Company came to a decision to issue the replacement share certificate.

III. If the Company is prepared to issue a replacement share certificate to the applicant, it shall prior

to the issue make a public announcement of such intention in such newspapers or periodicals as may be prescribed by the board of directors for this purpose. The period of public announcement shall be 90 days during which such public announcement shall be published repeatedly at least once every 30 days. The newspapers designated by the board of directors should be Chinese and English newspapers in Hong Kong (at least one of each).

IV. Prior to publication of the public announcements of the intended issue of replacement share certificate, the Company shall deliver to the stock exchange on which the relevant shares are listed a copy of such announcement. The announcement shall be published after the receipt of a reply from such stock exchange confirming that the announcement proposed to be published has been exhibited on such stock exchange. The period for exhibiting such announcement in such stock exchange shall be 90 days.

In the case of an application for the issue of a replacement share certificate made without the consent of the registered holder of the relevant shares, the Company shall send to such registered shareholder by post a copy of the announcement proposed to be published.

V. If, by the expiration of the 90-day period of the public announcement and exhibition referred to in paragraphs III and IV of this Article, the Company has not received any objection to the issue of the replacement share certificate, the Company may issue a replacement share certificate for the relevant shares to the applicant pursuant to the application.

VI. When the Company issues a replacement share certificate under this Article, it shall forthwith cancel the original certificate and enter the details of the cancellation and replacement issue in the register of shareholders.

VII. All expenses relating to the cancellation of an original certificate and the issue of a replacement share certificate by the Company shall be borne by the applicant. The Company may refuse to take any action until a reasonable guarantee is provided by the applicant for such expenses.

**Article 53** After the Company has issued a replacement share certificate in accordance with the Articles, the name (or title) of a bona fide purchaser who obtains the new share certificate or a person (if a bona fide purchaser) whose name (or title) is subsequently entered in the register of shareholders as the owner of the relevant shares shall not be removed from the register of shareholders.

**Article 54** The Company shall not be liable for any damages suffered by any person by reason of the cancellation of an original certificate or the issue of the replacement share certificate, unless the claimant proves that the Company has acted fraudulently.

The joint holders of any shares shall be liable severally and jointly for all amounts payable for the relevant shares; in the event that one of the joint shareholders is deceased, only the other surviving joint shareholders shall be deemed as the persons who have any title to any such shares, but the board of directors may require such evidence of death as it may deem fit for the purpose of making amendments to the particulars in the register of shareholders; and only the person whose name stands first in the register of shareholders as one of the joint holders of any share shall be entitled to delivery of the certificate relating to such share, to receive notices from the Company, to attend and exercise all the voting powers attached to such shares at general meetings of the Company, and any notice given to such person shall be deemed notice to all the joint holders.

## Chapter 5 Shareholders and Shareholders' General Meeting

### Section 1 Shareholders

**Article 55** A shareholder of the Company is a person who lawfully holds shares of the Company and whose name is entered in the register of shareholders.

A shareholder shall enjoy the rights and assume the obligations attached to the class of shares held. Shareholders holding the same class of shares shall be entitled to the same rights and assume equal obligations.

**Article 56** When the Company convenes a general meeting, declare dividends, liquidate the Company or conduct such matters which require shareholders' identity to be ascertained, the board of directors or the convener of the meeting shall appoint a record date for such purpose, and shareholders whose names appear on the register of shareholders after the close of trading of the shares of the Company on such date shall be entitled to the rights and benefits in connection therewith.

**Article 57** The shareholders of the Company shall have the following rights:

- I. to receive dividends and other profit distribution in proportion to the number of shares held by them;
- II. to propose, convene, preside over, attend in person or appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf at shareholders' general meeting in accordance with laws;
- III. to supervise and to put forward proposals and make enquires relating to the business operational activities of the Company;
- IV. to transfer, donate or pledge their shares in accordance with relevant laws, administrative regulations and the Articles;
- V. to receive relevant information in accordance with the Articles, including:
  1. the right to a copy of the Articles of Association, upon payment of the cost thereof;
  2. The right to inspect and receive copies of the following upon payment of a reasonable charge:
    - (1) all parts of the register of shareholders;
    - (2) the following personal particulars of each of the Company's directors, supervisors, managers and other senior executives:
      - A. his/her present and former name and alias;
      - B. his/her principal address (domicile);
      - C. nationality;
      - D. his/her primary occupation, all other concurrent occupations and posts; and
      - E. his/her identification document and its number.
    - (3) the state of the Company's share capital;
    - (4) a report showing the aggregate nominal value, the quantity, the maximum and minimum price paid by the Company in respect of each class of shares repurchased by the Company since last financial year, and the aggregate amount paid by the Company for this purpose;
    - (5) counterfoils of company debt securities, resolutions of the board of directors, resolutions of board of supervisors;
    - (6) financial reports shall be disclosed as regulated;



- (7) the Company's any special resolution;
- (8) a copy of the latest annual return submitted to State Administration for Industry and Commerce of PRC or other supervisory authority for record;
- (9) Minutes of the shareholders' general meeting (only for shareholders' review)
- VI. in the event of the termination or liquidation of the Company, to participate in the distribution of surplus assets of the Company according to the number of shares held by them;
- VII. for shareholders who dissent to a resolution for the merger or demerger of the Company, to demand the Company to acquire their shares;
- VIII. other rights conferred by laws, administrative regulations, departmental rules and the Articles of Association.

**Article 58** When a shareholder demands for inspection of information mentioned in the preceding article or demand for any information, it shall provide written proof of the class and number of shares held by him/her, and such information shall be provided upon his/her shareholder capacity being verified.

**Article 59** If a resolution passed at the Company's general meeting or board meeting violates the laws or administrative regulations, the shareholders shall have the right to petition to the People's Court to render the resolution invalid.

In the event of the procedures for convening, or the method of voting at a shareholders' general meeting or board meeting violate the laws, administrative regulations or the Articles of Association, or the contents of a resolution violate the Articles of Association, shareholders shall be entitled to petition to the People's Court to rescind such resolutions within sixty (60) days from the date on which such resolution is adopted.

**Article 60** Where the Company incurs losses as a result of any directors' and senior executives' violation of the laws, administrative regulations or the Articles of Association in the course of performing their duties, shareholders individually or jointly holding 1% or more of the Company's shares for no less than 180 consecutive days shall be entitled to request in writing the board of supervisors to initiate proceedings in the People's Court. Where the Company incurs losses as a result of the board of supervisors' violation of any provision of laws, administrative regulations or the Articles of Association in the course of performing its duties, the shareholders shall be entitled to make a request in writing to the board of directors to initiate proceedings in the People's Court.

In the event that the board of supervisors or the board of directors refuses to initiate proceedings after receiving the written request of shareholders stated in the foregoing paragraph, or fails to initiate such proceedings within 30 days from the date on which such request is received, or in case of emergency where failure to initiate such proceedings immediately will result in irreparable damage to the Company's interests, shareholders described in the preceding paragraph shall have the right to initiate proceedings in the People's Court directly in their own names in the interest of the Company.

Shareholders described in the first paragraph of this Article may also initiate proceedings in accordance with the abovementioned two paragraphs in the event that the Company incurs losses as a result of the lawful interests of the Company being infringed upon by any third parties.

**Article 61** If any director or senior executive damages the shareholder's interests by violating any law, administrative regulation, or the Articles of Association, the shareholders may lodge a lawsuit in

the people's court.

**Article 62** The shareholders of the Company shall have the following obligations:

- I. to abide by laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association;
- II. to pay subscription monies according to the number of shares subscribed and the method of subscription;
- III. not to surrender the shares unless required by the laws, regulations and the Articles of Association except as stipulated by laws and regulations, or the Articles of Association, no return of shares is allowed;
- IV. not to misappropriate the rights of shareholders to prejudice the interests of the Company or other shareholders; not to misappropriate the Company's independent status as legal person and the limited liability of shareholders to prejudice the interests of the Company's creditors; Shareholders shall be liable for compensation pursuant to applicable laws for losses caused to the Company or other shareholders due to their misappropriation of shareholder's rights. Shareholders shall be jointly accountable for the Company's liabilities where they misappropriate the Company's independent status as legal person and limited liability as a shareholder to evade debts, or seriously prejudice the interests of the Company's creditors.;
- V. other obligations imposed by laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association.

Except pursuant to the agreed subscription terms at the time of subscription of shares, a shareholder shall not be liable to subscribe for further share capital.

**Article 63** Where a shareholder holding 5% or more voting shares of the Company pledges any shares in his/her possession, he/she shall report to the Company in writing on the day on which he/she pledges his/her shares.

**Article 64** Neither the controlling shareholder, nor the de facto controller of the Company may injure the interests of the Company by taking advantage of its connected relationship. Anyone who causes any loss to the Company due to violating the preceding paragraph shall be liable for the compensation.

The Company's controlling shareholder and its de facto controller owe a responsibility of good faith to the Company and other shareholders. The controlling shareholder and its de facto controller shall not prejudice the legitimate rights of the Company and its shareholders by means of connected transactions, distribution of profits, capital restructuring, foreign investment, capital appropriation, loan guarantee or other means; and it shall not prejudice the interests of the Company and its shareholders by using its controlling status.

**Article 65** Apart from obligations imposed by laws, or administrative regulations or the listing rules of the stock exchange(s) on which the shares of the Company are listed, a controlling shareholder when exercising his/her rights as a shareholder shall not, by virtue of the exercise of his/her voting rights, cause a decision to be made in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the shareholders generally or part of the shareholders in connection with the following matters:

- I. to relieve a director or supervisor of his/her duty to act honestly in the best interests of the Company;
- II. to approve the expropriation by a director or supervisor (for his/her own benefit or for the benefit of another person) in any manner of the Company's assets, including without limitation opportunities beneficial to the Company;

- III. to approve the expropriation by a director or supervisor (for his/her own benefit or for the benefit of another person) of the personal rights of other shareholders, including without limitation rights to distributions and voting rights, but not including a proposal for the restructuring of the Company submitted to and approved by shareholders in general meeting in accordance with the Articles.

## **Section 2 General Provisions for Shareholders' General Meeting**

**Article 66** The shareholders' general meeting is the organ of authority of the Company and its functions and powers shall be exercised in accordance with law.

- I. to determine the business policies and investment plans of the Company;
- II. to elect and change the directors and supervisors assumed by non-representatives of the employees and determine the remuneration of the directors and supervisors;
- III. to examine and approve report submitted by the board of directors;
- IV. to examine and approve report submitted by the board of supervisors;
- V. to examine and approve the annual financial budget and final accounts of the Company;
- VI. to examine and approve the profit distribution plan and the plan for making up accrued losses of the Company;
- VII. to resolve on the increase or reduction in the registered capital of the Company;
- VIII. to approve the issue of bonds by the Company;
- IX. to resolve on such matters as the merger, division, termination, liquidation and change of company form;
- X. to amend the Articles of Association;
- XI. to resolve on the Company's appointment, dismissals of accounting firms that undertake the audit work;
- XII. to examine and approve guarantees under the Article 67;
- XIII. to examine any acquisition or disposal of any material asset whose asset value exceeds 30% of the latest audited total assets of the Company for the most recent year;
- XIV. to examine and approve any change in the use of proceeds from funds raised;
- XV. to examine any share incentive schemes and employee stock ownership plan;
- XVI. to examine and approve the purchase of Company's shares;
- XVII. any other matters required by laws, administrative regulations, departmental rules or the Articles of Association to be dealt with in a general meeting.

**Article 67** The provision of the following external guarantee by the Company is subject to the examination and approval of the shareholders' general meeting:

- I. any guarantee provided to external entity by the Company and its subsidiaries whose principal amount covered, together with the total principal amounts covered by all subsisting guarantees, in aggregate exceed 50% or more of the net assets as shown in the latest audited financial statements;
- II. any guarantee provided to external entity by the Company and its subsidiaries whose principal amount, in aggregate exceed 30% or more of the net assets as shown in the latest audited financial statements;
- III. The amount guaranteed by the Company within one year exceeds 30% of the Company's latest

- audited total assets;
- IV. any guarantee provided for a borrower which has an asset to liability ratio of over 70%;
  - V. any single guarantee whose principal amount exceeds 10% of the latest audited net assets;
  - VI. any guarantee provided in favour of any shareholder, de facto controller and/or their affiliated parties;
  - VII. such other guarantees required by stock exchange where the Company's stocks are listed or the Articles of Association that need to be examined and approved by the shareholders' general meeting.

When the general meeting deliberates the proposal on providing guarantees for the shareholders, the de facto controller and its affiliated parties, the shareholders or shareholders controlled by the de facto controller shall abstain from voting. The proposal shall be passed by the holders of no less than one half of the total number of votes held by the other shareholder present in person at a general meeting.

**Article 68** General meetings are divided into annual general meetings and extraordinary general meetings.

Annual general meetings shall be held once every year within six months after the end of each financial year.

**Article 69** The Company shall hold an extraordinary general meeting within two (2) months of the occurrence of any of the following events:

- I. when the number of directors is less than the number prescribed by the Company Law or fewer than two thirds of the number prescribed by the Articles of Association;
- II. when the accumulated losses of the Company amount to one third of the total amount of its share capital;
- III. shareholders individually or jointly holding no less than 10% of the Company's issued shares request to hold an extraordinary general meeting;
- IV. When the board of directors consider it necessary to convene a general meeting;
- V. When the board of supervisors proposes to convene a general meeting;
- VI. such other circumstances as provided for by laws, administrative regulations or the Articles of Association.

**Article 70** The Company shall hold the general meeting at the location of the Company's headquarters.

The general meeting shall have a venue and be held on-site.

The Company may provide the internet voting platform, for the purpose of providing convenience to shareholders attending the shareholders' general meeting. A shareholder who participates in a general meeting in the aforesaid manner shall be deemed to have been present at the meeting.

**Article 71** The Company shall, for general meetings held, engage lawyers to provide legal opinions on the following issues and make related announcement:

- I. whether or not the convening of the meeting and procedure are in compliance with the laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association;
- II. whether or not persons attending the meeting and the convener of the meeting are qualified and lawful;
- III. whether or not the procedure and results of voting are lawful and valid;

IV. any other issues to be addressed by legal opinions as required by the Company.

### **Section 3 Convening of Shareholders' General Meeting**

**Article 72** Independent directors are entitled to propose to the board of directors for convening an extraordinary general meeting. In response to such proposal of the independent directors to convene an extraordinary general meeting, the board of directors shall, within ten days after receiving such proposal, provide a response in writing to indicate whether or not the board agrees to convene such extraordinary general meeting pursuant to the laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association.

Where the board agrees to convene such extraordinary general meeting, a notice to convene such general meeting shall be issued within five days after the passing of the relevant resolution by the board. Where the board disagrees to convene such extraordinary general meeting, the board shall give reasons for such decision, which shall also be announced.

**Article 73** The board of supervisors has the right to propose the board to convene extraordinary general meetings and such proposal shall be made by way of written request(s). The board shall reply in writing regarding the acceptance or refusal to convene an extraordinary general meeting within ten days upon receiving the proposal in accordance with the requirements of the laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association.

Where the board agrees to convene such extraordinary general meeting, a notice to convene such general meeting shall be issued within five days after the passing of the relevant resolution by the board, provided that any changes to the original proposal shall be subject to the consent being obtained from the board of supervisors.

Where the board disagrees to convene such extraordinary general meeting, or where the board fails to provide any response within ten days after receiving such proposal, it shall be deemed that the board has not been able to perform or it does not perform its duty to convene such general meeting, and the board of supervisors may by itself convene and preside over such meeting.

**Article 74** Shareholders separately or aggregately holding no less than 10% of the Company's issued shares have the right to propose the board to convene an extraordinary general meeting by way of written request(s). The board shall reply in writing regarding the acceptance or refusal to convene an extraordinary general meeting within ten days upon receiving the request in accordance with the requirements of the laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association.

If the board agrees to convene the extraordinary general meeting, notice convening the meeting shall be issued within five days after the board resolved to do so. If the board makes alterations to the original proposal in the notice, consent has to be obtained from the related shareholders.

If the board of directors does not agree to convene the extraordinary general meeting or does not reply within ten days upon receiving the request, shareholders separately or aggregately holding no

less than 10% of the Company's issued shares have the right to propose the board of supervisors to convene an extraordinary general meeting by way of written request(s).

If the board of supervisors agrees to convene the extraordinary general meeting, notice convening the extraordinary general meeting shall be issued within five days upon receiving the request. Should there be alterations to the original requests in the notice, consent has to be obtained from the related shareholders.

If the board of supervisors does not issue notice of the extraordinary general meeting within the required period, it will be considered as not going to convene and preside over the extraordinary general meeting, and shareholders separately or aggregately holding no less than 10% of the shares of the Company for ninety or more consecutive days have the right to convene and preside over the meeting on their own.

**Article 75** If the board of supervisors or shareholders decide to convene the extraordinary general meeting on their own initiative, they shall notify the board in writing and file the notice of meeting with the local office of the China Securities Regulatory Commission and the stock exchanges for records.

Prior to announcement of the extraordinary general meeting resolution, the shareholding proportion of the convening shareholders shall not be less than 10%.

The shareholders that convene the general meeting shall, upon issuance of the notice for extraordinary general meeting and announcement of the meeting resolution, submit relevant documentation to the local office of China Securities Regulatory Commission where the company is located and the stock exchange.

**Article 76** With regard to the extraordinary general meeting convened by the board of supervisors or shareholders on their own initiative, the board of directors and the board secretary shall provide assistance. The board of directors shall provide the register of shareholders as at of the record date for the general meeting.

**Article 77** The Company shall bear costs and expenses necessary for the extraordinary general meetings, which are convened by the board of supervisors or shareholders on their own initiative.

#### **Section 4 Proposal and Notice at Shareholders' General Meeting**

**Article 78** The contents of the motion shall fall within the terms of reference of the general meeting and have specified subjects and specific resolutions, in further compliance with the laws, administrative regulations and provisions of the Company's Articles of Association.

**Article 79** When the Company convenes the shareholders' general meeting, the board of directors, the board of supervisors or shareholders, individually or in aggregate, holding no less than 3% of the total voting shares of the Company shall have the right to propose motions.

Shareholders separately or aggregately holding no less than 3% of the shares of the Company may propose extraordinary motions to the convener in writing ten days before the convening of such general meeting. The convener shall issue supplementary notice of the general meeting to announce the content of the extraordinary motions within two days after receiving the proposed motions.

Unless otherwise required by the preceding paragraph, the convener shall not amend the proposals listed in the aforesaid notice or add any new proposals subsequent to the dispatch of a notice of the general meeting.

The general meeting shall not vote and adopt a resolution on any proposal that is not listed in the notice of the shareholders' general meeting or that is inconsistent with Article 78 of the Articles of Association.

**Article 80** The convener shall notify all shareholders in the form of announcement twenty days before the annual general meeting, fifteen days before the extraordinary general meeting.

**Article 81** A notice of the general meeting shall meet the following requirements:

- I. It shall be given in writing;
- II. The date, place and period of the meeting;
- III. The matters and motions to be considered at the meeting;
- IV. Providing shareholders with such information and explanation as necessary for them to make informed decisions on the matters to be considered. This principle includes (but is not limited to) where a proposal is made to merge the Company with another, to repurchase shares, to restructure the share capital, or to reorganize the Company in any other way, the terms of the proposed transaction must be provided in detail together with copies of the proposed agreement, if any, and the cause and effect of such proposal shall be properly explained;
- V. Disclosing the nature and extent of the material interest of any director, supervisor, manager and other senior executives in the matters to be considered. In a case that the impact of the matters to be considered on such director, supervisor, manager and other senior executives as a shareholder is different from that on other holders of the same class of shares, the difference shall be specified;
- VI. It shall contain the text of any special resolution to be proposed at the meeting;
- VII. Containing a prominent written statement that all shareholders are entitled to attend general meeting and a shareholder eligible for attending the meeting and voting is entitled to appoint in writing a proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf and that such proxy need not be a shareholder;
- VIII. Specifying the delivery time and place of the authorization letter for proxy voting of the meeting;
- IX. Specifying the record date of registration of shareholders entitled to attend the general meeting;
- X. Specifying the name and phone number of the regular contact person for the meeting.
- XI. If the general meeting of shareholders needs to adopt online voting or communication for reaching a decision, it shall indicate in the notice about the time, procedure, and deliberation of online voting or communication voting.

**Article 82** Unless otherwise specified in the relevant laws, regulations, the listing rules of stock exchanges in which the Company get listed and the Articles of Association, the notice of the general meeting shall be served on the shareholders (whether or not they have voting rights at the general

meeting) by personal delivery service or postage-paid mail, to the address stated in the register of shareholders. For shareholders with domestically listed shares, notice of the shareholders' general meeting may also be made by means of public announcement.

The announcement referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be published on the stock exchange official website or in media that meet the conditions stipulated by the securities authority. Once the announcement is made, it shall be deemed that all holders of domestic shares have received the notice of the relevant general meeting. In the case of other provisions stipulated by laws, regulations, or other normative documents regarding the time of the announcement, such provisions shall prevail.

**Article 83** Accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any person entitled to receive such notice shall not invalidate the meeting and the resolutions passed at the meeting.

**Article 84** Where the elections of directors and supervisors are to be discussed, a notice of the general meeting shall fully disclose the particulars of the candidates for directors and supervisors and shall at least include the following contents:

- I. Personal particulars such as educational background, working experience and part-time jobs;
- II. Whether or not the candidate has any connected relationship with the Company or its controlling shareholders and de facto controllers;
- III. The number of shares of the Company held by the candidate;
- IV. Whether or not the candidate has been subject to penalties by the China Securities Regulatory Commission and other relevant authorities as well as sanctions by any stock exchange.

Except for the election of directors and supervisors by cumulative voting mechanism, the nomination proposal on each candidate for director or supervisor shall submit in the form of independent motion.

**Article 85** After the issue of a notice of general meeting, the general meeting shall not, without any proper reason, be postponed or cancelled, and the motions set out in the notice of meeting shall not be cancelled. In the event of any postponement or cancellation, the convener shall, at least two business days before the date of the scheduled meeting, make an announcement and state the reason therein.

## **Section 5 Holding of Shareholders' General Meeting**

**Article 86** The board of directors and other convener shall take necessary measures to ensure the good order of the shareholders' general meeting, take measures to deter any act disturbing the meeting, picking quarrels and provoking troubles or infringing the lawful rights and interests of any shareholder, and shall report in a timely manner such act to the relevant department for investigation and punishment.

**Article 87** All the shareholders or their proxies recorded in the register of shareholders on the record date are entitled to attend the shareholders' general meeting, and shall exercise their voting rights pursuant to the laws, regulations and the Articles of Association.



Shareholders may either attend the shareholders' general meeting in person or appoint a proxy to attend and vote at such meeting on their behalf. The proxy does not need to be a shareholder of the Company.

**Article 88** Any shareholder entitled to attend and vote at a general meeting shall be entitled to appoint one or more persons (whether or not a shareholder) as his/her proxy to attend and vote instead of him/her, and that proxy may exercise the following rights in accordance with the authorization of the shareholder:

- I. The same right as the shareholder to speak at a general meeting;
- II. The right to demand or join with others to demand a poll;
- III. The right to vote on a show of hands or on a poll, but proxies of a shareholder who has appointed more than one proxy may only vote on a poll.

**Article 89** An individual shareholder who attends the shareholders' general meeting in person shall present his/her identification card or other valid identity documents or certificates, or his/her stock account card. Where a proxy is appointed to attend the meeting, the proxy shall produce his/her own identity card and the proxy form.

A corporate shareholder shall attend the meeting by its legal representative or a proxy appointed by the legal representative. The legal representative who attends the shareholders' general meeting shall present his/her identification card and valid certification documents which can prove his/her authority to act as the legal representative. Where a proxy is appointed to attend the meeting, the proxy shall present his/her own identity card and the written proxy form issued in accordance with the law by the legal representative of the corporate shareholder. (Save for a Recognized Clearing House or its nominee)

**Article 90** A shareholder shall appoint his/her proxy by an instrument in writing. Such instrument shall be made under the hand of the appointer or his/her attorney duly authorized in writing. If the appointer is a legal person, then the instrument shall be signed under a legal person's seal or under the hand of Chairperson of the Board or an attorney duly authorized in writing.

The proxy form issued by shareholders to authorize other persons to attend the general meeting on their behalf shall clearly state the following:

- I. The name of the proxy;
- II. Whether the proxy has the right to vote;
- III. Instructions to vote for, against or abstain from voting respectively on each motion of consideration listed on the agenda of the shareholders' general meeting, or a statement of intent in accordance with Article 91 of the Articles;
- IV. The signing date and the period of validity of the proxy form;
- V. Signature (or seal) by the appointer.

Where such shareholder is a Recognized Clearing House defined in the applicable provisions of Hong Kong laws (or its nominee), the shareholder may authorize a certain person or several persons as it thinks fit to act as its representative (or representatives) at any shareholders' general meeting or any meeting of any class of shareholders or any creditors' meeting, and the representative(s) or

corporate representative(s) shall enjoy the same legitimate rights as other shareholders including the right to speak and vote; provided that if no less than one person is so authorized, the authorization letter or the proxy form signed by the Recognized Clearing House must specify the number and class of shares that each such person is so authorized. Such duly authorized persons may represent the Recognized Clearing House (or its nominee) to attend the meeting (without producing share certificates, notarized authorization and/or further evidence of duly authorization) to exercise the same powers as if he/she is an individual shareholder of the Company.

**Article 91** Any form issued to shareholders by the board of directors to be used for appointing proxies shall entitle the shareholder, according to his/her intention, to instructing the proxy to separately vote in favor of or against each motion to be proposed at the meeting. Such proxy form shall contain a statement that in default of instructions, the proxy may vote as he/she thinks fit.

**Article 92** Proxy forms shall be lodged at the domicile of the Company or other places specified in the notice of meeting 24 hours before the relevant meeting for voting according to the proxy form, or 24 hours before the designated time of voting.

If such proxy form is signed by a person authorized by the appointer, the proxy form or other authorization documents under which the proxy form is signed shall be notarized. The notarized power of attorney or other authorization documents shall be kept together with the power of attorney for voting at the domicile of the Company or other places designated in the notice of meeting.

If an appointer is a legal person, its legal representative or such person authorized by resolution of its board of directors or other governing body to act as its representative may attend the general meeting.

**Article 93** A vote given by a proxy in accordance with the proxy form shall be valid, notwithstanding the death or loss of capacity of the appointer or revocation of the proxy or the authority under which the proxy was appointed, or the transfer of the shares in respect of which the proxy is voting, provided that the Company did not receive any written notice in respect of any such matters prior to the commencement of the relevant meeting.

**Article 94** The Company shall be responsible for compiling the attendee register which shall include, among others, the name of attendee (or name of relevant unit), ID number, domicile, the number of voting shares that he/she holds or represents, and name of the person (or name of relevant unit) who attends the meeting by proxy.

**Article 95** The convener and lawyers engaged by the Company shall verify the legitimate qualification of shareholders in accordance with the register of shareholders provided by the securities registration and settlement company together, and shall register the name of shareholders and the number of voting shares each of them holds. The registration shall end before the chairperson of the meeting announces the number of shareholders and proxies attending the meeting and the total number of voting shares they hold.

**Article 96** When the general meeting is being held, all directors, supervisors and board secretary shall be present at the meeting, and the manager and other senior executives shall also attend the

meeting without the voting rights.

**Article 97** The general meeting shall be chaired by the chairperson of the board. In the event the chairperson of the board is unable to perform his/her duties or fails to perform his/her duties, the general meeting shall be chaired by the vice chairperson. Where the vice chairperson is unable to perform his/her duties or fails to perform his/her duties, the general meeting shall be chaired by a director jointly nominated by no less than half of the directors.

A general meeting convened by the board of supervisors shall be chaired by the chairperson of the board of supervisors. In the event the chairperson of the board of supervisor is unable to perform his/her duties or he/she fails to perform his/her duties, a supervisor jointly elected by no less than half of the supervisors shall preside over the meeting.

A general meeting convened by shareholders shall be chaired by the representative nominated by the convener of such meeting.

In convening any general meeting, if the chairperson of the meeting has violated any rules of meeting such that the meeting may not proceed further, with the consent of shareholders representing no less than half of the voting rights present at such meeting, the meeting may elect a person to chair the meeting so that the meeting may proceed further.

**Article 98** The Company shall formulate the procedural rules of the shareholders' general meeting which shall set out in detail the procedures of convention and voting in respect of the shareholders' general meeting (including notices, registration, consideration and approval for proposals, voting, vote counting, announcement on voting results, formation of the resolution of the meeting, meeting minutes and signing, announcements and other similar matters) and the principles of authorization granted to the Board of Directors at the shareholders' general meeting. The scope of authorization shall be specified in details. The procedural rules of the shareholders' general meeting shall be prepared by the board of directors, approved at the shareholders' general meeting and attached to the Company's Articles of Association as an appendix.

**Article 99** In the annual general meeting, the board of directors and board of supervisors shall report to the shareholders on their respective work over the past year. Each independent director shall also report their duties accordingly.

**Article 100** The directors, supervisors and senior executives shall make response to and give explanation of the inquiries and suggestions made by shareholders at a shareholders' general meeting.

**Article 101** Prior to voting, the chairperson of the general meeting shall announce the number of shareholders and proxies present and the total number of voting shares held by them. The number of shareholders and proxies present and the total number of voting shares held by them shall be that as stated in the registration of the meeting.

**Article 102** Minutes of shareholders' general meetings shall be recorded by the board secretary. The minutes shall contain the following items:

- I. The date, place and agenda of the meeting, and the name of the convener;
- II. The name of the chairperson of the meeting, and the names of directors, supervisors, senior executives of the Company present or in attendance at the meeting;
- III. The number of shareholders and proxies attending the meeting, the total number of their voting shares and their respective proportions to the total number of shares of the Company; including the number of voting shares held by A-share shareholders (including shareholder's proxy) and H-share shareholders (including shareholder's proxy), each class of shareholders accounting for the proportion of the total shares of the Company respectively;
- IV. The proceeding of examination of each motion, summary of the points discussed, the process and results of voting;
- V. Questions and proposals put forward by shareholders and the answers or explanation thereof;
- VI. Names of lawyers and vote-counters and scrutineers;
- VII. Such other matters as shall be recorded in the minutes of meetings pursuant to the Articles of Association.

**Article 103** The convener shall ensure that the contents of the minutes of meetings are authentic, accurate and complete. Directors, supervisors, the board secretary, the convener or his/her representative and the chairperson of meeting present at the shareholders' general meeting shall sign on the minutes of the meeting. Minutes of meetings shall be kept together with the attendance list for shareholders and authorization letters given for proxies, and any other valid information concerning online exercise of voting rights or otherwise. The period of maintaining such records shall be ten years.

**Article 104** The convener shall ensure that a general meeting is conducted continuously until resolutions are formed. Where the general meeting is adjourned or the relevant resolutions are not formed for special reasons such as force majeure, all necessary measures shall be taken to re-convene the general meeting as soon as practicable or, alternatively, the meeting shall be terminated, and the related announcement shall be made on a timely basis. Concurrently, the convener shall deliver a report to the branch office of the China Securities Regulatory Commission at the place of the Company and the relevant stock exchange.

## **Section 6 Voting and Resolution at Shareholders' General Meeting**

**Article 105** Resolutions of general meetings are divided into ordinary resolutions and special resolutions.

An ordinary resolution shall be passed by the holders of half or more of the total number of votes held by the shareholders present in person (or by proxy) at a general meeting.

A special resolution shall be passed by the holders of no less than two thirds of the total number of votes held by the shareholders present in person (or by proxy) at a general meeting.

**Article 106** The following matters shall be approved by an ordinary resolution of a general meeting:

- I. work reports of the board of directors and the board of supervisors;
- II. proposals formulated by the board of directors for distribution of profits and for making up accrued losses;

- III. appointment and removal of members of the board of directors and the board of supervisors, their remuneration and method of payment of their remuneration;
- IV. annual budget and final accounts, balance sheet, profit and loss account and other financial reports of the Company; and
- V. annual report of the Company;
- VI. the procedural rules of the shareholders' general meeting, the procedural rules of the board of directors and the procedural rules of the board of supervisors;
- VII. all matters required to be approved by a general meeting other than those required to be approved by way of special resolution under any law, administrative regulations or the Articles.

**Article 107** The following matters shall be approved by special resolution of a general meeting:

- I. increase or reduction of capital of the Company and issue of any class of shares, warrants or other similar securities by the Company;
- II. issue of bonds by the Company;
- III. division, merger, dissolution and liquidation of the Company;
- IV. any amendment of this Articles of Association;
- V. acquisition or disposal of substantial assets or giving of guarantee in an amount exceeding 30% of the total assets of the Company as shown in its audited financial statements for the most recent period;
- VI. share incentive scheme;
- VII. repurchase of Company's own shares;
- VIII. such other matter provided by the laws, administrative regulations, the Articles of Association or the SEHK Listing Rules, and matter which has been determined by way of any ordinary resolution by shareholders in a general meeting to have a material effect on the Company and shall be subject to the passing by way of a special resolution.

**Article 108** Shareholders (including their proxies) may exercise their voting rights in respect of the number of shares held by them which carry the right to vote. Each share carries out one vote save for the elections of directors and supervisors by cumulative voting. On a poll taken at a meeting, a shareholder (including his/her proxy) entitled to two or more votes need not cast all his/her votes in the same way.

Provided that the passing of any resolution shall be subject to any special rights or restrictions as to voting rights for the time being attached to any class of shares and any provision of applicable laws, administrative regulations and this Articles of Association. Where any shareholder is, under the SEHK Listing Rules, required to abstain from voting on any particular resolution or restricted on voting, any votes cast by or on behalf of such shareholder in contravention of such requirement or restriction shall not be counted.

Where material matters affecting the interests of small-to-medium sized investors are being considered at a shareholders' general meeting, each vote cast by the small-to-medium sized investors shall be counted separately. Results of votes counted separately shall be disclosed in a timely manner.

The shares held by the Company do not carry any voting rights, and such shares shall not be counted in the shares carrying voting rights of shareholders who are entitled to attend such meeting. If a shareholder purchases the voting shares of the Company in violation of the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 63 of the Securities Law, the shares exceeding the prescribed proportion shall not exercise voting rights within 36 months after the purchase and not included in the

total number of shares with voting rights attending the general meeting of shareholders.

The board of directors, independent directors and shareholders with no less than one percent of voting shares or investor protection institutions established by laws, administrative regulations or provisions of the China Securities Regulatory Commission may solicit proxies from the Company's shareholders. In soliciting voting rights of shareholders, information such as specific voting intention shall be sufficiently disclosed to the shareholders from whom voting rights are being solicited. Solicitation of voting rights at any consideration, whether in direct or indirect form, is prohibited. Unless under legal terms, the Company shall not propose any minimum shareholding restriction on the solicitation of voting rights.

**Article 109** When the general meeting is considering matters regarding connected transactions, connected shareholders shall not participate in the voting, and the voting rights represented by their shares shall not be included in the total number of valid votes. Announcement of the resolutions of the shareholders shall fully disclose the voting of non-connected shareholders.

**Article 110** Subject to the general meetings being held legally and validly, the Company shall use different means and measures to provide convenience for shareholders participating in general meetings, including but not limited to provision of online voting platform and other modern information technology.

**Article 111** The Company shall not, without the prior approval of a general meeting, enter into any contract with any person other than directors or senior executives of the Company whereby the responsibility for the management of the whole or a substantial part of the business of the Company is delegated to such person.

**Article 112** Lists of candidates for directors and supervisors shall be proposed to the shareholders' general meeting for voting.

Candidates for directors in each term shall be proposed by the previous board of directors. Shareholders individually or jointly holding 1% or more of the shares may propose the candidates for directors.

Candidates for supervisors in each term shall be proposed by the previous board of supervisors. Shareholders individually or jointly holding 1% or more of the shares may propose the candidates for supervisors.

While proposing the candidates for directors or supervisors, the board of directors or the board of supervisors shall consult with the shareholders with best efforts.

The board of directors shall announce the resumes and basic information of these candidates for directors or supervisors.

Each candidate for directors or supervisors shall make a written confirmation, expressing his/her willingness to accept the nomination, promising to disclose his/her personal information truthfully and completely, and warranting to faithfully perform his/her duties as a director or supervisor after election.

**Article 113** Resolutions in respect of the election of directors or supervisors may be passed by way of cumulative voting when any single shareholder holds no less than 30% of the shares.

Cumulative voting system referred to in the preceding paragraph means a system of voting for the election of directors or supervisors at the general meeting under which voting rights of each share is

equal to the number of directors or supervisors to be elected and the shareholder can cast all his/her votes in the same manner

The implementing measures on the cumulative voting system shall be formulated by the board of directors and approved by the shareholders' general meeting.

**Article 114** Except for the election of directors and supervisors by cumulative voting system, all motions proposed at the shareholders' general meeting shall be voted one by one, and for different motions on the same matter, voting will be conducted according to the time sequence of these motions. Other than special reasons such as force majeure which results in the interruption of the general meeting or makes it impossible to come to resolution, the shareholders' general meeting shall not postpone the motions and shall vote on them.

**Article 115** No amendment shall be made to the motions when the shareholders' general meeting is examining the motions, otherwise, such amendment shall be deemed as a new motion, which may not be voted on this general meeting.

**Article 116** The same voting right shall only be exercised by one means, either through onsite voting or via internet or other voting means. If the same voting right is exercised in more than one means, the result of the first vote cast shall prevail.

**Article 117** Any vote of shareholders at a shareholders' general meeting shall be taken by disclosed ballot except where the chairperson of the meeting, under the SEHK Listing Rules, votes on a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter by a show of hand in good faith. The result of the voting shall be deemed to be a resolution of the general meeting.

If a proposal can be approved by a show of hands according to the SEHK Listing Rules, a declaration by the chairperson as to the results of the vote on a resolution based on the results of the show of hands and a record to that effect in the minutes of the meeting, shall be conclusive evidence of that fact. It shall not be necessary to certify the number or proportion of the votes cast in favour of or against such resolution at that meeting.

The demand for a poll may be withdrawn by the person or persons who demanded it.

**Article 118** If the matter in respect of which a poll is demanded relates to the election of the chairperson of the meeting or the adjournment of the meeting, the poll shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other matter shall be taken at such time as the chairperson of the meeting decides, and the meeting may continue to proceed to discuss other matters. The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.

**Article 119** On a poll taken at a meeting, a shareholder (including his/her proxy) entitled to two or more votes need not cast all his/her votes in the same way.

**Article 120** In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairperson of the meeting shall be entitled to an additional vote.

**Article 121** Before the relevant motion is voted on at the general meeting, two representatives of the shareholders shall be elected to take part in counting the votes and scrutinizing the voting. Any shareholder who has conflict of interests in the matter under consideration and his/her proxy shall not

take part in counting and scrutinizing the voting.

There shall be lawyers, representatives of shareholders and representative of supervisors to count and scrutinize the voting jointly when motions are voted on a general meeting. The results shall be declared at the meeting and recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Shareholders or their proxies, who have cast their votes by internet or other methods, shall have the right to verify their voting results in the corresponding voting system.

**Article 122** The conclusion of a general meeting onsite shall not be earlier than internet or other access to the meeting. The chairperson of the meeting shall announce the voting and the results of each motion and shall, on the basis of the voting result, announce whether the motion is approved or not.

The companies, counting officers, scrutinizers, major shareholders, internet service provider and all relevant parties in relation to voting on site, by internet and other voting methods, shall keep confidential of the voting results prior to the official announcement of voting results.

**Article 123** A shareholder attending a general meeting shall vote either approval, objection or abstain from each motion in respect of which is to be taken.

Any written vote which is unfilled, wrongly filled, unrecognizable and uncast shall be deemed as a waiver of their voting rights, and the voting results representing the shares held by such voters shall be counted as “abstentions”.

**Article 124** If the chairperson of the meeting has any doubt as to the results of a vote on a resolution, he/she may conduct a count of the votes cast. If the chairperson of the meeting fails to conduct a count of votes, any shareholder, whether present in person or by proxy, who objects to the results declared by the chairperson of the meeting may immediately after the declaration of results demand a count of votes, and the chairperson of the meeting shall conduct a count of votes immediately.

If a count of votes is carried out at a general meeting, the results thereof shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting. The minutes of general meetings together with the attendance book signed by the shareholders present at the meeting and the proxy forms for the appointment of proxies present at the meeting shall kept at the domicile of the Company.

**Article 125** A shareholder may inspect copies of minutes of meeting(s) free of charge during office hours of the Company. Upon the request of any shareholder for a copy of the relevant minutes of meeting, the Company shall send out the copy of the minutes within seven days after receipt of the reasonable payment therefor.

**Article 126** The resolutions of the shareholders’ general meeting shall be announced promptly. Such announcement shall specify the number of shareholders present in person or by proxy at the meeting, the total number of voting shares held or represented by them, the percentage of such voting shares in relation to all the voting shares of the Company, the voting methods, the voting result of each motion, and details of each resolution that are passed at the meeting.

**Article 127** Where a motion has not been passed or the resolutions of the preceding general meeting have been changed at the current general meeting, special mention shall be made in the announcement of the resolutions of the general meeting.



**Article 128** If the motion on election of new directors and supervisors, is passed at the general meeting, new directors and supervisors shall take the position on the date when the general meeting is concluded.

**Article 129** Where a motion in relation to the payment of cash dividends, stock dividend or the conversion of capital common reserve to share capital has been passed at a general meeting, the Company shall implement the specific plans within two months after the conclusion of the general meeting.

## **Chapter 6 Voting Procedure for Class Shareholders**

**Article 130** A holder of different classes of shares is a class shareholder. Class shareholders shall enjoy rights and assume obligations in accordance with laws, administrative regulations and the Articles.

**Article 131** Any proposal by the Company to vary or abrogate the rights of any class shareholder must, prior to its implementation, be approved by a special resolution of a general meeting and by the affected holders of shares of that class at a separate meeting conducted in accordance with Articles 133 to 137 hereof.

**Article 132** The following events shall be deemed to be a variation or abrogation of the rights of shareholders of a class of shares:

- I. an increase or reduction in the number of shares of such class, or an increase or reduction in the number of shares of a class having the same or preferential voting or distribution rights or other privileges as or to the shares of such class;
- II. a change of all or part of the shares of such class into shares of another class, or a conversion of all or part of the shares of another class into shares of such class or a grant of a right to such change;
- III. a removal or reduction of the rights to accrued dividends or the rights to cumulative dividends attached to such class of shares;
- IV. a reduction or removal of a preferential right to dividends or to a distribution of assets upon the liquidation of the Company attached to such class of shares;
- V. an increase, removal or reduction of conversion privileges, options, voting rights, transfer rights, pre-emptive rights, rights issue or rights to acquire securities of the Company which are attached to such class of shares;
- VI. a removal or reduction of rights attached to such class of shares to receive moneys payable by the Company in specific currencies;
- VII. a creation of a new class of shares having the same or preferential voting or distribution rights or other privileges as or to the shares of such class;
- VIII. an imposition of or an increase in restrictions on the transfer or ownership of the shares of such class;
- IX. an issue of rights to subscribe for, or convert into, shares of such class or another class;
- X. an increase of the rights or privileges of another class of shares;
- XI. the restructuring of the Company which results in different classes of shareholders bearing disproportionate responsibilities in such restructuring; and

XII. the variation or abrogation of the provisions of this Chapter.

**Article 133** Shareholders of an affected class, whether or not otherwise carrying the right to vote at a general meeting shall nevertheless be entitled to vote at class meetings in respect of matters concerning paragraphs (2) to (8), (11) and (12) of Article 132, but interested shareholder(s) shall have no voting rights at class meetings.

The meaning of an "interested shareholder" is as follows:

- I. in the case of a repurchase of shares by the Company by way of a general offer to shareholders in equal proportion or on a stock exchange through public trading in accordance with this Articles of Association, an "interested shareholder" means the controlling shareholder as defined in the Articles of Association;
- II. in the case of a repurchase of shares by the Company by an off-market agreement outside a stock exchange in accordance with this Articles of Association, an "interested shareholder" means the shareholder to which the proposed agreement relates; and
- III. in the case of a restructuring proposal of the Company, an "interested shareholder" means a shareholder whose obligations will become disproportionately less than the obligation of other shareholders of the same class or a shareholder who has an interest different from the interests of the other shareholders of that class.

**Article 134** Resolutions of a class meeting shall be passed by the holders of no less than two thirds of the total number of votes held by the shareholders of that class and who are permitted to vote at the class meeting under Article 133.

**Article 135** When the Company convenes a class meeting, it shall give written notice to all shareholders registered in the register of shareholders in accordance with Article 80 of this Articles of Association, which notice shall set forth the matters proposed to be considered at the meeting and the date and place of that meeting.

**Article 136** Notice of class meetings need only be served on shareholders entitled to vote thereat. Class meetings shall be conducted in a manner as nearly as possible as that applicable to general meetings. The provisions of the Articles relating to the proceedings of general meetings shall apply to class meetings.

**Article 137** In addition to holders of other classes of shares, holders of domestic shares and holders of overseas listed foreign shares are deemed to be different classes of shareholders.

The special voting procedures for class shareholders shall not apply to the following: (1) where the Company issues domestic shares and overseas listed foreign shares separately or concurrently every 12 months following the approval by a special resolution of a general meeting and the number of domestic shares and the number of overseas listed foreign shares to be issued does not exceed 20 percent of the number of the outstanding shares of the respective classes; (2) the issue of domestic shares and overseas listed foreign shares pursuant to a plan adopted by the Company upon its establishment and which is completed within 15 months from the date of approval by the securities regulatory authority.

## Chapter 7 Board of Directors

### Section 1 Directors

**Article 138** Directors shall be natural persons. A person shall be disqualified from being a director of the Company in each of the following circumstances:

- I. a person who suffers from any incapacity or restricted capacity from undertaking civil liabilities;
- II. a person who has been convicted of and sentenced for offences relating to corruption, bribery, trespass to assets, misappropriation of assets or causing social and economic disorder or who has been deprived of his/her political rights as a result of him/her having committed an offence and, in each case, a period of 5 years has not elapsed since the completion of the term of the sentence or deprivation;
- III. a person who was a director or factory manager or manager of a company or enterprise which had become insolvent and liquidated because of unsound management and who incurred personal liability for the insolvency of that company or enterprise, and a period of 3 years has not elapsed since the date of completion of insolvent liquidation of that company or enterprise;
- IV. a person who was a legal representative of a company or enterprise, the business license of which was revoked on the grounds of contravention of law, and who incurred personal liability thereof, and a period of 3 years has not elapsed since the date of revocation of the business license of that company or enterprise;
- V. a person who has failed to repay his/her relatively large amount of debts when due;
- VI. a person who, because of suspected contravention of criminal law, is under investigation by judicial authorities and the case has not yet been settled;
- VII. a person who is not eligible for enterprise leadership under PRC law or administrative regulations;
- VIII. a person who has been convicted by the relevant regulatory authority of having contravened the provisions of relevant securities regulations and which involves fraudulent or dishonest acts on his/her part and a period of 5 years has not elapsed since the date of his/her conviction;
- IX. a person who has been forbidden by the CSRC with a penalty to access the securities market and who is still in the period of penalty;
- X. Any other circumstances provided by laws and regulations.

Where the Company elects or appoints any director by violating the provisions in this Article, such elections, appointments or hiring shall be deemed invalid. Where any director, during his/her term of office, is under any of the circumstances as mentioned in this Article, the Company shall remove him/her from his/her post.

**Article 139** Non-employee representative directors shall be elected or replaced by the shareholders' general meeting and may be removed by the general meeting before the expiration of the term of office. Directors shall serve a term of three years and may serve a consecutive term if re-elected upon expiration of their term of office.

The term of office of a director shall commence from the closing day of the general meeting therein the director is elected and shall expire upon the expiration of the term of office of the current board of directors. In the event that the board of directors are not elected upon expiry, the former director shall

still, according to provisions of relevant laws and regulations and the Articles of Association of the Company, exercise his/her responsibilities of being a director before the newly-elected director takes office.

Subject to compliance with laws and administrative regulations, the general meeting may remove any director by an ordinary resolution before the expiry of his/her term of office, provided that the removal may not impact the director's claim for indemnity according to any contract.

The manager or other senior executives may concurrently serve as directors, provided that the total number of directors who concurrently serve as the manager or other senior executives shall not exceed half of the total directors of the Company.

**Article 140** The directors shall comply with the laws, administrative regulations, and the Articles of Association. They shall bear the obligations of fidelity to the Company:

- I. not to exploit his/her official functions and powers to accept bribes or other unlawful income, and not to expropriate in any manner the Company's property;
- II. not to misappropriate the Company's funds;
- III. not to open in his/her own name or in another person's name any bank account for the purpose of depositing any of the Company's assets;
- IV. not to advance the Company's funds to any other person or not to use the Company's assets to provide any security for any other individual in violation of the Articles or without the consent of the shareholders' general meeting or the board of directors;
- V. not to enter into any contract or transaction with the Company in violation of the Articles or without the consent of the shareholders' general meeting;
- VI. not to seek business opportunities accounted to the Company for himself/herself or any other persons by exploiting his/her official functions, or run the same businesses as those of the Company for himself/her or for others, without the consent of the shareholders' general meeting;
- VII. not to accept commissions arising from transactions with the Company and appropriate to himself/herself;
- VIII. No director may illegally disclose the Company's confidential information;
- IX. No director may infringe upon the lawful rights of the Company by taking the advantage of their connected relationship with the Company;
- X. Other obligation of fidelity provided by laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association.

The income incurred in violation of this Article shall be accounted to the Company; for any loss caused to the Company, he/she shall be liable for compensation.

**Article 141** Directors shall abide by laws and regulations and the Articles of Association and perform the following duties of diligence:

- I. to exercise the powers authorized by the Company in a prudent, careful and diligent way so as to ensure that the commercial activities of the Company are in compliance with PRC laws and regulations and published economic policies, and that the business activities do not exceed the business scope of the Company as registered in the business license;
- II. to treat all shareholders equally;
- III. to seek to know the operation of the business and administration of the Company in time;
- IV. to issue in writing opinions of confirmation to the regular reports of the Company so as to ensure that the information disclosed by the Company are true, accurate and complete;
- V. to provide information and documents according to the facts to the board of supervisors and not

to hinder the exercise of responsibilities by the board of supervisors or supervisors;  
VI. other duties of diligence as prescribed by laws, administrative regulations, department rules and the Company's Articles of Association.

**Article 142** A director shall be deemed to be unable to carry out his/her duties if he/she fails to attend two consecutive board meetings in person and fails to appoint an alternate director to attend board meetings on his/her behalf. The board of directors shall propose at the general meeting for the removal of such director. The board of directors shall propose at the general meeting for the removal of the independent director if he/she fails to attend three consecutive board meetings in person.

**Article 143** A director may resign prior to the expiration of his/her term of office. If a director resigns from his/her office, he/she shall submit a written notice of his/her resignation to the board of directors. The board of directors shall make a disclosure related thereto within two days.

In the event that the number of board members of the Company falls below the statutory minimum requirement by reason of the resignation, before the newly appointed director serves the directorship, the original director shall continue to perform the director's duties in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association. The reelection shall take effective upon the vacancy filled by the newly appointed director. The remaining members of the board of directors shall convene an extraordinary general meeting as soon as possible in order to appoint a director to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation.

Except for those set forth in the preceding paragraphs, the resignation of a director shall become effective upon the resignation notice is served on the board of directors.

**Article 144** A director shall, upon resignation or expiration of his/her term of office, complete all handover formalities with the board of directors and his/her duty of loyalty and honesty owed to the Company and the shareholders shall not necessarily cease upon the termination of his/her office. The director resigned shall not be liable for any resolutions or any decisions made by the board of directors after the resignation takes effective. The duty of confidentiality in relation to trade secrets of the Company survives the termination of his/her office until such trade secrets enters into the public domain.

**Article 145** Except as required by the Articles of Association or except as lawfully authorized by the board of directors, any director shall not purport to represent the Company or the board of directors in his/her own name. When a director acts in his/her own name and a third party reasonably considers such director acts on behalf of the Company or the board of directors, such director shall declare in advance his/her position and capacity.

**Article 146** The director shall be liable for the compensation to the Company for losses caused should he/she violates laws, administrative regulations or the Articles of Association when performing the duties.

**Article 147** The independent directors shall perform their responsibilities in accordance with laws, administrative regulations and departmental rules.

## Section 2 Board of Directors

**Article 148** The Company shall set up a board of directors, which shall be responsible to the shareholders' general meeting.

**Article 149** The board of directors shall be composed of no less than nine directors including one chairperson and one vice chairperson. At least one third or more of the directors shall be independent directors and the number of independent directors shall be not less than three. At least one independent director shall have expertise in accountancy.

The board shall set up special committees such as the strategy committee, the audit committee, the nomination committee, the remuneration and assessment committee, the governance and compliance committee etc. Those special committees shall be responsible to the board, fulfill duties according to the Articles of Association and the authorization of the board of directors, and their proposals shall be submitted to the board of directors for deliberation. Members of special committees are all directors. In the audit committee, the nomination committee and the remuneration and assessment committee, independent directors shall take the majority and assume the role of convener. The convener of the audit committee shall be an accountant professional.

**Article 150** The board of directors shall exercise the following functions and powers:

- I. to convene shareholders' general meetings and to report on its work at the general meetings;
- II. to implement resolutions of the shareholders' general meetings;
- III. to decide on the business plans and investment proposals of the Company;
- IV. to prepare the annual budget and final accounts of the Company;
- V. to prepare proposals for profit distribution and for making up accrued losses of the Company;
- VI. to prepare proposals for the increase or reduction of share capital, the issue of bonds or other securities and listing;
- VII. to draft proposals for major acquisitions, purchase of the Company's shares, merger, demerger, dissolution, or change in the form of the Company;
- VIII. within the scope of authorization by the shareholders' general meeting, to make decisions on external investments, assets purchases or sales, assets pledges, external guarantees, entrusted wealth management, related party transactions, external donations etc.;
- IX. to decide on the establishment of internal management organization of the Company;
- X. to appoint or dismiss the manager and the board secretary of the Company, and at the recommendation of the manager, to appoint or dismiss deputy managers, head of finance and other senior executives of the Company, and to determine matters relating to their remuneration, rewards and penalties;
- XI. to formulate the basic management regulations of the Company;
- XII. to prepare proposals for the amendment to the Articles of Association;
- XIII. to manage disclosure of information concerning the Company;
- XIV. to propose to the shareholders' general meeting for the engagement or change of auditors of the Company;
- XV. to receive reports and examine the work of the manager of the Company;
- XVI. such other duties and functions as authorized by the laws, administrative regulations, departmental rules, listing rules of the stock exchange where the Company's shares are listed, the shareholders' general meeting or the Articles of Association.

Resolutions of the board of directors on the matters set out in the preceding paragraph, save for items (6), (7) and (12) which shall require the consent of no less than two-thirds of the directors, shall be passed by no less than half of the directors.

**Article 151** The board of directors shall not, without the prior approval of the shareholders' general meeting, dispose of or agree to dispose of any fixed assets of the Company if the aggregate of the expected value of the fixed assets to be disposed of and the consideration received by the Company on the disposal of fixed assets within the period of four months immediately preceding the proposed disposal, exceeds 33% of the value of the Company's fixed assets as shown in the latest balance sheet reviewed by the shareholders' general meeting.

For the purposes of this Article, a disposal of fixed assets includes the transfer of an interest in certain assets but does not include the provision of guarantees over fixed assets.

The validity of a disposal of fixed assets by the Company shall not be affected by a breach of the first paragraph of this Article.

**Article 152** The board of directors shall explain to the shareholders' general meeting the non-standard auditing opinions presented by certified accountants with respect to the Company's financial reports.

**Article 153** The board of directors shall formulate rules of procedures of the board of directors, to ensure the implementation of the resolutions made at shareholders' general meetings, improve the working efficiency of the and ensure scientific decisions-making process.

**Article 154** A rigorous scrutiny and decision-making process shall be established by the board of directors in reviewing the investment with assets of the Company. Any investment amounting to 20% or more of the latest audited net assets of the parent company shall be submitted to the shareholders' general meeting for approval after being approved by the board of directors.

**Article 155** The chairperson and the vice chairperson shall be elected or dismissed by no less than half of all the directors.

**Article 156** The chairperson of the board of directors shall exercise the following functions and powers:

- I. to preside at shareholders' general meetings and to convene and preside at board meetings;
- II. to supervise and inspect the implementation of resolutions of the board of directors;
- III. to sign significant documents to be issued by the board of directors;
- IV. other functions and powers conferred by the board of directors or listing rules of the stock exchange where the Company's shares are listed.

**Article 157** The vice chairperson shall assist the chairperson. In the event the chairperson of the board is unable to perform his/her duties or he/she does not perform his/her duties, the general meeting shall be chaired by the vice chairperson. Where the vice chairperson is unable to perform his/her duties or he/she does not perform his/her duties, the general meeting shall be chaired by a director nominated by half or more of the directors.

**Article 158** Unless the board of directors resolves otherwise,

- I. the board of directors shall convene at least four meetings every year;
- II. all the directors and supervisors shall be notified at least 10 days prior to the convening day of a board meeting.

**Article 159** The board meetings shall be convened by the chairperson. Under any of the following circumstances, the chairperson shall convene and preside over an extraordinary board meeting within 10 days upon occurrence of the respective circumstance:

- I. the chairperson deems the meeting necessary;
- II. shareholders representing no less than 1/10 of all voting rights propose;
- III. no less than 1/3 of all the directors propose;
- IV. the board of supervisors proposes; or
- V. the manager proposes.

**Article 160** The notification for an extraordinary board meeting shall be delivered by email, by hand or by fax; the notice period is at least 7 days prior to the convening day of the meeting and shall start from the delivery day of the notice.

**Article 161** The notification of a board meeting shall include following items:

- I. the date and venue of the meeting;
- II. the duration of the meeting;
- III. the meeting agenda, the respective resolution proposals and supportive documentation;
- IV. the date of delivery of the notification.

**Article 162** Except for the share repurchase by the Company pursuant to the stipulated circumstances under items (3), (5) or (6) of Article 29, which shall be approved by the board meeting attended by no less than two thirds of directors, the board meeting shall not be held without presence of half or more of all the directors. The presence for the purpose of this Article means the presence at the commencement of the meeting coupled with the continuous presence during the meeting. One director present shall have one vote. The resolutions made at the board meetings shall be subject to approval of no less than half of all the directors, with the following exceptions:

- I. Unless otherwise prescribed as the exceptions in the SEHK Listing Rules, a director shall not have any material interest, or be involved in any connected contract or arrangement or vote on any resolution of the board of directors through himself/herself or any of his/her associates (as defined under the SEHK Listing Rules), nor shall he/she be counted in the quorum present at the meeting. The quorum for such board meeting shall only be half or more of the directors who do not have any connected relationship, and any resolution to be passed by the board of directors shall be subject to affirmative votes of half or more of the directors who do not have any connected relationship. In the event that the directors present falls short of the above requirement, the chairperson may convene a new meeting by means of new invitation and notice two days after the meeting is cancelled. Where the number of directors who are not so connected and present at such board meeting is less than 3, such matter shall be submitted to the general meeting for consideration unless otherwise regulated by relevant laws, regulations or securities regulatory authority of the place where the shares of the Company are listed (including but not limited to spherical provisions of the Articles as approved by Hong Kong Stock Exchange).
- II. According to the stipulations in the Articles of Association, the board of directors shall decide on the resolution of guarantee matters within its authority. Apart from the approval by half or more of all



directors, the resolution shall be approved by no less than two thirds of the directors present at the meeting.

Should there be a tie between negative and affirmative votes on a matter, the chairperson of the board of directors shall have the casting vote.

**Article 163** The voting at the meetings of the board of directors shall be in written form.

Subject to guaranteed expression of opinions by directors, the board meetings may be held and the respective resolutions may be made by employing communications enabled by the modern information technology. Under this circumstance, each voter shall affix his/her signatures to the vote and fax it to the secretary of the board of directors. Within 7 days since the closure of the meetings of the board of directors, the original voting ticket shall be sent to the secretary of board of directors.

**Article 164** Directors shall attend board meetings in person. A director who participates in the board meeting via modern communication technology as permitted by Article 163 shall be held as if attending the meeting personally. Any director who is unable to attend the meeting for any reason may appoint in writing another director to attend the meeting on his/her behalf. One director present at the meeting may represent one or several directors.

The proxy form shall include the proxy's name, matters under commission, scope of authorization and term of the commission. The signature or seal of the director concerned shall be affixed on the proxy form.

The appointed representative shall exercise the rights of a director within the scope of his/her authorisation. If a director fails to attend a board meeting and has not appointed a representative to attend on his/her behalf, he/she shall be deemed to have waived his/her right to vote at that meeting.

**Article 165** The board of directors shall cause minutes to be kept of decisions made in relation to matters considered at their meetings, and the minutes shall be signed by the directors attending the meeting. Directors shall assume responsibility for resolutions of the board of directors. Directors who participated in any resolution of the board of directors which contravenes any law, administrative regulations or the Articles of Association and causes serious losses to the Company shall be liable to compensate the Company, but if it is proved that a director has stated his/her objection at the time the vote was taken and a record thereof has been made in the minutes of the meeting, that director shall be relieved of liability.

Minutes of board meetings shall be kept in the Company's files for a period of 10 years.

**Article 166** The minutes of the board meeting shall include the following contents:

- I. the date, venue and convener's name of the meeting;
- II. names of directors present at the meeting and directors (alternates) present at such meeting on behalf of other directors;
- III. agenda of the meeting;
- IV. summary of points raised by directors;
- V. manner and result of voting on each matter resolved (and the voting results shall set out the number of votes for, against or abstained a particular resolution).

## **Chapter 8 Manager and Other Senior Executives**

**Article 167** The Company shall have one manager, who shall be appointed or dismissed by the board of directors.

The manager, deputy managers, board secretary and head of finance shall serve as senior executives of the Company.

**Article 168** The circumstances of disqualification for directors prescribed in Article 138 of the Articles of Association shall be applicable to senior executives.

Provisions regarding the duty of loyalty of directors under Article 140 and of diligence of directors under items (IV), (V) and (VI) of Article 140 hereof shall be applicable to the senior executives.

**Article 169** Senior executives shall serve full-time in the Company and receive remuneration.

Any person who takes an administrative role other than a director or a supervisor in the controlling shareholders of the Company shall not serve as a senior executive of the Company.

The senior executives may serve as directors or senior executives at subsidiaries of the Company.

The senior executives only receive remuneration in the Company, not paid by the controlling shareholders on their behalf.

**Article 170** The term of office of the manager shall be three years, renewable upon re-appointment.

**Article 171** The manager shall be accountable to the board of directors and shall exercise the following functions and powers:

- I. to be in charge of the Company's operation and management, and to organize the implementation of the resolutions of the board of directors and report on works to the board of directors;
- II. to organize the implementation of the Company's annual business plan and investment proposals;
- III. to draft plans for the establishment of the Company's internal management structure;
- IV. to draft the Company's basic management regulations;
- V. to formulate specific rules and regulations for the Company;
- VI. to propose the appointment or dismissal by the board of directors of the Company's deputy managers and head of finance;
- VII. to appoint or dismiss management personnel other than those required to be appointed or dismissed by the board of directors;
- VIII. other functions and powers conferred by the Articles of Association or the board of directors.

The manager shall attend board meetings. The manager who is not a director shall not have any voting rights at board meetings.

**Article 172** The manager shall formulate working rules of the manager, and shall be implemented after being approved by the board of directors.

**Article 173** The manager's working rules include the following contents:

- I. specifying conditions, procedures and participants of the manager's meeting;
- II. responsibilities and work allocation of the manager and other senior executives of the Company;
- III. use of funds and assets of the Company, scope of authorization to enter into material contracts and reporting policies regarding the board of directors and the board of supervisors;
- IV. other matters which the board of directors deems necessary.

**Article 174** The manager may resign before expiry of his/her term of office. The specific procedures and methods for the resignation of the manager shall be specified in the employment contract concluded by the manager and the Company.

**Article 175** The deputy managers and the head of finance of the Company shall be nominated by the manager, reviewed by the nomination committee, and reported to the board of directors for appointment. The deputy managers and head of finance shall assist the manager in his/her work.

**Article 176** The Company shall have a board secretary of the Company. The board secretary shall be a natural person who has the requisite professional knowledge and experience and shall be commissioned by the board of directors. The primary responsibilities of the board secretary are:

- I. to ensure that the documentation and records of the Company are complete;
- II. to ensure that the Company prepares and submits to competent authorities all necessary reports and documents required by law;
- III. to ensure that the Company's register of shareholders is properly established and shareholder information is properly managed and that the Company furnishes to persons entitled thereto all relevant records and documents of the Company in a timely manner;
- IV. to organize and prepare board meetings and shareholders' general meetings;
- V. to deal with information disclosure affairs, etc.;
- VI. other functions and powers conferred by laws, administrative regulations, departmental rules, listing rules of the stock exchange where the Company's shares are listed, and the board of directors.

**Article 177** A director or other senior executives of the Company may concurrently act as the board secretary. An accountant of an accounting firm retained by the Company shall not concurrently act as the board secretary.

Where a director also holds the post of board secretary and if an act is required to be done by a director and the board secretary separately, then that director holding the office of board secretary may not perform the act in his/her dual capacity.

The board secretary shall abide by the relevant provisions of laws, administrative regulations, departmental rules and the Articles of Association.

**Article 178** If any senior executive violates laws, administrative regulations, departmental rules or the Articles of Association when performing his/her duties in the Company, such senior executive shall indemnify the Company against losses incurred due to such violation.

**Article 179** Senior executives of the Company shall faithfully perform their duties and safeguard the best interests of the Company and all the shareholders. If the Company's senior executives fail to faithfully perform their duties or violate their fiduciary duties, causing damage to the interests of the Company and public shareholders, they shall be liable for compensation in accordance with the law.

## **Chapter 9 Board of Supervisors**

## Section 1 Supervisors

**Article 180** The circumstances of disqualification for directors prescribed in Article 138 of the Articles of Association shall be applicable to supervisors.

**Article 181** The directors, manager and other senior executives of the Company shall not act concurrently as supervisors.

**Article 182** The supervisors shall observe laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association. They shall shoulder the duties of loyalty and due diligence to the Company, and shall not accept any bribery or other illegal income by using his/her powers and position, or seize the assets of the Company in any manner.

**Article 183** Each supervisor shall serve for a term of three years, which term is renewable upon reelection upon expiry.

**Article 184** Where the tenure of supervisors expires and re-election has not yet been made, or where a supervisor resigns during his/her tenure resulting in the number of supervisors falls below the necessary quorum of meeting of the board of supervisors, the original supervisors shall (before the re- election of the new supervisors) continue to perform their duties as supervisors pursuant to the provisions of laws, administrative regulations and the Articles.

**Article 185** A supervisor shall ensure that information disclosed by the Company is true, accurate and complete and he/she shall sign on the periodical report with written confirmation.

**Article 186** Supervisors shall attend board meetings and may raise queries or proposals regarding matters resolved at such meetings.

**Article 187** Supervisors shall not prejudice the interests of the Company by means of their connected relationship or they shall be liable for compensation for any loss caused to the Company.

**Article 188** If supervisors have violated the provisions of any laws, administrative regulations, departmental rules or the Articles of Association in the course of performing their duties, which has caused losses to the Company, they shall be liable for compensation.

## Section 2 Board of Supervisors

**Article 189** The Company shall set up a board of supervisors which shall be composed of five supervisors. One supervisor shall act as the chairperson.

The election of the chairperson of the board of supervisors shall be determined by two-thirds or more of the members of the board of supervisors. The meetings of the board of supervisors shall be presided over and chaired by the chairperson of the board of supervisors. If the chairperson of the

board of supervisors is unable or fails to perform his/her duties, such meeting shall be convened and presided over by a supervisor nominated by half or more of the supervisors.

The board of supervisors shall comprise supervisors who represent the shareholders and a proper proportion of supervisors who represent the employees, and the proportion accounted for by the later shall be 1/3 or more. The supervisors who represent the employees shall be democratically elected by employees of the Company via the workers' conference, etc.

**Article 190** The board of supervisors shall exercise the following functions and powers:

- I. reviewing and expressing its review comments in writing on regular reports prepared by the board of directors;
- II. examining the financial status of the Company;
- III. monitoring the performance of duties of directors and senior executives, and proposing the dismissal of directors and senior executives who have violated the laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association or resolutions passed by the shareholders' general meeting;
- IV. demanding for remedies of any damage to the legal right of the Company caused by directors and senior executives;
- V. proposing the convening of extraordinary general meetings, and convening and chairing of general meetings in the event of the board of directors having failed to perform so pursuant to the Company Law;
- VI. examining financial information such as the financial report, business reports and profit distribution plans to be submitted by the board of directors to the shareholders' general meetings and, in case of doubt, to engage certified public accountants and practicing auditors in the name of the Company to assist in the re-audit;
- VII. proposing motions to the general meeting;
- VIII. instituting legal proceedings against directors and senior executives in accordance with Article 152 of the Company Law;
- IX. in case of any irregularity identified, making investigations and if necessary, engaging professional institutions (such as accounting or law firms) to assist in its work at the expense of the Company;
- X. such other functions and powers as provided by the Articles of association.

**Article 191** Meetings of the board of supervisors shall be held at least once every six months. Any of the supervisors may propose to hold extraordinary meetings of the board of supervisors.

Resolutions of the board of supervisors shall be passed by the affirmative votes of two thirds or more of the supervisors.

**Article 192** The board of supervisors shall formulate procedural rules of the board of supervisors, specify the method for conducting business and the voting procedures of the board of supervisors, so as to ensure the working efficiency and scientific decision making of the board of supervisors.

**Article 193** The board of supervisors shall cause decisions made during the meeting to be reduced to minutes of meetings, and supervisors present shall sign on such minutes.

A Supervisor is entitled to request the points made by him/her as expressed in his/her discussion to be recorded as representations made in the meeting. Minutes of meetings of the board of supervisors shall be kept in the files of the Company for ten years.

**Article 194** A notice of meeting of the board of supervisors shall include the following:

- I. date and venue of meeting and duration of the meeting;
- II. matters and agenda;
- III. date of issue of the notice.

### **Chapter 10 Obligations of Directors, Supervisors, Manager, and Other Senior Executives of the Company**

**Article 195** The validity of an act of a director, supervisor, manager or other senior executives on behalf of the Company vis-a-vis a bona fide third party shall not be affected by any irregularity in his/her appointment, election or any defect in his/her qualification.

**Article 196** In addition to obligations imposed by law, administrative regulations or by the rules of the stock exchange(s) on which shares of the Company are listed, each director, supervisor, manager and other senior executives when exercising the functions and powers conferred upon him/her by the Company owes to each of the shareholders the following obligations:

- I. not to cause the Company to exceed the scope of operations stipulated in its business license;
- II. to act honestly in the best interests of the Company;
- III. not to take in any manner the Company's property in any way, including (without limitation) opportunities beneficial to the Company;
- IV. not to expropriate the personal rights or interests of shareholders, including (without limitation) rights to distribution and voting rights, unless pursuant to a proposed restructuring of the Company submitted to and approved by the shareholders' general meeting in accordance with the Articles of Association.

**Article 197** Each director, supervisor, manager and other senior executives is under the duty, in the exercise of his/her powers and the discharge of his/her obligations, to exercise such care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.

**Article 198** Each director, supervisor, manager and other senior executives is under the duty, in the performance of his/her official functions, to observe his/her fiduciary duties and not to place himself/herself in a position where his/her own interests may be in conflict with any obligations assumed by him/her. This principle includes (but is not limited to) the discharge of the following obligations:

- I. to act honestly in the best interests of the Company;
- II. to exercise powers within the scope of his/her functions and powers and not to act beyond such scope;
- III. to exercise personally the discretion vested in him/her and not to allow himself/herself to act under the direction of another person and, unless and to the extent permitted by law or administrative regulations or with the informed consent of the shareholders' general meeting, not to delegate the exercise of his/her discretion;
- IV. to treat shareholders of the same class equally and to treat shareholders of different classes fairly;
- V. except otherwise provided for in the Articles of Association or with the informed consent of the

- shareholders' general meeting, not to enter into any contract, transaction or arrangement with the Company;
- VI. without the informed consent of the shareholders' general meeting, not to use in any manner the Company's property for his/her own benefit;
  - VII. not to exploit his/her official functions and powers to accept bribes or other unlawful income, and not to expropriate in any manner the Company's property including (without limitation) opportunities beneficial to the Company;
  - VIII. without the informed consent of shareholders' general meeting, not to accept commissions in connection with the Company's transactions;
  - IX. to comply with the Articles of Association, to perform honestly his/her duties and protect the interests of the Company and not to exploit his/her position and official functions and powers to advance his/her own private interests;
  - X. without the informed consent of the shareholders' general meeting, not to compete with the Company in any manner;
  - XI. not to misappropriate the Company's funds or to advance such funds to any other person, not to open in his/her own name or in another person's name any bank account for the purpose of depositing any of the Company's assets, and not to use the Company's assets to provide any guarantee for any debt of any shareholder of the Company or any other individual(s);
  - XII. without the informed consent of the shareholders' general meeting, not to disclose any confidential information related to the Company acquired by him/her during the term of his/her office; not to use such information other than for the purpose of furthering the interests of the Company; provided that he/she may disclose such information to a court or other governmental regulatory authorities in the following circumstances, that is to say, if:
    - 1. required by law;
    - 2. required in the interests of the public;
    - 3. required in the interests of such director, supervisor, manager or other senior executives of the Company.

**Article 199** A director, supervisor, manager or other senior executives of the Company shall not cause the following persons or organizations (the "connected persons") to undertake any activity which the director, supervisor, manager or other senior executives is prohibited from undertaking:

- I. the spouse or minor child of that director, supervisor, manager or other senior executive of the Company;
- II. a person acting in the capacity of trustee of that director, supervisor, manager or other senior executive of the Company or any person referred to in paragraph (I) above;
- III. a person acting in the capacity of partner of that director, supervisor, manager or other senior executive of the Company or any person referred to in paragraphs (I) or (II) above;
- IV. a company over which that director, supervisor, manager or other senior executive of the Company, alone has de facto control or a company over which any persons referred to in paragraphs (I), (II) or (III) above or other directors, supervisors, general managers or other senior executives of the Company, together with that director, supervisor, general manager or other senior executive have de facto control; or
- V. a director, supervisor, manager or other senior executive of a company being controlled as referred to in paragraph (IV) above.

**Article 200** The fiduciary duties of a director, supervisor, manager or other senior executive of the

Company do not necessarily cease upon the termination of his/her tenure of office. The duty of confidence in relation to trade secrets of the Company survives the termination of his/her term of office. Other duties may continue for such period as fairness may require depending on the time elapsed between the termination of his/her term of office and the occurrence of the relevant event and the circumstances and terms under which his/her relationship with the Company was terminated.

**Article 201** Except in the circumstances set out in Article 65 of the Articles of Association, a director, supervisor, manager or other senior executive of the Company may be relieved of his/her liability for specific breaches of his/her duties by the informed consent of the shareholders' general meeting.

**Article 202** If a director, supervisor, manager or other senior executive of the Company has, directly or indirectly, a material interest in a contract, transaction or arrangement entered into or proposed to be entered into with the Company (other than a contract of service between the Company and the director, supervisor, manager or other senior executive), he/she shall declare the nature and extent of his/her interest to the board of directors as soon as possible, whether or not the relevant matter is normally subject to the approval of the board of directors.

Unless the interested director, supervisor, manager or other senior executive has disclosed his/her interests to the board of directors in accordance with the foregoing paragraph of this Article and that matter has been approved by the board of directors at a meeting in which he/she has not been counted in the quorum and has refrained from voting, the Company may rescind that contract, transaction or arrangement except as against a bona fide party thereto acting without notice of the breach of duty by that director, supervisor, manager or other senior executive.

If a connected person of a director, supervisor, manager or other senior executive of the Company is interested in a contract, transaction or arrangement, that director, supervisor, manager or other senior executive shall also be deemed interested therein.

**Article 203** If a director, supervisor, manager or other senior executive of the Company, before the entering into of the relevant contract, transaction or arrangement is first considered, gives to the board of directors a notice in writing, stating that by reason of the matters specified in the notice, he/she is interested in the contract, transaction or arrangement proposed to be entered into with the Company, then the relevant director, supervisor, manager or senior executive shall be deemed to have made a disclosure under Article 202 to the extent of the matters set out in that notice.

**Article 204** The Company shall not in any manner pay taxes for or on behalf of a director, supervisor, manager or other senior executive of the Company.

**Article 205** The Company shall not directly or indirectly make a loan or provide a guarantee for a loan to its director, supervisor, manager or other senior executive or a director, supervisor, manager or other senior executive of its parent company; and the Company shall not make a loan to or provide any guarantee for a loan made to a connected person of the aforesaid persons.

The foregoing provisions shall not apply to the following circumstances:

- I. the provision of a loan or a guarantee for a loan by the Company to its subsidiary;
- II. the provision by the Company to its director, supervisor, manager or other senior executive under a contract of service approved by the shareholders in general meeting of a loan or a guarantee for a loan or other funds to meet expenditure incurred by him/her for the purposes of



- the Company or for the purposes of enabling him/her to perform his/her official duties;
- III. where the ordinary course of business of the Company includes the lending of money or the giving of guarantees, the Company may make a loan to or provide a guarantee for a loan to the relevant director, supervisor, manager or other senior executive or the connected persons of the same provided that the terms of the loan or guarantee for a loan are normal commercial terms.

**Article 206** A loan made by the Company in breach of the preceding Article shall be repayable forthwith by the recipient of the loan regardless of the terms of the loan.

**Article 207** A guarantee provided by the Company in breach of the first paragraph of Article 204 shall not be enforceable against the Company, except in the following circumstances:

- I. the lender was not aware of the circumstances at the time the loan was advanced to a connected person of a director, supervisor, manager or other senior executive of the Company or its parent company;
- II. the security provided by the Company has been lawfully sold by the lender to a bona fide purchaser.

**Article 208** For the purposes of the foregoing Articles of this Chapter, a “guarantee” includes the undertaking of obligations and the provision of security over property by the guarantor to secure the obligor’s performance of obligations.

**Article 209** Apart from any rights and remedies provided by law and administrative regulations, where a director, supervisor, manager or other senior executive of the Company is in breach of his/her obligations to the Company, the Company has a right to take the following measures:

- I. to claim damages from that director, supervisor, manager or other senior executive in compensation for losses sustained by the Company as a result of such breach;
- II. to rescind any contract or transaction entered into by the Company with that director, supervisor, manager or other senior executive or by the Company with a third party (where such third party knew or should have known that such director, supervisor, manager or other senior executive representing the Company was in breach of his/her obligations towards the Company);
- III. to require that director, supervisor, manager or other senior executive to account for the benefits obtained as a result of his/her breach of obligations;
- IV. to recover any moneys received by that director, supervisor, manager or other senior executive which should have been received by the Company, including (without limitation) commissions; and
- V. to demand payment from that director, supervisor, manager or other senior executive of the interest earned or which may have been earned on moneys that should have been paid to the Company.

**Article 210** The Company shall, with the prior approval of the shareholders’ general meeting, enter into a contract in writing with each director or supervisor of the Company in respect of his/her remuneration. The aforesaid remuneration shall include:

- I. remuneration in respect of his/her service as director, supervisor or senior executive of the Company;
- II. remuneration in respect of his/her service as director, supervisor or senior executive of any subsidiary of the Company;

- III. remuneration in respect of other services provided in connection with the management of the affairs of the Company and its subsidiaries;
- IV. moneys payable as severance pay or as consideration for retirement from office of that director or supervisor.

Except pursuant to a contract entered into in accordance with the foregoing provisions, a director or supervisor shall not institute proceedings against the Company for any benefit due to him/her in respect of the matters specified above.

**Article 211** The contract entered into between the Company and its director or supervisor shall stipulate that when the Company is being taken over, that director and supervisor is entitled, subject to the informed consent of the shareholders' general meeting being obtained, to receive severance pay or other payment by reason of his/her loss of office or retirement. The foregoing reference to a takeover of the Company is to any of the following circumstances:

- I. a general offer made by any person to all shareholders of the Company; or
- II. a general offer made by any person, the purpose of which is for the offeror to become the controlling shareholder.

If the relevant director or supervisor does not comply with the provisions stipulated in this Article, then any moneys received by him/her shall belong to those persons who have sold their shares through an acceptance of that offer, and the expenses incurred in making a pro rata distribution of such moneys shall be borne by that director or supervisor and shall not be deducted from those moneys.

## **Chapter 11 Financial Accounting Bylaws, Dividend Distribution and Audit**

### **Section 1 Financial Accounting System**

**Article 212** The Company shall formulate its financial and accounting regulations in accordance with relevant requirements of PRC laws, administrative regulations and rules issued by competent authorities.

**Article 213** The Company shall prepare a financial report at the end of every financial year and shall cause it to be audited in accordance with law.

The Company shall publish two financial reports every financial year. The interim report shall be published within 60 days after the end of the first six months of the financial year, and the annual report shall be published within 120 days after the end of the financial year.

The Company shall submit annual financial report to the CSRC and the stock exchange within 4 months after the end of each financial year, submit interim financial reports to the branch office of CSRC and the stock exchange within 2 months after the end of the first 6 month of each financial year, and submit the quarterly financial reports to the branch office of CSRC and stock exchange within one month after the end of the first 3 months and the end of the first 9 months of each financial year.

The aforesaid financial reports shall be prepared pursuant to provisions of relevant laws, administrative regulations and rules issued by competent authorities.

**Article 214** The board of directors shall place before the shareholders at every annual general meeting a financial report prepared by the Company as required by relevant law, administrative regulations or normative documents promulgated by the regional government and regulatory authorities.

**Article 215** The financial report of the Company shall be made available at the domicile of the Company 20 days prior to the holding of the annual general meeting of the Company for inspection by shareholders. Every shareholder of the Company shall have the right to obtain the financial report referred to in this Chapter.

Unless otherwise stipulated in the relevant laws, regulations, the listing rules of stock exchange on which the Company's shares are listed and this Articles of Association, a printed copy of the aforesaid financial report or the report of the board of directors together with a balance sheet and profit and loss statement of the Company shall, not less than 21 days before the date of the annual general meeting, be sent by prepaid post by the Company to every holder of overseas listed foreign shares. The address of the recipient shall be the registered address entered in the register of shareholders.

**Article 216** The financial statements of the Company shall be prepared in accordance with PRC accounting standards, laws and regulations and, in addition thereto shall also be in accordance with either the International Accounting Standards or the accounting standards of the overseas territory where the Company is listed. Where there are material differences between the financial statements prepared in accordance with the two accounting standards as aforesaid, then such differences shall be specified in the notes to those financial statements. For the purposes of distributing the profits after tax of the Company in respect of the relevant financial year, the lower amount of the profits after tax stated in the two sets of financial statements as aforesaid shall be taken to be the amount of the profits after tax.

**Article 217** Any interim results or financial information published or disclosed by the Company must also be prepared and presented in accordance with PRC accounting standards, laws and regulations and also in accordance with either International Accounting Standards or the accounting standards of the overseas territory where the Company is listed.

**Article 218** The Company shall not keep separate books of accounts apart from its statutory books of account. The asset of the Company shall not be deposited in any account opened in the name of any individual.

**Article 219** Where the Company distributes its after-tax profits of the current year, it shall allocate 10 percent of the profits after tax as the Company's statutory common reserve, provided that no allocation is required if the accumulated statutory common reserve represents no less than 50 percent of the registered capital of the Company.

Where the statutory common reserve fund of the Company is not sufficient to cover the Company's loss from the previous year, the current year profits shall be used to cover such loss before allocation is made to the statutory common reserve fund pursuant to the previous paragraph.

After allocation to the statutory common reserve fund has been made from the after-tax profits of the Company, the discretionary surplus reserve of any amount fund shall be allocated from the after-tax

profits upon approval by general meeting.

Any profit after taxation and after making up losses and making appropriation to the statutory surplus reserve shall be distributed by the Company to shareholders in proportion to their shareholdings

Where the general meeting is in breach of the provisions of the preceding paragraph by approving the distribution of profits to shareholders before the Company has made up its losses and made appropriation to the statutory surplus reserve, the shareholders shall return to the Company the profit distributed.

The Company shall not participate in profit distribution in respect of shares held under its name.

**Article 220** The Company's common reserves shall be used for making up accrued losses, expanding the business operations or increasing the capital of the Company, but the capital common reserve shall not be used for making up the Company's losses.

When the statutory common reserve is converted into capital, the balance of such reserve shall not be less than 25 % of the registered capital prior to the conversion.

The capital common reserve shall comprise the following sums:

- I. The amount of share premium arising from the issue of shares at a premium;
- II. Other income required by the financial regulatory authority of the State Council to be appropriated to the capital common reserve.

**Article 221** After the passing by the shareholders in any general meeting of a resolution on the proposal for profit distribution, the distribution of dividend (or shares) under such proposal shall be completed within two months after the date of the relevant general meeting.

#### **Article 222 Profits Distribution**

- I. In order to reward the shareholders initiatively, promote the sustainable and healthy development of the Company, the Company attaches great importance to reasonable investment return to shareholders and investors. The Company shall maintain the continuity and stability, as well as enhance the transparency of the dividend distribution policy to shape a stable return expectation for shareholders and investors.
- II. The Company adopts cash dividend distribution as its main profit distribution policy, a combination of cash dividend and share dividend can also be adopted. The Company in principle shall implement a cash dividend distribution once a year unless special circumstances arise.
- III. The Company shall follow the procedures specified in this "Articles of Association", take into consideration such factors as the profits of the year, assets/liabilities ratio, development stage and fund demand, combine with opinions from shareholders, especially small and medium-sized shareholders and independent directors when formulate the interim or annual dividend distribution plan. The plan shall be submitted to the shareholders' general meeting for approval after reviewing by the board of directors:
  1. If the Company profits during the annual reporting period and the accumulative undistributed profit is positive, the Company shall implement a certain ratio of cash dividend distribution. Unless there are special circumstances, the sum of the cash dividends (including the interim cash dividends) shall not be less than one third of the net profit attributable to shareholders of the parent company.
  2. In particular cases, if a cash dividend distribution proposal is not so made by the Company, the reason and the use of the undistributed funds retained in the Company shall be disclosed in its

regular reports, and the independent directors of the Company shall issue an independent opinion on this matter.

- IV. Independent directors may solicit the opinions from small and medium-sized shareholders and make a dividend distribution proposal to be submitted directly to the board of directors for reviewing.
- V. Prior to the reviewing of the dividend distribution plan and/or the conversion of capital reserve into shares capital plan (if any) by the shareholders' general meeting, the Company shall take the initiative to communicate and discuss with the shareholders, especially the small and medium-sized shareholders through multiple channels, including the convening of an explanation session, sufficiently listen to their suggestions and requests and respond in a timely manner to questions in which the small and medium-sized shareholders have an interest.
- VI. Upon occurrence of any illegal seizure of the Company's funds by the shareholders, the Company shall deduct the cash dividends to be paid to such shareholders to make up for the funds seized by such shareholders;
- VII. Dividends and other distributions payable to shareholders of domestic shares shall be declared and valued in Renminbi. Dividends and other distributions payable to shareholders of H shares shall be declared and valued in Renminbi, and paid in US dollars, or H Shareholders will be given an option to accept either Hong Kong or US dollars as the currency for the dividends declared, in accordance with the relevant PRC regulations on foreign exchange and at an exchange rate which is equal to the central parity rate declared by the People's Bank of China's for the exchange of Hong Kong/US dollars into Renminbi on the first business day following the date of the resolution of the Shareholders' meeting.

When distributing dividends to the shareholders, the Company shall make such withholdings for tax on the dividend income of the shareholders as may be required by PRC tax law.

The distribution of dividend of the Company shall be implemented by the board of directors authorized by an ordinary resolution of general meeting.

**Article 223** The Company shall appoint a receiving agent for the holders of its overseas listed foreign shares who shall, on behalf of such holders, receive dividends declared and all other moneys payable by the Company in respect of their overseas listed foreign shares.

The receiving agent appointed by the Company shall comply with the requirements of the law of the place where the Company is listed or the rules of the stock exchange(s) on which the shares of the Company are listed.

The receiving agent appointed by the Company for holders of overseas listed foreign shares listed in Hong Kong shall be a trust corporation registered under the *Trustee Ordinance* in Hong Kong.

## **Section 2 Internal Auditing**

**Article 224** The Company shall implement an internal auditing system and appoint full time auditors to carry out internal auditing and supervision of the Company's income and expenses and economic activities.

**Article 225** The Company's internal auditing system and the responsibilities of the auditing personnel shall be carried out after obtaining approval by the board of directors. The auditor-in-chief

shall be accountable and report to the board of directors.

### **Section 3 Appointment of Accounting Firm**

**Article 226** The Company shall appoint an independent accounting firm which satisfy the relevant PRC state regulation, and possesses the qualification of engaging in securities related business to audit the annual financial report of the Company, verify other financial reports, the values of net assets, and conduct other related advisory services. The term of appointment commences from the conclusion of the current annual general meeting and expire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting. The term is extendable. For the accounting firm providing aforementioned service shall be replaced after five to six consecutive years of appointment.

**Article 227** The appointment of an accounting firm shall be made only by a shareholders' general meeting, and no accounting firm should be appointed by the board of directors prior to the decision of shareholders' general meeting.

**Article 228** The accounting firm engaged by the Company shall have the following rights:

- I. to inspect at all times the account books, records and vouchers of the Company, and the right to require the directors, the manager and other senior executives of the Company to provide relevant information and explanations;
- II. to require the Company to take all reasonable steps to obtain from its subsidiaries such information and explanations as are necessary for the accounting firm to perform its duties;
- III. to attend any general meeting, to receive all notices of, and other information relating to, any general meeting which a shareholder is entitled to receive, and to speak at any general meeting on any matter which concerns its duties as the accounting firm of the Company.

**Article 229** If a casual vacancy arises in the office of the accounting firm, the board of directors may appoint an accounting firm to fill the vacancy prior to the holding of a general meeting, but if the Company has another accounting firm in office during the continuation of any such casual vacancy, that accounting firm may continue to act.

**Article 230** The shareholders' general meeting may by ordinary resolution remove an accounting firm before the expiration of its term of office notwithstanding any provisions of the contract between the Company and the accounting firm, but without prejudice to the right (if any) of the accounting firm to claim for compensation against the Company arising from the termination of its office.

**Article 231** The Company guarantees to provide true and complete vouchers, books, financial and accounting reports and other accounting materials to the accounting firm engaged and shall not refuse to provide or conceal or give false information

**Article 232** The remuneration and the method of determining the remuneration of the accounting firm shall be decided by the shareholders' general meeting. The remuneration of the accounting firm appointed by the board of directors shall be determined by the board of directors.

**Article 233** The appointment, removal, and non-re-appointment of an accounting firm by the Company shall be decided by the shareholders' general meeting and reported to the securities regulatory authority at the place of the Company for record.

Where a resolution is proposed to be passed at a general meeting to appoint an accounting firm not currently in office to fill a casual vacancy in the office of accountants, or to re-appoint a retiring an accounting firm which was appointed by the board of directors to fill a casual vacancy, or to remove an accounting firm before the expiration of its term of office, the following provisions shall apply:

- I. The proposed resolution for appointment or removal shall be sent, before the issue of the notice of general meeting, to the accounting firm proposed to be appointed or which proposes to leave office or which has left office in the relevant financial year.  
Leaving office includes a removal, resignation and retirement.
- II. If the accounting firm leaving office makes representations in writing and requests the Company to notify the shareholders of its representations, the Company shall implement the following measures (unless the representations are received too late):
  1. state in the notice given in connection with the resolution the fact that representations have been made by the accounting firm leaving office;
  2. send to every shareholder in the manner prescribed by the Articles a copy of the representations as an enclosure to the notice of general meetings.
- III. If the representations of the relevant accounting firm are not dispatched by the Company in accordance with item (2) above, that accounting firm may request such representations be read at the general meeting and may make further submissions.
- IV. An accounting firm leaving office shall be entitled to attend:
  1. the general meeting at which its term of office would otherwise expire;
  2. the general meeting at which it is proposed to fill the vacancy arising from its removal;
  3. any general meeting convened as a result of its resignation.

An accounting firm leaving office shall be entitled to receive all notices of, and other information relating to, the meetings referred to above, and to speak at any such meeting on any matter which concerns it as the former accounting firm of the Company.

**Article 234** If the Company removes or does not re-appoint an accounting firm, it shall notify the accounting firm sixty (60) days in advance. The accounting firm shall be allowed to state its opinion at the time when the shareholders' general meeting is voting for removal of the accounting firm.

An accounting firm tendering resignation shall inform the shareholders' general meeting as to whether there is any irregularity on the part of the Company.

An accounting firm may resign from its office by a notice in writing deposited at the Company's domicile. Any such notice shall be effective on the date on which it is deposited at the domicile of the Company or on such later date as may be specified therein. Such notice shall contain either of the following statements:

1. A statement to the effect that there are no circumstances connected with its resignation which it considers should be brought to the notice of shareholders or creditors of the Company; or
2. a statement of any circumstances of which an account ought properly to be given.

The Company shall within 14 days after its receipt of the notice referred to in the preceding paragraph above send a copy of the notice to its supervisory authority. If the notice contains a statement referred to in item (2) of the preceding paragraph, a copy of that statement shall be deposited at the Company for inspection by the shareholders. The Company shall also send a copy of such statement to every holder of overseas listed foreign shares by prepaid post to their

addresses recorded in the register of shareholders. The aforesaid copy of the statement may also be posted on the website of Stock Exchange of Hong Kong in accordance with the SEHK Listing Rules and following the relevant procedures.

Where the notice of resignation of the accounting firm contains a statement of circumstances of which an account ought properly to be given, the accounting firm may require the board of directors to convene an extraordinary general meeting to receive an explanation of the circumstances connected with its resignation

## Chapter 12 Notice and Announcement

### Section 1 Notice

**Article 235** Unless otherwise provided in this Articles of Association, the notice of the Company shall be issued in the following form:

- I. Public announcement
- II. Personal delivery service
- III. Facsimile
- IV. E-mail
- V. Advertisement in newspapers and other media
- VI. Subject to laws and regulations and the rules governing securities in the place of listing of the Company's shares, by publishing them on the website designated by the securities regulatory authority and the stock exchange of the company and the place of listing of the company's shares;
- VII. Other forms approved by securities regulatory authority and stock exchanges in the place of listing of the company's shares.

Notwithstanding the provisions of the Articles, subject to the relevant provisions of the securities regulatory authority at the place of listing of the Company, the Company has the right to publish the corporate communication in the form of notice provided for in paragraph 1 (6) of this Article in lieu of sending paper documents to each H-share shareholder either by personal delivery service or postage-paid mail. Such corporate communications shall mean any document issued or to be issued by the Company for the reference or action of shareholders, including but not limited to annual reports (including annual financial reports), interim reports (including interim financial reports), board reports (together with balance sheets and profit and loss statements), shareholders' general meeting notices, circulars and other communications documents.

**Article 236** Notice issued by the Company shall, upon announcement, be deemed to have been received by all persons concerned.

The Company's announcement shall be communicated to the directors and supervisors by facsimile. The details of the announcement shall be communicated by e-mail to the directors and supervisors.

**Article 237** Notice of the shareholders' general meeting of the Company shall be made by announcement.



**Article 238** Notice of board meeting of the Company shall be sent by e-mail, personal delivery service or facsimile.

**Article 239** Notice of the meeting of the board of supervisors of the Company shall be sent by personal delivery service, facsimile, or e-mail.

**Article 240** If a notice of the Company is sent in the form of public announcement, the date of publication of the first public announcement shall be the date of service. If such notice is served by personal delivery service, the receipt of service shall be signed (or sealed) by the person on whom the notice is served, and the date of receipt signed by the person on whom the notice is served shall be the date of service.

## **Section 2 Announcement**

**Article 241** The Company shall, in accordance with the laws and regulations, issue announcements and disclose information to shareholders of A shares through media that meet the conditions prescribed by the securities regulatory authority. If the Company shall issue a notice to H share shareholders in accordance with the Articles of Association, the SEHK Listing Rules or laws and regulations, the notice shall be published in accordance with the methods prescribed in the SEHK Listing Rules.

**Article 242** If the Company is required to send, post, distribute, issue, publish or otherwise supply the relevant documents of the Company in English and Chinese complying with relevant provisions of the securities regulatory authority of the place of listing, and if the Company has made appropriate arrangements to determine whether its shareholders wish to receive only the English version or only the Chinese version, and to the extent permitted by applicable laws and regulations and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, the Company may send only the English version or Chinese version respectively (in accordance with the instructions of shareholders).

## **Chapter 13 Merger, Split-up, Increase of Registered Capital, Reduction of Registered Capital, Dissolution and Liquidation**

### **Section 1 Merger, Split-up, Increase of Registered Capital, Reduction of Registered Capital**

**Article 243** The merger or split-up of the Company shall be proposed by the board of directors of the Company and the relevant examination and approval procedures shall be carried out in accordance with the procedures prescribed in this Articles of Association. A shareholder opposing a merger or split-up proposal of the Company shall have the right to require the Company or the shareholders agreeing to the merger or split-up proposal of the Company to purchase its shares at a fair price. The contents of the merger or split-up resolution of the Company shall be made into special documents

for the shareholders' reference.

The aforementioned documents shall also be delivered by mail to the overseas listed foreign shareholders of the listed companies in Hong Kong.

**Article 244** In the case of merger, the Company may take the form of merger by absorption or merger by new establishment.

In the case of mergers by absorption, a company absorbs other companies and the absorbed company is dissolved. In the case of mergers by new establishment, two or more companies combine together for the establishment of a new one, and the pre-merger companies are dissolved.

**Article 245** To carry out a corporate merger, each party to the merger shall conclude an agreement with each other and formulate balance sheets and checklists of properties. The companies involved shall, within ten days after making the decision of merger, notify the creditors, and shall make a public announcement on a newspaper no less than 3 times within 30 days.

The creditors may, within 30 days after receiving the notice or within 45 days after the issuance of the public announcement if it fails to receive a notice, demand the Company to clear off its debts or to provide corresponding guaranties.

**Article 246** To carry out a merger, the credits and debts of the companies involved shall be succeeded or assumed by the company that survives the merger or by the newly established company.

**Article 247** To split the Company, the properties thereof shall be divided accordingly.

To split the Company, each party to the split-up shall conclude an agreement with each other and balance sheets and checklists of properties shall be worked out. The Company shall, within 10 days after the decision of split-up is made, inform the creditors and make a public announcement on a newspaper no less than 3 times within 30 days.

**Article 248** The post-split companies shall bear several and joint liabilities for the debts of the Company before its split unless it is otherwise prescribed in a written agreement reached by the Company and the creditors before the split-up regarding the debt pay-off.

**Article 249** Where the Company finds it necessary to reduce its registered capital, it must work out balance sheets and checklists of properties.

The Company shall, within ten days after the decision of reducing registered capital, notify the creditors and make a public announcement on a newspaper within 30 days. The creditors shall, within 30 days after receiving the notice or within 45 days after the issuance of the public announcement if it fails to receive the notice, be entitled to demand the Company to pay off the debts or to provide respective guaranties.

After reduction of the capital, the amount of the Company's registered capital shall not be less than the statutory minimum.

**Article 250** Where, in the process of merger or split-up of the Company, any of the registered items is changed, the Company shall go through modification registration with the company registration authority. Where the Company is dissolved, it shall be deregistered according to law. If a new company is established, it shall go through the procedures for company establishment abiding by

law.

In the case of increasing or reducing its registered capital, the Company shall go through modification registration with the company registration authority abiding by law.

## **Section 2 Dissolution and Liquidation**

**Article 251** The Company may be dissolved under one of the following circumstances:

- I. the term of business operation as prescribed by the Articles expires or any of the situations for dissolution prescribed in the Articles occurs;
- II. the shareholders' general meeting has adopted a resolution for dissolution;
- III. it is necessary to be dissolved due to merger or split-up of the Company;
- IV. the Company is announced bankruptcy in accordance with the law for failing to pay off its debts;
- V. the business license is canceled, or it is ordered to close down or to be dissolved according to laws;
- VI. the Company meets any serious difficulty in its operations or management so that the interests of the shareholders will face heavy loss if the Company continues to exist and the difficulty cannot be solved by any other means, the shareholders who hold ten percent or more of the voting rights of all the shareholders of the Company may plead the people's court to dissolve the Company.

**Article 252** Where any of the circumstances as prescribed in Article 250 (1) of the Articles occurs, the Company may continue to exist by amending the Articles.

To amend the Articles according to the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the consent of shareholders representing no less than two-thirds of voting rights held by all shareholders present at the meeting.

**Article 253** Where the Company is dissolved according to the provisions of Article 250 (1), (2), or (6) of the Articles, a liquidation group shall be formed within fifteen days after the occurrence of the cause of dissolution so as to carry out a liquidation. The liquidation group shall be determined by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders' general meeting. Where no liquidation group is formed within the time limit, the creditors may plead the people's court to designate relevant persons to form a liquidation group.

Where the Company is declared bankrupt according to the provisions of Article 250 (4) of the Articles, it shall carry out bankruptcy liquidation according to the legal provisions concerning bankruptcy liquidation.

**Article 254** Where the board of directors decides to carry out liquidation of the Company (except for the liquidation caused by the declaration of bankruptcy of the Company), it shall declare in the notice of the shareholders' general meeting convened for this purpose that the board of directors has made a comprehensive and thorough investigation of the Company's situation and considers that the Company can repay all its debts within 12 months after the commencement of liquidation.

The functions and powers of the board of directors of the Company shall terminate immediately after the resolution of the shareholders' general meeting for liquidation is passed.

The liquidation group shall, in accordance with the instructions of the shareholders' general meeting,

report to the shareholders' general meeting at least once a year on the income and expenses of the liquidation group, the Company's business and the progress of liquidation, and make a final report to the shareholders' general meeting at the end of the liquidation.

**Article 255** The liquidation group may exercise the following functions during the process of liquidation:

- I. liquidating the properties of the Company, preparing balance sheets and asset checklists;
- II. notifying creditors by mail or public announcement;
- III. handling and liquidating the unfinished business of the Company;
- IV. paying off the outstanding taxes and the taxes incurred in the process of liquidation;
- V. claiming credits and paying off debts;
- VI. disposing the remaining properties after all the debts being paid off; and
- VII. representing the Company in any civil proceedings.

**Article 256** The liquidation group shall, notify the creditors within ten days after its formation and make a public announcement on newspapers no less than 3 times within 60 days after its formation. The creditors shall, within thirty days after receiving the notice or within 45 days after the issuance of the public announcement in the case of failing to receiving a notice, declare their credits before the liquidation group.

To declare credits, a creditor shall describe the relevant matters and provide relevant evidential materials. The liquidation group shall record the declared credits.

The liquidation group may not pay off any debts to any creditors during the period of credit declaration.

**Article 257** The liquidation group shall, after liquidating the properties of the Company and preparing balance sheets and checklists of properties, make a plan of liquidation and submit the plan to the shareholders' general meeting or the people's court for confirmation.

After paying off the liquidation expenses, wages of employees, social insurance premiums and legal indemnities, the outstanding taxes and the debts of the Company, the remaining properties may be distributed according to the proportion of stocks held by the shareholders.

During the liquidation, the Company continues to exist but may not carry out any business operation that has nothing to do with liquidation. None of the properties of the Company may be distributed to any shareholder before they are used for debts payoff as described in the preceding paragraph.

**Article 258** If the liquidation group finds that the properties of the Company is not sufficient for paying off the debts after liquidating the properties and preparing balance sheets and checklists of properties, it shall file an application to the people's court for bankruptcy.

Once the people's court makes a ruling declaring the Company bankrupt, the liquidation group shall hand over the liquidation matters to the people's court.

**Article 259** After the liquidation of the Company is completed, the liquidation group shall make a liquidation report as well as income and expenditure statements and financial accounts during the liquidation with verification by the registered Chinese accountant and submit the report, statements and accounts to the shareholders' general meeting or the people's court for confirmation.

The liquidation group shall, within 30 days from the date of confirmation by the shareholders' general meeting or the people's court, submit the documents described in the preceding paragraph to the

company registration authority, apply for deregistration of the Company and make public announcement regarding the cease of the Company.

**Article 260** The members of the liquidation group shall devote themselves to their duties and perform their obligations of liquidation according to law.

None of the members of the liquidation group may take advantage of his/her position to take any bribe or any other illegal proceeds, nor may he/she misappropriate any of the properties of the Company.

Where any of the members of the liquidation group causes any loss to the Company or any creditor by intention or due to gross negligence, he/she shall make respective compensations.

**Article 261** Where the Company is declared bankrupt according to law, it shall carry out a bankruptcy liquidation according to the legal provisions concerning bankruptcy liquidation.

#### **Chapter 14 Amendments to Articles**

**Article 262** The Company shall make amendments to the Articles under one of the following circumstances:

- I. due to the amendments of the Company Law or relevant laws and administrative regulations, the matters stipulated in the Articles of Association conflict with the provisions of the amended laws and related administrative regulations;
- II. where a change happens in the Company's situation leads to inconsistency with the matters stated in the Articles;
- III. the shareholders' general meeting decides to amend the Articles of Association.

**Article 263** Amendments to the matters of the Articles of Association adopted by a resolution of the shareholders' general meeting which are subject to approvals from relevant competent authority shall be submitted to the competent approval authority for approval; if there is any change relating to the registered particulars of the Company, application shall be made for change in registration in accordance with the law.

**Article 264** The board of directors shall amend the Articles of Association in accordance with the resolution of the shareholders' general meeting and the comments of the relevant competent authority.

**Article 265** Where amendments of the Articles of Association are required to be disclosed by laws and regulations, the Company shall make public announcement in accordance with the provisions.

#### **Chapter 15 Dispute Resolution**

**Article 266** The Company shall comply with the following rules of dispute resolution:

- I. Whenever any dispute or claim arises from any rights or obligations provided in the Articles, the Company Law or other relevant laws or administrative regulations in connection with the affairs of the Company and is between a holder of overseas listed foreign shares and the Company,

between a holder of overseas listed foreign shares and the directors, supervisors, manager or other senior executives of the Company, or between a holder of overseas listed foreign shares and a holder of domestic shares, the parties concerned shall refer that dispute or claim to arbitration.

When a dispute or claim of rights referred to in the preceding paragraph is submitted for arbitration, the entire claim or dispute must be referred to arbitration, and all persons who have a cause of action based on the same facts giving rise to the dispute or claim or whose participation is necessary for the resolution of such dispute or claim, shall, where such person is the Company, the Company's shareholders, directors, supervisors, or other senior executives of the Company, comply with the arbitration.

Disputes relating to whether or not a person is a shareholder and disputes relating to the register of shareholders need not be resolved by arbitration.

- II. An applicant for arbitration may refer the matter to the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission for arbitration in accordance with its arbitration rules or, alternatively, to the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre for arbitration in accordance with its securities arbitration rules. Once the applicant refers a dispute or claim to arbitration, the other party must submit to the arbitral body selected by the applicant.

If the party applying for arbitration selects for arbitration by the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, then either party shall be entitled to request, in accordance with the requirements of the securities arbitration rules of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, that the arbitration be conducted in Shenzhen.

- III. If arbitration is sought to resolve a dispute or claim referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article, PRC laws shall be applicable, save as otherwise prescribed by laws or administrative regulations.
- IV. An award made by the arbitral body shall be final and conclusive and shall be binding on all parties.

## **Chapter 16 Supplementary Provisions**

### **Article 267 Definitions**

- I. A "controlling shareholder" refers to the controlling shareholder defined in accordance with the securities supervision and administration regulations of the place where the Company's shares are listed. The obligations and regulatory requirements of the "controlling shareholder" in the Articles of Association shall be implemented in accordance with the securities supervision and administration regulations of the place where the Company's shares are listed.
- II. A "de facto controller" refers to anyone who is not a shareholder but is able to hold actual control of the acts of the Company by means of investment relations, agreements or any other arrangements.
- III. "Connected relationship" refers to the relationship between the controlling shareholders, de facto controllers, directors, supervisors, or senior executives of the Company and the enterprise directly or indirectly controlled thereby and any other relationship that may lead to the transfer of any interest of the Company. However, the enterprises controlled by the state do not incur a connected relationship simply because their shares are controlled by the state.
- IV. "Manager" refers to the president in the senior executives of the Company; "Vice manager" refers to the vice president in the senior executives of the Company.

**Article 268** The board of directors may formulate detailed rules for the Articles of Association in accordance with the provisions hereof, but the detailed rules for the Articles of Association shall not conflict with the provisions hereof.

**Article 269** The Articles of Association are written in Chinese. In case of any discrepancy between the Articles of Association in any other language or in different versions, the Chinese version of the Articles of Association after the latest filing and registration in Hubei Market Regulation Administration shall prevail.

**Article 270** In the Articles of Association, the terms "no less than", "or more", "within", "no more than", and "or more" include the given figure; the term "less than", "more than", "below" and "beyond" do not include the given figure.

The terms "accounting firm", "affiliate" and "affiliated party" in the Articles shall have the same meanings as "auditor", "relate" and "related person" in the SEHK Listing Rules respectively.

**Article 271** The board of directors shall be responsible for the interpretation of the Articles of Association.

**Article 272** The appendix to the Articles of Association includes the rules on procedure of shareholders' general meeting, the rules on procedure of the board of directors and the rules on procedure of the board of supervisors.

**Article 273** The Articles of Association shall take effect from the date when the shares of the Company are listed and traded in the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

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**Huaxin Cement Co., Ltd.**

Dated: [], 2022