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PRC LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The PRC Legal System

The PRC legal system is based on the PRC Constitution (hereinafter referred to as the “**Constitution**”) and is made up of written laws, administrative regulations, local regulations, autonomous regulations, separate regulations, rules and regulations of State Council departments, rules and regulations of local governments, laws of special administrative regions and international treaties of which the PRC government is the signatory and other regulatory documents. Court judgments do not constitute legally binding precedents, although they are used for the purposes of judicial reference and guidance. According to the Constitution and the Legislation Law of the PRC (hereinafter referred to as the “**Legislation Law**”), the National People’s Congress (hereinafter referred to as the “**NPC**”) and its Standing Committee are empowered to exercise the legislative power of the State. The NPC has the power to formulate and amend basic laws governing State organs, civil, criminal and other matters. The Standing Committee of the NPC formulates and amends the laws other than those required to be enacted by the NPC and to supplement and amend parts of the laws enacted by the NPC during the adjournment of the NPC, provided that such supplements and amendments are not in conflict with the basic principles of such laws. The State Council is the highest organ of state administration and has the power to formulate administrative regulations based on the Constitution and laws. The people’s congresses of the provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities and their standing committees may formulate local regulations based on the specific circumstances and actual needs of their respective administrative areas, provided that such regulations do not contravene any provision of the Constitution, laws or administrative regulations. The people’s congresses of cities divided into districts and their respective standing committees may formulate local regulations on aspects such as urban and rural construction and management, environmental protection and historical and cultural protection based on the specific circumstances and actual needs of such cities, provided that such local regulations do not contravene any provision of the Constitution, laws, administrative regulations and local regulations of their respective provinces or autonomous regions.

Otherwise, if the law provides on the formulation of local regulations by cities divided into districts, those provisions shall prevail. Such local regulations will become enforceable after being reported to and approved by the standing committees of the people’s congresses of the relevant provinces or autonomous regions. The standing committees of the people’s congresses of the provinces or autonomous regions shall examine the legality of local regulations submitted for approval, and such approval shall be granted within four months if they are not in conflict with the Constitution, laws, administrative regulations and local regulations of the relevant provinces or autonomous regions. Where, during the examination for approval of local regulations of cities divided into districts by the standing committees of the people’s congresses of the provinces or autonomous regions, conflicts are identified with the rules and regulations of the people’s governments of the provinces or autonomous regions, a decision should be made to resolve the issue. People’s congresses of national autonomous areas have the power to enact autonomous regulations and separate regulations in light of the political, economic and cultural characteristics of the ethnic groups in the areas concerned.

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The ministries and commissions of the State Council, PBOC, NAO and the subordinate institutions with administrative functions directly under the State Council may formulate departmental rules and regulations within the permissions of their respective departments based on the laws and administrative regulations, and the decisions and orders of the State Council. Provisions of departmental rules should be the matters related to the enforcement of the laws and administrative regulations, and the decisions and orders of the State Council. The people’s governments of the provinces, autonomous regions, municipalities and cities or autonomous prefectures divided into districts may formulate rules and regulations based on the laws, administrative regulations and local regulations of such provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities.

Pursuant to the Resolution of the Standing Committee of the NPC Providing an Improved Interpretation of the Law (《全國人民代表大會常務委員會關於加強法律解釋工作的決議》) passed on June 10, 1981, in cases where the scope of provisions of laws or decrees needs to be further defined or additional stipulations need to be made, the Standing Committee of the NPC shall provide interpretations or make stipulations by means of decrees. Issues related to the application of laws in a court trial should be interpreted by the Supreme People’s Court, issues related to the application of laws in a prosecution process of the procuratorate should be interpreted by the Supreme People’s Procuratorate, and issues related to laws other than the above-mentioned should be interpreted by the State Council and the competent authorities. The State Council and its ministries and commissions are also vested with the power to give interpretations of the administrative regulations and departmental rules which they have promulgated. At the regional level, the power to interpret regional regulations is vested in the regional legislative and administrative authorities which promulgate such regulations.

The PRC Judicial System

Under the Constitution, the Law of Organization of the People’s Court of the PRC (2018 Revision) (《中華人民共和國人民法院組織法(2018修訂)》) and the Law of Organization of the People’s Procuratorate of the PRC (2018 Revision) (《中華人民共和國人民檢察院組織法(2018修訂)》), the People’s Courts of the PRC are divided into the Supreme People’s Court, the local people’s courts at all levels and special people’s courts. The local people’s courts at all levels are divided into three levels, namely the basic people’s courts, the intermediate people’s courts and the higher people’s courts. The basic people’s courts may set up certain people’s tribunals based on the status of the region, population and cases. The Supreme People’s Court shall be the highest judicial organ of the state. The Supreme People’s Court shall supervise the administration of justice by the local people’s courts at all levels and by the special people’s courts. The people’s courts at a higher level shall supervise the judicial work of the people’s courts at lower levels. The people’s procuratorates of the PRC are divided into the Supreme People’s Procuratorate, the local people’s procuratorates at all levels, Military Procuratorates and other special people’s procuratorates. The Supreme People’s Procuratorate shall be the highest procuratorial organ. The Supreme People’s Procuratorate shall direct the work of the local people’s procuratorates at all levels and of the special people’s procuratorates; the people’s procuratorates at higher levels shall direct the work of those at lower levels.

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The people’s courts employ a two-tier appellate system, i.e., judgments or rulings of the second instance at the people’s courts are final. A party may appeal against the judgment or ruling of the first instance of a local people’s courts. The people’s procuratorate may present a protest to the people’s courts at the next higher level in accordance with the procedures stipulated by the laws. In the absence of any appeal by the parties and any protest by the people’s procuratorate within the stipulated period, the judgments or rulings of the people’s courts are final. Judgments or rulings of the second instance of the intermediate people’s courts, the higher people’s courts and the Supreme People’s Court and those of the first instance of the Supreme People’s Court are final. However, if the Supreme People’s Court or the people’s courts at the next higher level finds any definite errors in a legally effective final judgment or ruling of the people’s court at a lower level, or if the chief judge of a people’s court at any level finds any definite errors in a legally effective final judgment or ruling of such court, the case can be retried according to judicial supervision procedures.

The Civil Procedure Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國民事訴訟法》) (hereinafter referred to as the “**PRC Civil Procedure Law**”) adopted on April 9, 1991 and amended five times on October 28, 2007, August 31, 2012, June 27, 2017, December 24, 2021 and September 1, 2023 respectively, prescribes the conditions for instituting a civil action, the jurisdiction of the people’s court, the procedures for conducting a civil action, and the procedures for enforcement of a civil judgment or ruling. All parties to a civil action conducted within the PRC must abide by the PRC Civil Procedure Law. A civil case is generally heard by the court located in the defendant’s place of domicile. The court of jurisdiction in respect of a civil action may also be chosen by explicit agreement among the parties to a contract, provided that the people’s court having jurisdiction should be located at places directly connected with the disputes, such as the plaintiff’s or the defendant’s place of domicile, the place where the contract is executed or signed or the place where the object of the action is located. Meanwhile, such choice shall not in any circumstances contravene the regulations of differential jurisdiction and exclusive jurisdiction.

A foreign individual, a person without nationality, a foreign enterprise or a foreign organization is given the same litigation rights and obligations as a citizen, a legal person or other organizations of the PRC when initiating actions or defending against litigations at a people’s court. Should a foreign court limit the litigation rights of PRC citizens or enterprises, the PRC court may apply the same limitations to the citizens or enterprises of such foreign country. A foreign individual, a person without nationality, a foreign enterprise or a foreign organization must engage a PRC lawyer in case he or it needs to engage a lawyer for the purpose of initiating actions or defending against litigations at a people’s court. In accordance with the international treaties to which the PRC is a signatory or participant or according to the principle of reciprocity, a people’s court and a foreign court may request each other to serve documents, conduct investigation and collect evidence and conduct other actions on its behalf. A people’s court shall not accommodate any request made by a foreign court which will result in the violation of sovereignty, security or public interests of the PRC.

All parties to a civil action shall perform the legally effective judgments and rulings. If any party to a civil action refuses to abide by a judgment or ruling made by a people’s court or an award made by an arbitration tribunal in the PRC, the other party may apply to the people’s court

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for the enforcement of the same within two years subject to application for postponed enforcement or revocation. If a party fails to satisfy within the stipulated period a judgment which the court has granted an enforcement approval, the court may, upon the application of the other party, mandatorily enforce the judgment against such party.

Where a party requests for enforcement of an effective judgment or ruling made by a people’s court, but the opposite party or his property is not within the territory of the People’s Republic of China, the party may directly apply to the foreign court with jurisdiction for recognition and enforcement of the judgment or ruling, or the people’s court may, in accordance with the provisions of international treaties to which the PRC is a signatory or in which the PRC is a participant or according to the principle of reciprocity, request for recognition and enforcement by the foreign court. Similarly, for an effective judgment or ruling made by a foreign court that requires recognition and enforcement by a people’s court of the PRC, a party may directly apply to an intermediate people’s court of the PRC with jurisdiction for recognition and enforcement of the judgment or ruling, or the foreign court may, in accordance with the provisions of international treaties to which its country and the PRC are signatories or in which its country is a participant or according to the principle of reciprocity, request for recognition and enforcement by the people’s court, unless the people’s court considers that the recognition or enforcement of such judgment or ruling would violate the basic legal principles of the PRC, its sovereignty or national security or would not be in social and public interest.

The Company Law of the People’s Republic of China

The Company Law of the People’s Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as the “**PRC Company Law**”) was adopted by the Standing Committee of the Eighth NPC at its Fifth Session on December 29, 1993 and came into effect on July 1, 1994. It was successively amended on December 25, 1999, August 28, 2004, October 27, 2005, December 28, 2013, October 26, 2018 and December 29, 2023. The newly revised PRC Company Law has been implemented since July 1, 2024.

A “joint stock limited company” refers to a corporate legal person incorporated in China under the PRC Company Law with independent legal person properties and entitlements to such legal person properties. The liability of the company for its own debts is limited to the total amount of all assets it owns and the liability of its shareholders for the company is limited to the extent of the shares they subscribe for.

The joint stock limited companies shall carry out business in compliance with the requirements of laws and administrative regulations. They may invest in other limited liability companies and joint stock limited companies, and its liabilities for an invested company are limited to the extent of its investment amount. Unless otherwise provided by laws, the joint stock limited companies shall not assume any joint liability for the debts of an invested company in its capacity as a capital contributor.

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Incorporation

A company may be established by promotion or subscription. A company shall have a minimum of one but no more than 200 people as its promoters, over half of which must be residents within the PRC. Companies established by promotion are companies of which the registered capital is the total share capital subscribed for by all the promoters registered with the company’s registration authorities. No share offering shall be made before the shares subscribed for by promoters are fully paid up. For companies established by share offering, the registered capital is the total paid-up share capital as registered with the company’s registration authorities. If laws, administrative regulations and State Council decisions provide otherwise on paid-in registered capital and the minimum registered capital, a company should follow such provisions.

For companies incorporated by way of promotion, the promoters shall subscribe in writing for the shares required to be subscribed for by them and pay up their capital contributions under the articles of association. Procedures relating to the transfer of titles to non-monetary assets shall be duly completed if such assets are to be contributed as capital. Promoters who fail to pay up their capital contributions in accordance with the foregoing provisions shall assume default liabilities in accordance with the covenants set out in the promoters’ agreements. After the promoters have confirmed the capital contribution under the articles of association, a board of directors and a supervisory board shall be elected and the board of directors shall apply for registration of establishment by filing the articles of association with the company registration authorities, and other documents as required by the law or administrative regulations.

Where companies are incorporated by subscription, not less than 35% of their total number of shares must be subscribed for by the promoters, unless otherwise provided by laws or administrative regulations. A promoter who offers shares to the public must publish a document and prepare a subscription letter to be completed, signed and sealed by subscribers, specifying the number and amount of shares to be subscribed for and the subscribers’ addresses. The subscribers shall pay up monies for the shares they subscribe for. Where a promoter is offering shares to the public, such offer shall be underwritten by security companies established under PRC law, and underwriting agreements shall be entered into. A promoter offering shares to the public shall also enter into agreements with banks in relation to the receipt of subscription monies. The receiving banks shall receive and keep in custody the subscription monies, issue receipts to subscribers who have paid the subscription monies and is obliged to furnish evidence of receipt of those subscription monies to relevant authorities. After the subscription monies for the share issue have been paid in full, a capital verification institution established under PRC laws must be engaged to conduct a capital verification and furnish a certificate thereof. The promoters shall preside over and convene an inauguration meeting within 30 days from the date of the full payment of subscription money. The inauguration meeting shall be formed by the promoters and subscribers. Where the shares issued remain undersubscribed by the deadline stipulated in the document, or where the promoter fails to convene an inauguration meeting within 30 days of the subscription monies for the shares issued being fully paid up, the subscribers may demand that the promoters refund the subscription monies so paid together with the interest at bank rates of a deposit for the same period. Within 30 days after the conclusion of the inauguration meeting, the board of directors shall apply to the company registration authority for registration of the establishment of the company. A

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company is formally established and has the capacity of a legal person after approval of registration has been given by the relevant company registration authority for industry and commerce and a business license has been issued.

A company’s promoters shall be liable for: (1) the debts and expenses incurred in the establishment process jointly and severally if the company cannot be incorporated; (2) the subscription monies paid by the subscribers together with interest at bank rates of deposit for the same period jointly and severally if the company cannot be incorporated; and (3) the compensation of any damages suffered by the company in the course of its establishment as a result of the promoters’ fault.

Share Capital

The promoters may make a capital contribution in currencies, or non-monetary assets such as in kind or intellectual property rights or land use rights which can be appraised with monetary value and transferred lawfully, except for assets which are prohibited from being contributed as capital by the laws or administrative regulations. If a capital contribution is made in non-monetary assets, a valuation of the assets contributed must be carried out pursuant to the provisions of the laws or administrative regulations on valuation without any over-valuation or under-valuation.

The issuance of shares shall be conducted in a fair and equitable manner. Each share of the same class must carry equal rights. Shares issued at the same time and within the same class must be issued on the same conditions and at the same price. The same price per share shall be paid by any share subscriber (whether an entity or an individual). The share offering price may be equal to or greater than the nominal value of the share, but may not be less than the nominal value.

Increase in Share Capital

Pursuant to the relevant provisions of the PRC Company Law, where a company is issuing new shares, resolutions shall be passed at general meeting in accordance with the articles of association in respect of the class and amount of the new shares, the issue price of the new shares, the commencement and end dates for the issue of the new shares and the class and amount of the new shares proposed to be issued to existing shareholders.

When a company launches a public issue of new shares to the public upon the approval by CSRC, a new share offering document and financial accounting report must be announced and a subscription letter must be prepared. After the new shares issued by the company have been paid up, the change must be registered with the company registration authority and a public announcement must be made accordingly. Where an increase in registered capital of a company is made by means of an issue of new shares, the subscription of new shares by shareholders shall be made in accordance with the relevant provisions on the payment of subscription monies for the establishment of a company.

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Reduction of Share Capital

A company shall reduce its registered capital in accordance with the following procedures prescribed by the PRC Company Law: (1) the company shall prepare a balance sheet and an inventory of assets; (2) the reduction of registered capital must be approved by shareholders at general meeting; (3) the company shall notify its creditors within 10 days and publish an announcement in newspapers or the National Enterprise Credit Information Publicity System within 30 days from the day on which the resolution approving the reduction was passed; (4) the creditors of the company are entitled to require the company to repay its debts or provide guarantees for such debts within 30 days from receipt of the notification or within 45 days from the date of the announcement if he/she/it has not received any notification; and (5) the company must apply to the company registration authority for change in registration.

Repurchase of Shares

Pursuant to the PRC Company Law, a company may not repurchase its own shares other than for the following purposes: (1) reducing its registered capital; (2) merging with other companies which hold its shares; (3) granting shares to its employees as incentives; (4) acquiring its shares at the request of its shareholders who vote in a shareholders’ general meeting against a resolution regarding a merger and division; (5) utilizing the shares for conversion of listed corporate bonds which are convertible into shares; and (6) where it is necessary for the listed company to safeguard the value of the company and the interests of its shareholders. The acquisition by a company of its own shares on the grounds set out in items (1) to (2) above shall be approved by way of a resolution of a shareholders’ general meeting; the acquisition by a company of its own shares in circumstances as set out in items (3), (5) and (6) above may be approved by way of a resolution at a board meeting with two-third or more of the directors present in accordance with the provisions of the articles of association or the authorization of the shareholders’ general meeting. Following the acquisition by a company of its own shares in accordance with these requirements, such shares shall be canceled within ten days from the date of the acquisition under the circumstance in item (1); such shares shall be transferred or canceled within six months under the circumstances in items (2) or (4); the total shares held by the Company shall not exceed 10% of the total shares issued by the Company and such shares shall be transferred or canceled within three years under the circumstances in items (3), (5) or (6).

A listed company shall perform its information disclosure obligations in accordance with the provisions of the Securities Law of People’s Republic of China when acquiring its own shares. The acquisition by a listed company of its own shares in circumstances as set out in items (3), (5) and (6) above shall be conducted through open centralized trading. The company shall not accept its own shares as the subject of pledge.

Transfer of Shares

Shares held by shareholders may be transferred legally. Pursuant to the PRC Company Law, a shareholder should effect a transfer of its shares on a stock exchange established in accordance with laws or by any other means as required by the State Council. Registered shares may be transferred after the shareholders endorse the back of the share certificates or in other manner specified by laws

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and administrative regulations. Following the transfer, the company shall enter the names and addresses of the transferees into its share register. No changes of registration in the share register described above shall be effected during a period of 20 days prior to convening a shareholders’ general meeting or 5 days prior to the record date for the purpose of determining entitlements to dividend distributions, unless otherwise stipulated by laws on the registration of changes in the share register of listed companies. The transfer of bearer share certificates shall become effective upon the delivery of the certificates to the transferee by the shareholder.

Pursuant to the PRC Company Law, shares of the company issued prior to the public issue of shares may not be transferred within one year of the date of the company’s listing on a stock exchange. Directors, supervisors and the senior management of a company shall declare to the company their shareholdings in it and changes in such shareholdings. During their terms of office, they may transfer no more than 25% of the total number of shares they hold in the company every year. They shall not transfer the shares they hold within one year from the date of the company’s listing on a stock exchange, nor within six months after they leave their positions in the company. The articles of association may set out other restrictive provisions in respect of the transfer of shares in the company held by its directors, supervisors and the senior management.

Shareholders

Under the PRC Company Law, the rights of shareholders include the rights: (1) to receive a return on assets, participate in significant decision-making and select management personnel; (2) to petition the people’s court to revoke any resolution passed on a shareholders’ general meeting or a meeting of the board of directors that has been convened or whose voting has been conducted in violation of the laws, regulations or the articles of association, or any resolution the contents of which is in violation of the articles of association, provided that such petition shall be submitted within 60 days of the passing of such resolution; (3) to transfer the shares of the shareholders legally; (4) to attend or appoint a proxy to attend shareholders’ general meetings and exercise the voting rights; (5) to inspect and copy the articles of association, share register, counterfoil of company debentures, minutes of shareholders’ general meetings, board resolutions, resolutions of the board of supervisors and financial and accounting reports, and to make suggestions or inquiries in respect of the company’s operations; (6) to receive dividends in respect of the number of shares held; (7) to participate in distribution of residual properties of the company in proportion to their shareholdings upon the liquidation of the company; and (8) any other shareholders’ rights provided for in laws, administrative regulations, other normative regulations and the articles of association.

The obligations of shareholders include the obligation to abide by the company’s articles of association, to pay the subscription monies in respect of the shares subscribed for, to be liable for the company’s debts and liabilities to the extent of the amount of subscription monies agreed to be paid in respect of the shares taken up by them and any other shareholder obligation specified in the articles of association.

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Shareholders’ General Meetings

The general meeting is the organ of authority of the company, which exercises its powers in accordance with relevant provisions of the PRC Company Law. The general meeting may exercise its powers: (1) to elect and dismiss the directors and supervisors not being representative(s) of employees and to decide on the matters relating to the remuneration of directors and supervisors; (2) to review and approve the reports of the board of directors; (3) to review and approve the reports of the board of supervisors or the reports of the supervisors; (4) to review and approve the company’s profit distribution proposals and loss recovery proposals; (5) to decide on any increase or reduction of the company’s registered capital; (6) to decide on the issue of corporate bonds; (7) to decide on merger, division, dissolution and liquidation of the company or change of its corporate form; (8) to amend the company’s articles of association; and (9) to exercise any other authority stipulated in the articles of association.

Pursuant to the PRC Company Law, a shareholders’ general meeting is required to be held once every year within six months after the end of the previous accounting year. An extraordinary general meeting is required to be held within two months upon the occurrence of any of the following: (1) the number of directors is less than the number required by law or less than two-thirds of the number specified in the articles of association; (2) the total outstanding losses of the company amounted to one-third of the company’s total paid-in share capital; (3) shareholders individually or in aggregate holding 10% or more of the company’s shares request to convene an extraordinary general meeting; (4) the board of directors deems necessary; (5) the board of supervisors so proposes; or (6) any other circumstances as provided for in the articles of association.

A shareholders’ general meeting shall be convened by the board of directors and presided over by the chairman of the board of directors. In the event that the chairman is incapable of performing or is not performing his duties, the meeting shall be presided over by the vice chairman. In the event that the vice chairman is incapable of performing or is not performing his duties, a director recommended by more than half of the directors shall preside over the meeting. Where the board of directors is incapable of performing or is not performing its duties, the board of supervisors shall convene and preside over the shareholders’ general meeting in a timely manner. If the board of supervisors fails to convene and preside over the shareholders’ general meeting, shareholders individually or in aggregate holding 10% or more of the company’s shares for 90 days or more consecutively may unilaterally convene and preside over the shareholders’ general meeting.

In accordance with the PRC Company Law, a notice of the general meeting stating the date and venue of the meeting and the matters to be considered at the meeting shall be given to all shareholders 20 days prior to the meeting. A notice of extraordinary general meeting shall be given to all shareholders 15 days prior to the meeting. A single shareholder who holds, or several shareholders who jointly hold, more than one percent of the shares of the company may submit an

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interim proposal in writing to the board of directors within ten days before the general meeting. The board of directors shall notify other shareholders within two days upon receipt of the proposal, and submit the interim proposal to the general meeting for deliberation, provided that such provisional proposal is in violation of the requirements under laws, administrative regulations or the Articles of Association, or fall out of the powers of the shareholders' general meeting. A general meeting shall not make any resolution in respect of any matter not set out in the notices. Holders of bearer share certificates who intend to attend a general meeting shall deposit their share certificates with the company during the time from five days before the meeting to the conclusion of the meeting.

Pursuant to the PRC Company Law, shareholders present at a shareholders' general meeting have one vote for each share they hold, save that the Company's shares held by the company are not entitled to any voting rights.

An accumulative voting system may be adopted for the election of directors and supervisors at the general meeting pursuant to the provisions of the articles of association or a resolution of the general meeting. Under the accumulative voting system, each share shall be entitled to the number of votes equivalent to the number of directors or supervisors to be elected at the general meeting, and shareholders may consolidate their votes for one or more directors or supervisors when casting a vote.

Pursuant to the PRC Company Law, resolutions of the general meeting must be passed by more than half of the voting rights held by shareholders present at the meeting, with the exception of resolutions relating to merger, division or dissolution of the company, increase or reduction of registered share capital, change of corporate form or amendments to the articles of association, in each case of which must be passed by more than two-thirds of the voting rights held by the shareholders present at the meeting. Where the PRC Company Law and the articles of association provide that the transfer or acquisition of significant assets or the provision of external guarantees by the company and such other matters must be approved by way of resolution of the general meeting, the board of directors shall convene a shareholders' general meeting promptly to vote on such matters. A shareholder may entrust a proxy to attend the general meeting on his/her behalf. The proxy shall present the shareholders' power of attorney to the company and exercise voting rights within the scope of authorization. Minutes shall be prepared in respect of matters considered at the general meeting and the chairman and directors attending the meeting shall endorse such minutes by signature. The minutes shall be kept together with the shareholders' attendance register and the proxy forms.

Board of Directors

A company shall have a board of directors, which shall consist more than 3 members. In the case of a limited liability company with three hundred or more employees, except when the supervisory board has been established including a number of employee representatives among its members as required by law, the company's board of directors shall include employee representatives among its members. Members of the board of directors may include staff representatives, who shall be democratically elected by the company's staff at a staff representative assembly, general staff meeting or otherwise. The term of a director shall be stipulated in the

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articles of association, provided that no term of office shall last for more than three years. Upon expiry of the term, a director may serve consecutive terms if re-elected. A director shall continue to perform his/her duties as a director in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations and the articles of association until a duly re-elected director takes office, if re-election is not conducted in a timely manner upon the expiry of his/her term of office or if the resignation of director results in the number of directors being less than the quorum.

Under the PRC Company Law, the board of directors may exercise its powers: (1) to convene shareholders' general meetings and report on its work to the shareholders' general meetings; (2) to implement the resolutions passed by the shareholders at the shareholders' general meetings; (3) to decide on the company's operational plans and investment proposals; (4) to formulate the company's profit distribution proposals and loss recovery proposals; (5) to formulate proposals for the increase or reduction of the company's registered capital and the issue of corporate bonds; (6) to formulate proposals for the merger, division or dissolution of the company or change of corporate form; (7) to decide on the setup of the company's internal management organs; (8) to appoint or dismiss the company's manager and decide on his/her remuneration and, based on the manager's recommendation, to appoint or dismiss any deputy general manager and financial officer of the company and to decide on their remunerations; (9) to formulate the company's basic management system; and (10) to exercise any other authority stipulated in the articles of association.

Meetings of the board of directors shall be convened at least twice each year. Notices of meeting shall be given to all directors and supervisors ten days before the meeting. Interim board meetings may be proposed to be convened by shareholders representing more than 10% of the voting rights, more than one-third of the directors or the supervisory board. The chairman shall convene the meeting within ten days of receiving such proposal and preside over the meeting. The board of directors may otherwise determine the means and the period of notice for convening an interim board meeting. Meetings of the board of directors shall be held only if more than half of the directors are present. Resolutions of the board of directors shall be passed by more than half of all directors. Each director shall have one vote for a resolution to be approved by the board. Directors shall attend board meetings in person. If a director is unable to attend for any reason, he/she may appoint another director to attend the meeting on his/her behalf by a written power of attorney specifying the scope of authorization. Meanwhile, the board of directors shall keep minutes of resolutions passed at board meetings. The minutes shall be signed by the directors present at the meeting.

If a resolution of the board of directors violates the laws, administrative regulations or the articles of association or resolutions of the general meeting, and as a result of which the company sustains serious losses, the directors participating in the resolution are liable to compensate the company. However, if it can be proved that a director expressly objected to the resolution when the resolution was voted on, and that such objection was recorded in the minutes of the meeting, such director shall be relieved from that liability.

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Under the PRC Company Law, the following person may not serve as a director in a company: (1) a person who is unable or has limited ability to undertake any civil liabilities; (2) a person who has been convicted of an offense of corruption, bribery, embezzlement, misappropriation of property or destruction of the socialist economic order, or who has been deprived of his political rights due to his crimes, in each case where less than five years have elapsed since the date of completion of the sentence and the person is sentenced to probation, it has not been more than two years since the expiration of the probation period; (3) a person who has been a former director, factory manager or manager of a company or an enterprise that has entered into insolvent liquidation and who was personally liable for the insolvency of such company or enterprise, where less than three years have elapsed since the date of the completion of the bankruptcy and liquidation of the company or enterprise; (4) a person who has been a legal representative of a company or an enterprise that has had its business license revoked due to violations of the law or has been ordered to close down by law and the person was personally responsible, where less than three years have elapsed since the date of such revocation; and (5) a person who is liable for a relatively large amount of debts that are overdue and is listed as a person subject to execution for breach of trust by the People’s Court.

Where a company elects or appoints a director to which any of the above circumstances, such election or appointment shall be null and void. A director to which any of the above circumstances applies during his/her term of office shall be released of his/her duties by the company.

Under the PRC Company Law, the board shall appoint a chairman and may appoint a vice chairman. The chairman and the vice chairman shall be elected with approval of more than half of all the directors. The chairman shall convene and preside over board meetings and review the implementation of board resolutions. The vice chairman shall assist the chairman to perform his/her duties. Where the chairman is incapable of performing, or is not performing his/her duties, the duties shall be performed by the vice chairman. Where the vice chairman is incapable of performing, or is not performing his/her duties, a director jointly elected by more than half of the directors shall perform his/her duties.

Supervisory Board

A company shall have a supervisory board composed of not less than three members. A joint stock limited company may, in accordance with its articles of association, instead of having set up a supervisory board or supervisors, establish an audit committee which comprises directors of the Board of Directors and exercises the functions and powers of the supervisory board as stipulated in this Law. A joint stock limited company with a smaller scale or fewer shareholders may appoint one supervisor without establishing a supervisory board to exercise the functions and powers prescribed for the supervisory board by the Company Law. The supervisory board shall consist of representatives of the shareholders and an appropriate proportion of representatives of the company’s staff, among which the proportion of representatives of the company’s staff shall not be less than one-third, and the actual proportion shall be determined in the articles of association.

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Representatives of the company’s staff at the supervisory board shall be democratically elected by the company’s staff at the staff representative assembly, general staff meeting or otherwise. The supervisory board shall appoint a chairman and may appoint a vice chairman. The chairman and the vice chairman of the supervisory board shall be elected by more than half of all the supervisors. Directors and senior management members shall not act concurrently as supervisors.

The chairman of the supervisory board shall convene and preside over supervisory board meetings. Where the chairman of the supervisory board is incapable of performing, or is not performing his/her duties, the vice chairman of the supervisory board shall convene and preside over supervisory board meetings. Where the vice chairman of the supervisory board is incapable of performing, or is not performing his/her duties, a supervisor elected by more than half of the supervisors shall convene and preside over supervisory board meetings.

Each term of office of a supervisor is three years and he/she may serve consecutive terms if re-elected upon expiry of the term. A supervisor shall continue to perform his/her duties as a supervisor in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations and the articles of association until a duly re-elected supervisor takes office, if re-election is not conducted in a timely manner upon the expiry of his/her term of office or if the resignation of supervisor results in the number of supervisors being less than the quorum. The supervisory board may exercise its powers: (1) to review the company’s financial position; (2) to supervise the directors and senior management in their performance of their duties and to propose the removal of directors and senior management who have violated laws, regulations, the articles of association or resolutions of the shareholders’ general meetings; (3) when the acts of a director or a senior management personnel are detrimental to the company’s interests, to require the director and senior management to correct these acts; (4) to propose the convening of shareholders’ general meetings and to convene and preside over shareholders’ general meetings when the board fails to perform the duty of convening and presiding over shareholders’ general meetings under the PRC Company Law; (5) to submit proposals to the shareholders’ general meetings; (6) to bring actions against directors and senior management personnel pursuant to the relevant provisions of the PRC Company Law; and (7) to exercise any other authority stipulated in the articles of association.

Supervisors may be present at board meetings and make inquiries or proposals in respect of the resolutions of the board. The supervisory board may investigate any irregularities identified in the operation of the company and, when necessary, may engage an accounting firm to assist its work at the cost of the company.

Manager and Senior Management

Under the relevant requirements of the PRC Company Law, a company shall have a manager who shall be appointed or removed by the board of directors. Other provisions in the articles of association on the manager’s powers shall also be complied with. The manager shall be present at meetings of the board of directors. However, the manager shall have no voting rights at meetings of the board of directors unless he/she concurrently serves as a director. According to the relevant

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requirements of the PRC Company Law, senior management refers to manager, deputy manager, financial officer, secretary to the board of a listed company and other personnel stipulated in the articles of association.

Duties of Directors, Supervisors, General Managers and Other Senior Management

Directors, supervisors and senior management are required under the PRC Company Law to comply with the relevant laws, administrative regulations and the articles of association, and shall be obliged to be faithful and diligent towards the Company. Directors, supervisors and senior management personnel are prohibited from abusing their authority in accepting bribes or other unlawful income and from misappropriating the company’s property. Furthermore, directors and senior management are prohibited from: (1) misappropriating company funds; (2) depositing company funds into accounts under their own names or the names of other individuals; (3) loaning company funds to others or providing guarantees in favor of others supported by company’s property in violation of the articles of association or without approval of the general meeting or the board of directors; (4) entering into contracts or transactions with the company in violation of the articles of association or without approval of the general meeting; (5) using their position to procure business opportunities for themselves or others that should have otherwise been available to the company or operating businesses similar to that of the company for their own benefits or on behalf of others without approval of the general meeting; (6) accepting for their own benefit commissions from a third party for transactions conducted with the company; (7) unauthorized divulgence of confidential information of the company; and (8) other acts in violation of their duty of loyalty to the company. Income generated by directors or senior management in violation of aforementioned shall be returned to the company.

A director, supervisor or senior management who contravenes law, administrative regulation or the articles of association in the performance of his/her duties resulting in any loss to the company shall be liable to the company for compensation.

Where a director, supervisor or senior management is required to attend a shareholders’ general meeting, such director, supervisor or senior management shall attend the meeting and answer the inquiries from shareholders. Directors and senior management shall furnish all true information and data to the supervisory board, without impeding the discharge of duties by the supervisory board or supervisors.

Where a director or senior management contravenes laws, administrative regulations or the articles of association in the performance of his/her duties resulting in any loss to the company, shareholder(s) holding individually or in aggregate more than 1% of the company’s shares consecutively for more than 180 days may request in writing that the supervisory board institute litigation at the people’s court. Where the supervisory board violates the laws or administrative regulations or the articles of association in the discharge of its duties resulting in any loss to the company, such shareholder(s) may request in writing that the board of directors institute litigation at the people’s court on its behalf. If the supervisory board or the board of directors refuses to institute litigation after receiving this written request from the shareholder(s), or fails to institute litigation within 30 days of the date of receiving the request, or in case of emergency where failure

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to institute litigation immediately will result in irrecoverable damage to the company’s interests, such shareholder(s) shall have the power to institute litigation directly at the people’s court in its own name for the company’s benefit. For other parties who infringe the lawful interests of the company resulting in loss to the company, such shareholder(s) may institute litigation at the people’s court in accordance with the procedure described above. Where a director or senior management contravenes any laws, administrative regulations or the articles of association in infringement of shareholders’ interests, a shareholder may also institute litigation at the people’s court.

Finance and Accounting

Under the PRC Company Law, a company shall establish its own financial and accounting systems according to the laws, administrative regulations and the regulations of the competent financial departments under the State Council. At the end of each accounting year, a company shall prepare a financial report which shall be audited by an accounting firm in accordance with laws. The financial and accounting reports shall be prepared in accordance with laws, administrative regulations and the regulations of the financial departments under the State Council. The company’s financial and accounting reports shall be made available for shareholders’ inspection at the company within 20 days before the convening of an annual general meeting. A joint stock limited company that makes public stock offerings shall announce its financial and accounting reports.

When distributing each year’s profits after taxation, the company shall set aside 10% of its profits after taxation for the company’s statutory common reserve fund until the fund has reached more than 50% of the PRC company’s registered capital. When the company’s statutory common reserve fund is insufficient to make up for the company’s losses for the previous years, the current year’s profits shall first be used to make up the losses before any allocation is set aside for the statutory common reserve fund. After the company has made allocations to the statutory common reserve fund from its profits after taxation, it may, upon passing a resolution at a shareholders’ general meeting, make further allocations from its profits after taxation to the discretionary common reserve fund. After the company has made up its losses and made allocations to its discretionary common reserve fund, the remaining profits after taxation shall be distributed in proportion to the number of shares held by the shareholders, except for those which are not distributed in a proportionate manner as provided by the articles of association.

Profits distributed to shareholders by a resolution of a shareholders’ general meeting or the board of directors before losses have been made up and allocations have been made to the statutory common reserve fund in violation of the requirements described above must be returned to the company. The company shall not be entitled to any distribution of profits in respect of its own shares held by it.

The premium over the nominal value per share of the company on issue and other income as required by relevant governmental department to be treated as the capital reserve fund shall be accounted for as the capital reserve fund. The common reserve fund of a company shall be applied to make up the company’s losses, expand its business operations or increase its capital. The capital reserve fund. The discretionary reserve fund and the statutory reserve fund shall first be used in

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making up the losses of the company, and for any losses left to be set off, the capital reserve fund may be utilized in accordance with the provisions. Upon the transfer of the statutory common reserve fund into capital, the balance of the fund shall not be less than 25% of the registered capital of the company before such transfer. The company shall have no accounting books other than the statutory books. The company’s assets shall not be deposited in any account opened under the name of an individual.

Appointment and Dismissal of Auditors

Pursuant to the PRC Company Law, the engagement or dismissal of an accounting firm responsible for the company’s auditing shall be determined by a shareholders’ general meeting, the board of directors or supervisory board in accordance with the articles of association. The accounting firm should be allowed to make representations when the general meeting, the board of directors or supervisory board conducts a vote on the dismissal of the accounting firm. The company should provide true and complete accounting evidence, accounting books, financial and accounting reports and other accounting information to the engaged accounting firm without any refusal or withholding or falsification of data.

Profit Distribution

According to the PRC Company Law, a company shall not distribute profits before losses are covered and the statutory common reserve fund is provided.

Amendments to the Articles of Association

Pursuant to PRC Company Law, the resolution of a shareholders’ general meeting regarding any amendment to a company’s articles of association requires affirmative votes by more than two-thirds of the votes held by shareholders attending the meeting.

Dissolution and Liquidation

Under the PRC Company Law, a company shall be dissolved for any of the following reasons: (1) the term of its operation set out in the articles of association has expired or other events of dissolution specified in the articles of association have occurred; (2) the shareholders have resolved at a shareholders’ general meeting to dissolve the company; (3) the company shall be dissolved by reason of its merger or division; (4) the business license of the company is revoked or the company is ordered to close down or to be dissolved in accordance with the laws; or (5) the company is dissolved by the people’s court in response to the request of shareholders holding shares that represent more than 10% of the voting rights of all shareholders of the company, on the grounds that the operation and management of the company has suffered serious difficulties that cannot be resolved through other means, rendering ongoing existence of the company a cause for significant losses to the shareholders’ interests.

In the event of paragraph (1) above, the company may carry on its existence by amending its articles of association. The amendments to the articles of association in accordance with the provisions described above shall require the approval of more than two-thirds of voting rights of shareholders attending a shareholders’ general meeting.

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Where the company is dissolved under the circumstances set forth in paragraph (1), (2), (4) or (5) above, it should establish a liquidation committee within 15 days of the date on which the dissolution matter occurs. The liquidation committee shall be composed of directors, unless the Articles of Association provide otherwise or the general meeting resolves to elect other person(s). If a liquidation committee is not established within the stipulated period, the interested parties can apply to the people's court for setting up a liquidation committee with designated relevant personnel to conduct the liquidation. The people's court should accept such application and form a liquidation committee to conduct liquidation in a timely manner.

The liquidation committee may exercise following powers during the liquidation: (1) to sort out the company's assets and to prepare a balance sheet and an inventory of assets; (2) to notify the company's creditors or publish announcements; (3) to deal with any outstanding business related to the liquidation; (4) to pay any overdue tax together with any tax arising during the liquidation process; (5) to settle the company's claims and liabilities; (6) to handle the company's remaining assets after its debts have been paid off; and (7) to represent the company in any civil procedures.

The liquidation committee shall notify the company's creditors within ten days of its establishment, and publish an announcement in newspapers or the National Enterprise Credit Information Publicity System within 60 days. A creditor shall lodge his claim with the liquidation committee within 30 days of receipt of the notification or within 45 days of the date of the announcement if he has not received any notification.

A creditor shall report all matters relevant to his claimed creditor's rights and furnish relevant evidence. The liquidation committee shall register such creditor's rights. The liquidation committee shall not make any settlement to creditors during the period of the claim. Upon disposal of the company's property and preparation of the required balance sheet and inventory of assets, the liquidation committee shall draw up a liquidation plan and submit this plan to a shareholders' general meeting or a people's court for endorsement. The remaining part of the company's assets, after payment of liquidation expenses, employee wages, social insurance expenses and statutory compensation, outstanding taxes and the company's debts, shall be distributed to shareholders in proportion to shares held by them. The company shall continue to exist during the liquidation period, although it cannot conduct operating activities that are not related to the liquidation. The company's property shall not be distributed to shareholders before repayments are made in accordance with the requirements described above.

Upon liquidation of the company's property and preparation of the required balance sheet and inventory of assets, if the liquidation committee becomes aware that the company does not have sufficient assets to meet its liabilities, it must apply to a people's court for declaration of bankruptcy in accordance with the laws. After the Company's bankruptcy application is accepted by the People's Court, the liquidation committee shall hand over the administration of the liquidation to the official receiver designated by the People's Court.

Upon completion of the liquidation, the liquidation committee shall prepare a liquidation report and submit it to the shareholders' general meeting or the people's court for verification, and to the company registration authority for the cancelation of company registration, and an announcement of its termination shall be published. Members of the liquidation committee shall be

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faithful in the discharge of their duties and shall perform their liquidation duties in compliance with laws. Members of the liquidation committee shall be prohibited from abusing their authority in accepting bribes or other unlawful income and from misappropriating the company’s properties. Members of the liquidation committee who have caused the company or its creditors to suffer from any loss due to intentional fault or gross negligence, should be liable for making compensations to the company or its creditors. In addition, liquidation of a company declared bankrupt according to laws shall be processed in accordance with the laws on corporate bankruptcy.

Overseas Listing

Under the Trial Administrative Measures for Overseas Securities Offering and Listing by Domestic Companies (《境內企業境外發行證券和上市管理試行辦法》), (i) a domestic enterprise in the PRC that directly or indirectly issues securities outside the PRC or lists and trades its securities outside the PRC shall file a report with the CSRC and submit the relevant materials; if a domestic enterprise fails to comply with the procedures for filing a report, or hides important facts or fabricates any material content in the report, the domestic enterprise may be subject to administrative penalties such as rectification order, warnings, fines, and so forth, and the controlling shareholders, actual controllers, officers in charge and other persons directly responsible may also be subject to administrative penalties such as warnings, fines, and so forth; (ii) the direct overseas issuance and listing of a domestic enterprise refers to the overseas issuance and listing of shares of a joint stock limited company registered and established in the PRC; and (iii) any domestic joint stock limited company shall file a report with the CSRC within three working days after the submission of its application for an overseas listing. A PRC domestic enterprise that fails to complete the filing in accordance with the Trial Administrative Measures may be ordered by the CSRC to make corrections, given a warning and fined not less than RMB1 million and not more than RMB10 million.

Loss of Share Certificates

A shareholder may, in accordance with the public notice procedures set out in the PRC Civil Procedure Law, apply to a people’s court if his share certificate(s) in registered form is either stolen, lost or destroyed, for a declaration that such certificate(s) will no longer be valid. After the people’s court declares that such certificate(s) will no longer be valid, the shareholder may apply to the company for the issue of a replacement certificate(s).

Merger and Division

Under the PRC Company Law, a merger agreement shall be signed by merging companies and the involved companies shall prepare respective balance sheets and inventory of assets. The companies shall within 10 days of the date of passing the resolution approving the merger notify their respective creditors and publicly announce the merger in newspapers within 30 days. A creditor may, within 30 days from the date of reception of the notification, or within 45 days from the date of the announcement if he has not received such notification, request the company to settle any outstanding debts or provide corresponding guarantees.

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In case of a merger, the credits and debts of the merging parties shall be assumed by the surviving or the new company. In case of a division, the company’s assets shall be divided and a balance sheet and an inventory of assets shall be prepared. When a resolution regarding the company’s division is approved, the company should notify all its creditors within ten days of the date of passing such resolution and publicly announce the division in newspapers within 30 days. Unless an agreement in writing is reached with creditors before the company’s division in respect of the settlement of debts, the liabilities of the company which have accrued prior to the division shall be jointly borne by the divided companies.

Changes in the registration as a result of the merger or division shall be registered with the relevant administration authority for industry and commerce.

The PRC Securities Laws, Regulations and Regulatory Regimes

The PRC has promulgated a series of regulations that relate to the issue and trading of the Shares and disclosure of information. In October 1992, the State Council established the Securities Committee and CSRC. The Securities Committee is responsible for coordinating the drafting of securities regulations, formulating securities-related policies, planning the development of securities markets, directing, coordinating and supervising all securities related institutions in the PRC and administering CSRC.

CSRC is the regulatory arm of the Securities Committee and is responsible for the drafting of regulatory provisions governing securities markets, supervising securities companies, regulating public offerings of securities by PRC companies in the PRC or overseas, regulating the trading of securities, compiling securities-related statistics and undertaking relevant research and analysis. In April 1998, the State Council consolidated the Securities Committee and CSRC and reformed CSRC.

On April 22, 1993, the State Council promulgated the Provisional Regulations on the Administration of the Issue and Trading of Shares (《股票發行與交易管理暫行條例》) govern the application and approval procedures for public offerings of shares, issuing of and trading of shares, the acquisition of listed companies, deposit, clearing and transfer of shares, the disclosure of information, investigation, penalties and dispute resolutions with respect to a listed company.

The PRC Securities Law (《中華人民共和國證券法》) (the “Securities Law”) took effect on July 1, 1999 and was successively amended on August 28, 2004, October 27, 2005, June 29, 2013, August 31, 2014 and December 28, 2019. The latest Securities Law was implemented on March 1, 2020. It was the first national securities law in the PRC, and is divided into 14 chapters and 226 articles comprehensively regulating activities in the PRC securities market, including the issue and trading of securities, takeovers by listed companies and the duties and responsibilities of the securities exchanges, securities companies, securities registration and clearing institutions and securities regulatory authorities. Article 224 of the PRC Securities Law provides that domestic enterprises shall satisfy the relevant requirements of the State Council when it issues shares or lists and trades shares outside the PRC directly or indirectly. Currently, the issue and trading of foreign issued securities (including shares) are principally governed by the regulations and rules promulgated by the State Council and CSRC.

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Arbitration and Enforcement of Arbitral Awards

The Arbitration Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國仲裁法》) (the “**PRC Arbitration Law**”) was enacted by the Standing Committee of the NPC on August 31, 1994, which became effective on September 1, 1995 and was amended on August 27, 2009 and September 1, 2017. It is applicable to, among other matters, economic disputes involving foreign parties where all parties have entered into a written agreement to resolve disputes by arbitration before an arbitration committee constituted in accordance with the PRC Arbitration Law. The PRC Arbitration Law provides that an arbitration committee may, before the promulgation of arbitration regulations by the PRC Arbitration Association, formulate interim arbitration provisions in accordance with the PRC Arbitration Law and the PRC Civil Procedure Law. Where the involved parties have agreed to settle disputes by means of arbitration, a people’s court will refuse to handle a legal proceeding initiated by one of the parties at such people’s court, unless the arbitration agreement has lapsed.

Under the PRC Arbitration Law and PRC Civil Procedure Law, an arbitral award shall be final and binding on the parties involved in the arbitration. If one party fails to comply with the arbitral award, the other party to the award may apply to a people’s court for its enforcement. However, the people’s court may refuse to enforce an arbitral award made by an arbitration commission if there is any procedural irregularity (including but not limited to irregularity in the composition of the arbitration tribunal, or the making of an award on matters beyond the scope of the arbitration agreement or outside the jurisdiction of the arbitration commission).

Any party seeking to enforce an award of a foreign affairs arbitration organ of the PRC against a party who or whose property is not located within the PRC may apply to a foreign court with jurisdiction over the relevant matters for recognition and enforcement of the award. Likewise, an arbitral award made by a foreign arbitral body may be recognized and enforced by a PRC court in accordance with the principle of reciprocity or any international treaties concluded or acceded to by the PRC.

The PRC acceded to the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (the “**New York Convention**”) passed on June 10, 1958 pursuant to a resolution passed by the Standing Committee of the NPC on December 2, 1986. The New York Convention provides that all arbitral awards made in a state which is a party to the New York Convention shall be recognized and enforced by other parties thereto subject to their rights to refuse enforcement under certain circumstances, including where the enforcement of the arbitral award is against the public policy of that state. At the time of the PRC’s accession to the Convention, the Standing Committee of the NPC declared that (1) the PRC will only apply the New York Convention to the recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards made in the territories of other parties based on the principle of reciprocity; and (2) the New York Convention will only apply to disputes deemed under PRC laws to be arising from contractual or non-contractual mercantile legal relations. An arrangement for mutual enforcement of arbitral awards between Hong Kong and the Supreme People’s Court of China was reached. The Supreme People’s Court of China adopted the Arrangements on the Mutual Enforcement of Arbitral Awards between the Mainland and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on June 18, 1999, which went into effect on February 1, 2000. The arrangements reflect the spirit of the New York Convention. Under the arrangements, the awards by the Mainland arbitral bodies recognized by Hong Kong may be enforced in Hong Kong and the awards by the Hong

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Kong arbitral bodies may also be enforced in the Mainland China. If the Mainland court finds that the enforcement of awards made by the Hong Kong arbitral bodies in the Mainland will be against public interests of the Mainland, the awards may not be enforced.

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect

On April 10, 2014, CSRC and Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission (hereinafter referred to as “**HKSFC**”) issued the Joint Announcement of China Securities Regulatory Commission and Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission — Principles that Should be Followed when the Pilot Program that Links the Stock Markets in Shanghai and Hong Kong is Expected to be Implemented and approved in principle the launch of the pilot program that links the stock markets in Shanghai and Hong Kong (hereinafter referred to as “**Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect**”) by the Shanghai Stock Exchange (hereinafter referred to as “**SSE**”), the Stock Exchange, China Securities Depository and Clearing Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as “**CSDCC**”) and HKSCC. Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect comprises the two portions of Northbound Trading Link and Southbound Trading Link. Southbound Trading Link refers to the entrustment of China securities houses by China investors to trade stocks listed on the Stock Exchange within a stipulated range via filing by the securities trading service company established by the SSE with the Stock Exchange. During the initial period of the pilot program, the stocks of Southbound Trading Link consist of constituent stocks of the Stock Exchange Hang Seng Composite Large Cap Index and the Hang Seng Composite MidCap Index as well as stocks of A+H stock companies concurrently listed on the Stock Exchange and the SSE. The total limit of Southbound Trading Link is RMB250 billion and the daily limit is RMB10.5 billion. During the initial period of the pilot program, it is required by HKSFC that China investors participating in Southbound Trading Link are only limited to institutional investors and individual investors with a securities account and capital account balance of not less than RMB500,000.

On November 10, 2014, CSRC and HKSFC issued a Joint Announcement, approving the official launch of Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect by SSE, the Stock Exchange, CSDCC and HKSCC. Pursuant to the Joint Announcement, trading of stocks under Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect will commence on November 17, 2014.

On September 30, 2016, CSRC issued the Filing Provision on the Placement of Shares by Hong Kong Listed Companies with Domestic Original Shareholders under Southbound Trading Link which came into effect on the same day. The act of the placement of shares by Hong Kong listed companies with domestic original shareholders under Southbound Trading Link shall be filed with CSRC. Hong Kong listed companies shall file the application materials and approved documents with CSRC after obtaining approval from the Stock Exchange for their share placement applications. CSRC will carry out supervision based on the approved opinion and conclusion of the Hong Kong side.

SUMMARY OF MATERIAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND PRC COMPANY LAW

The Hong Kong law applicable to a company incorporated in Hong Kong is based on the Companies Ordinance and the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance and supplemented by common law and the rules of equity that apply to Hong Kong. As a joint

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stock limited company established in the PRC that is seeking a listing of Shares on the Stock Exchange, the Company are governed by the PRC Company Law and all the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to the PRC Company Law.

Set out below is a summary of certain material differences between Hong Kong law applicable to a company incorporated in Hong Kong and the PRC Company Law applicable to a joint stock limited company incorporated under the PRC Company Law. This summary is, however, not intended to be an exhaustive comparison.

Incorporation of Corporate

Under Hong Kong company law, a company with share capital, shall be incorporated by the Registry of Companies in Hong Kong and the company will acquire an independent corporate existence upon its incorporation. A company may be incorporated as a public company or a private company. Pursuant to the Companies Ordinance, the articles of association of a private company incorporated in Hong Kong shall contain provisions that restrict a member’s right to transfer shares. A public company’s articles of association do not contain such provisions.

Under the PRC Company Law, a joint stock limited company may be incorporated by promotion or subscription. The amended PRC Company Law which came into effect on July 1, 2024 has no provision on the minimum registered capital of joint stock companies, except that laws, administrative regulations and State Council decisions have separate provisions on paid-in registered capital and the minimum registered capital of joint stock, in which case the company should follow such provisions.

Share Capital

Under Hong Kong law, the directors of a Hong Kong company may, with the prior approval of the shareholders if required, issue new shares of the company. The PRC Company Law provides that any increase in our registered capital must be approved by our shareholders’ general meeting and the relevant PRC governmental and regulatory authorities. There are no such minimum capital requirements on a Hong Kong company under Hong Kong law.

Under the PRC Company Law, the shares may be subscribed for in the form of money or non-monetary assets (other than assets not entitled to be used as capital contributions under relevant laws and administrative regulations). For non-monetary assets to be used as capital contributions, appraisals and transfer procedures of property rights must be carried out to ensure no over-valuation or under-valuation of the assets. There is no such restriction on subscription of shares by a Hong Kong company under Hong Kong law.

Restrictions on Shareholding and Transfer of Shares

Under PRC law, our [REDACTED] Shares, which are denominated and subscribed for in Renminbi, may only be subscribed for and traded by the government or government authorized departments, PRC legal persons, natural persons, qualified foreign institutional investors, or eligible foreign strategic investors. Overseas [REDACTED] shares, which are denominated in Renminbi and subscribed for in a foreign currency other than Renminbi, may only be subscribed for, and traded by investors from Hong Kong, Macau or Taiwan or any country and territory outside the PRC, or

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qualified domestic institutional investors. However, qualified institutional investors and individual investors may trade Southbound Hong Kong trading Link and Northbound Shanghai trading Link (or the Northbound Shenzhen trading Link) shares via participating in Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect.

Under the PRC Company Law, shares in issue prior to the public offering cannot be transferred within one year from the listing date of the shares on a stock exchange. Shares in a joint stock limited company held by its directors, supervisors and senior management transferred each year during their term of office shall not exceed 25% of the total shares they held in the company, and the shares they held in the company cannot be transferred within one year from the listing date of the shares, and also cannot be transferred within half a year after such person has left office. The articles of association may set other restrictive requirements on the transfer of the company’s shares held by its directors, supervisors and senior management. There are no such restrictions on shareholdings and transfers of shares under Hong Kong law apart from six-month lockup on the company’s issue of shares and the 12-month lockup on controlling shareholder disposal of shares.

Financial Assistance for Acquisition of Shares

Pursuant to the PRC Company Law, the company shall not provide gifts, loans, guarantees or other financial assistance to other persons for the acquisition of shares in the company or its parent company, except for the implementation of the company’s employee share ownership schemes.

For the interests of the company, upon a resolution of the general meeting, or a resolution of the Board of Directors in accordance with the Articles of Association or the authorization of the general meeting, the company may provide financial assistance to other persons for the acquisition of shares in the company or its parent company, provided that the cumulative total amount of the financial assistance shall not exceed 10% of the total issued share capital. Resolutions made by the Board of Directors shall be approved by more than two-thirds of all directors.

Directors, Senior Management and Supervisors

The PRC Company Law, unlike Hong Kong Company Law, does not contain any requirements relating to the declaration of directors’ interests in material contracts, restrictions on companies providing certain benefits to directors and guarantees in respect of directors’ liability and prohibitions against compensation for loss of office without shareholders’ approval.

Supervisory Board

Under the PRC Company Law, a joint stock limited company’s directors and members of the senior management are subject to the supervision of supervisory board. A joint stock limited company may, in accordance with its articles of association, instead of having set up a supervisory board or supervisors, establish an audit committee which comprises directors of the Board of Directors and exercises the functions and powers of the supervisory board as stipulated in this Law. A joint stock limited company with a smaller scale or fewer shareholders may appoint one supervisor without establishing a supervisory board to exercise the functions and powers prescribed for the supervisory board by the Company Law. There is no mandatory requirement for the establishment of supervisory board for a company incorporated in Hong Kong.

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Notice of Shareholders’ General Meetings

Under the PRC Company Law, notice of a shareholders’ annual general meeting and an extraordinary general meeting must be given to shareholders at least 20 days and 15 days before the meeting, respectively.

For a company incorporated in Hong Kong, the minimum period of notice is 14 days in the case of an annual general meeting. Further, where a general meeting involves consideration of a resolution requiring special notice, the company must also give its shareholders notice of the resolution at least 14 days before the meeting. The notice period for the annual shareholders’ general meeting is 21 days.

Quorum for Shareholders’ General Meetings

Under the Companies Ordinance, the quorum for a general meeting must be at least two members unless the articles of association of the company otherwise provided. For companies with only one shareholder, the quorum must be one shareholder. The PRC Company Law does not specify the quorum for a shareholders’ general meeting.

Voting

Under the Companies Ordinance, an ordinary resolution is passed by a simple majority of affirmative votes cast by shareholders present in person, or by proxy, at a general meeting, and a special resolution is passed by not less than three-fourths of affirmative votes cast by shareholders present in person, or by proxy, at a general meeting.

Under the PRC Company Law, the passing of any resolution requires more than one-half of the affirmative votes held by shareholders present at a shareholders’ meeting except in cases such as proposed amendments to the articles of association, increase or decrease of registered capital, merger, division, dissolution or transformation of corporate form, which require more than two-thirds of the affirmative votes cast by shareholders present at a shareholders’ general meeting.

Financial Disclosure

Under the PRC Company Law, a joint stock limited company is required to make available at the company for inspection by shareholders its financial report 20 days before its shareholders’ annual general meeting. In addition, a joint stock limited company of which the shares are publicly issued must publish its financial report. The Companies Ordinance requires a company incorporated in Hong Kong to send to every shareholder a copy of its financial statements, auditors’ report and directors’ report, which are to be presented before the company’s annual general meeting, not less than 21 days before such meeting. A joint stock limited company is required under the PRC law to prepare its financial statements in accordance with the PRC GAAP.

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Information on Directors and Shareholders

The PRC Company Law gives shareholders the right to inspect the company’s articles of association, minutes of the shareholders’ general meetings, share register, counterfoil of company debentures, resolutions of board meetings, resolutions of the board of supervisors and financial and accounting reports, which is similar to the shareholders’ rights of Hong Kong companies under Hong Kong law.

Receiving Agent

Under the PRC Company Law and Hong Kong law, dividends once declared are debts payable to shareholders. The limitation period for debt recovery action under Hong Kong law is six years, while under the PRC laws this limitation period is three years.

Corporate Reorganization

Corporate reorganization involving a company incorporated in Hong Kong may be effected in a number of ways, such as a transfer of the whole or part of the business or property of the company in the course of voluntary winding up to another company pursuant to Section 237 of the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance or a compromise or arrangement between the company and its creditors or between the company and its shareholders under Division 2 of Part 13 of the Companies Ordinance, which requires the sanction of the court. In addition, subject to the shareholders’ approval, an intra-group wholly-owned subsidiary company may also be amalgamated horizontally or vertically under the Companies Ordinance.

Under PRC law, merger, division, dissolution or change the form of a joint stock limited company has to be approved by shareholders at general meeting.

Statutory Common Reserve Fund Withdrawal

Under the PRC Company Law, when a joint stock limited company allocating the after-tax profits of the current year, the Company shall allocate ten (10) percent of its profit to the statutory common reserve fund. There are no corresponding provisions under Hong Kong law.

Dividends

The company has the power in certain circumstances to withhold, and pay to the relevant tax authorities, any tax payable under PRC law on any dividends or other distributions payable to a shareholder. Under Hong Kong law, the limitation period for an action to recover a debt (including the recovery of dividends) is six years, whereas under PRC laws, the relevant limitation period is three years. The company must not exercise its powers to forfeit any unclaimed dividend in respect of shares until after the expiry of the applicable limitation period.

Fiduciary Duties

In Hong Kong, directors owe fiduciary duties to the company, including the duty not to act in conflict with the company’s interests. Furthermore, the Companies Ordinance has codified the directors’ statutory duty of care. Under the PRC Company Law, directors, supervisors and senior management should be loyal and diligent.

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Closure of Register of Shareholders

The Companies Ordinance requires that the register of shareholders of a company must not generally be closed for the registration of transfers of shares for more than 30 days (extendable to 60 days under certain circumstances) in a year. As required by the PRC Company Law, share transfers shall not be registered within 30 days before the date of a shareholders’ general meeting or within five days before the base date set for the purpose of distribution of dividends.

Derivative Action by Minority Shareholders

According to Hong Kong law, as permitted by court, shareholders may initiate a derivative action on behalf of the company against directors who have any misconduct to the company if the directors control a majority of votes at a general meeting, thereby effectively preventing a company from suing the directors in breach of their duties in its own name.

The PRC Company Law provides shareholders of a joint stock limited company with the right so that in the event where the directors and senior management violate their obligations and cause damages to a company, the shareholders individually or jointly holding more than 1% of the shares in the company for more than 180 consecutive days may request in writing the supervisory board to initiate proceedings in the people’s court. If the supervisory board or the board of directors refuses to initiate such proceedings, or has not initiated proceedings within 30 days from the date of receipt of the request, or if under urgent situations, failure of initiating immediate proceeding may cause irremediable damages to the company, the above said shareholders shall, for the benefit of the company, have the right to initiate proceedings directly to the people’s court in their own name.

Protection of Minorities

Under Hong Kong law, a shareholder who complains that the business of a company incorporated in Hong Kong are conducted in a manner unfairly prejudicial to his interests may petition to the Court to make an appropriate order to give relief to the unfairly prejudicial conduct. Alternatively, pursuant to the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance, a shareholder may seek to wind up the company on the just and equitable ground. In addition, on the application of a specified number of members, the Financial Secretary of Hong Kong may appoint inspectors who are given extensive statutory powers to investigate the affairs of a company incorporated or registered in Hong Kong.

According to the PRC Company Law, in the event that the company encounters substantial difficulties in its operation and management and its continuance shall cause a significant loss to the interest of its shareholders, and where this cannot be resolved through other means, the shareholders who hold more than 10% of the total shareholders’ voting rights of the company may present a petition to the People’s Court of the PRC for the dissolution of the company.

Variation of Class Rights

The PRC Company Law has no special provision relating to variation of class rights. However, the PRC Company Law states that the State Council can promulgate individual regulations relating to other kinds of shares.

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Under the Companies Ordinance, no rights attached to any class of shares can be varied except (i) with the approval of a special resolution of the holders of the relevant class at a separate general meeting; (ii) with the consent in writing of the holders representing at least 75% of the total voting rights of the relevant class of shares; or (iii) if there are provisions in the articles of association relating to the variation of those rights, then in accordance with those provisions.

Dispute Arbitration

In Hong Kong, disputes between shareholders on the one hand, and a company incorporated in Hong Kong or its directors on the other hand, may be resolved through legal proceedings in the courts.

The PRC Company Law provides that the shareholders may lodge an action in the People’s Court of the PRC if any director or senior executive violates laws, administrative regulations or the articles of association and infringes upon the interests of shareholders.