

CHINA SOUTHERN AIRLINES CO LTD  
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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**FORM 6-K**

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of**

**the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

June 4, 2012

**CHINA SOUTHERN AIRLINES COMPANY LIMITED**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

278 Jichang Road

Guangzhou, Guangdong 510405

People's Republic of China

(Address of principal executive offices)

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China Southern Airlines Company Limited (the “Company”) published the following announcements on May 31, 2012 on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange’s website at:

<http://www.hkexnews.hk/listedco/listconews/sehk/2012/0531/LTN20120531470.PDF> with respect to the poll results of the annual general meeting for the Year of 2011; and

<http://www.hkexnews.hk/listedco/listconews/sehk/2012/0531/LTN20120531492.pdf> with respect to the amended Articles of Association of the Company.

English versions of the announcements are included in this Form 6-K of the Company.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

CHINA SOUTHERN  
AIRLINES COMPANY  
LIMITED

By: /s/ Liu Wei and Xie Bing  
Name: Liu Wei and Xie Bing  
Title: Joint Company  
Secretaries

Date: June 4, 2012

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### **POLL RESULTS OF 2011 AGM**

The board (the "Board") of directors (the "Directors") of China Southern Airlines Company Limited (the "Company") and all of its members confirm that this announcement does not contain any misrepresentation, misleading statement or material omission, and jointly and severally accept full responsibility for the truthfulness, accuracy and completeness of the contents of this announcement.

### **POLL RESULTS OF AGM**

The annual general meeting for the year 2011 of the Company (the "AGM") was held at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, 31 May 2012 at No. 1 Conference Room, 4th Floor, Pearl Hotel CSN, No. 5 Road, Southern Work District, Baiyun International Airport, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, the PRC. The AGM was convened by the Board and presided by Mr. Si Xian Min, the Chairman of the Board. No resolutions proposed at the AGM were being vetoed or amended.

As at the date of the AGM, there were 9,817,567,000 shares of the Company (the "Shares") in issue, which was the total number of Shares entitling the holders to attend and vote for or against the resolutions proposed at the AGM. 28 shareholders and authorized proxies holding an aggregate of 6,393,737,986 Shares carrying voting rights, representing 65.13% of the total issued share capital of the Company, were present at the AGM.

In relation to resolution no. 7 proposed at the AGM, China Southern Air Holding Company ("CSAHC"), Nan Lung Holding Limited ("Nan Lung") and Asia Travel Investment Company Limited ("Asia Investment"), which were deemed as connected persons of the Company, had abstained from voting in relation to resolution No. 7 and Shares held by CSAHC, Nan Lung, Asia Investment and their respective associates (4,145,050,000 A Shares, 1,033,650,000 H Shares and 31,120,000 H Shares) were not counted towards the total number of Shares entitling shareholders of the Company to vote in respect of the resolution.

Save as disclosed, there was no restriction on any shareholder of the Company casting votes on any of the proposed resolutions at the AGM, and there was no Share entitling the holders to attend and vote only against the resolutions proposed at the AGM. No shareholder is required to abstain from voting on any of the resolutions proposed at the AGM.

All resolutions as set out in the notice of the AGM were duly passed and the poll results are as follows:

| <b>Ordinary Resolutions</b>   | <b>Total valid votes</b> | <b>For</b>    | <b>Against</b> | <b>Abstain</b> | <b>For (%)</b> |
|---|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. To consider and approve the Report of the Directors of the Company for the year 2011.  | 6,393,737,986            | 6,393,342,436 | 35,750         | 359,800        | 99.9938%       |
| To consider and approve the Report of the Supervisory Committee of the Company for the year 2011.   | 6,393,737,986            | 6,393,266,786 | 100,650        | 370,550        | 99.9926%       |
| To consider and approve the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year 2011.   | 6,393,737,986            | 6,393,343,036 | 23,050         | 371,900        | 99.9938%       |
| 4. To consider and approve the profit distribution proposal for the year 2011.  | 6,393,737,986            | 6,393,154,136 | 220,300        | 363,550        | 99.9909%       |
| To consider and approve the appointment of KPMG as the international auditor of the Company of the year 2012 and KPMG Huazhen as the domestic auditor and internal control auditor of the Company of the year 2012 and authorize the Board to determine their remuneration. | 6,393,737,986            | 6,393,293,086 | 111,900        | 333,000        | 99.9930%       |
| 6. To consider and approve the Company's acquisition of 10 Boeing B770-300ER aircraft.  | 6,393,737,986            | 6,393,317,536 | 88,900         | 331,550        | 99.9934%       |
| To consider and approve the agreement supplemental to the financial service agreement entered into between Southern Airlines Group Finance Company Limited and the Company and the revision of the annual cap.  | 1,215,037,986            | 901,891,976   | 312,766,960    | 379,050        | 74.2275%       |

| <b>Special Resolutions</b>           |  | <b>Total valid votes</b> | <b>For</b>    | <b>Against</b> | <b>Abstain</b> | <b>For (%)</b> |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 8.                                   | To authorise the Board to allot, issue and deal with additional Shares of the Company.   | 6,393,737,986            | 6,005,098,279 | 388,094,357    | 545,350        | 93.9216%       |
| 9.                                   | To authorise the Board to increase the registered capital and make such appropriate and necessary amendments to the Articles of Association of the Company to reflect such increase in the registered capital of the Company under the general mandate granted in the above resolution "to authorise the Board to allot, issue and deal with additional Shares of the Company. | 6,393,737,986            | 6,008,628,179 | 384,574,257    | 535,550        | 93.9768%       |
| <b>Additional Special Resolution</b> |  | <b>Total valid votes</b> | <b>For</b>    | <b>Against</b> | <b>Abstain</b> | <b>For (%)</b> |
| 10.                                  | To consider and approve the amendments to the Articles of Association of the Company (as set out in the supplemental notice of AGM dated 30 April 2012).   | 6,393,737,986            | 6,390,664,486 | 589,350        | 2,484,150      | 99.9519%       |

According to the requirements of The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules"), KPMG was appointed as the scrutineer in respect of votings at the AGM. *(Note)*

Lv Hui and Zheng Yiling, PRC lawyers from Z & T Law Firm, attended the AGM and issued a legal opinion stating that the convening and holding of the AGM, the procedures for the holding of the AGM, the eligibility of the persons who attended the AGM and the procedures for voting at the AGM are in compliance with the PRC Company Law, the Regulation of the Shareholders' Meeting of a Listed Company, and the Articles of Association of the Company, and that the resolutions passed at the AGM are lawful and valid.



*Note: The poll results were subject to scrutiny by KPMG, Certified Public Accountants, whose work was limited to certain procedures requested by the Company to agree the poll results summary prepared by the Company to poll forms collected and provided by the Company to KPMG. The work performed by KPMG in this respect did not constitute an assurance engagement made in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing, Hong Kong Standards on Review Engagements or Hong Kong Standards on Assurance Engagements nor did it include provision of any assurance or advice on matters of legal interpretation or entitlement to vote.*

## **2011 FINAL DIVIDEND**

### **Payment of 2011 Final Dividends**

Following the approval by the shareholders of the Company at the AGM, the Board is pleased to announce that the Company will distribute 2011 final dividends of RMB1,963,513,400, or RMB2.00 per 10 Shares (inclusive of applicable tax) based on the total number of 9,817,567,000 Shares as at 31 May 2012. The details relating to payment of final dividend of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2011 to holders of H shares of the Company are set out below:

The Company will pay a final dividend of RMB2.00 per 10 Shares (equivalent to HK\$2.4545 per 10 Shares) (inclusive of applicable tax) for the year ended 31 December 2011. The final dividends will be paid to shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company at the close of business on Monday, 18 June 2012 (the "Record Date"). The registration date and arrangements in relation to the rights of holders of A Shares to receive the final dividend for the period ended 31 December 2011 will be separately announced in the PRC.

Dividends payable to the Company's shareholders shall be denominated and declared in Renminbi. Dividends payable to the holders of A Shares shall be paid in Renminbi while dividends payable to the holders of H Shares shall be paid in Hong Kong dollars. The amount of Hong Kong dollars payable shall be calculated on the basis of the mean of the middle rate of Renminbi to Hong Kong dollars as announced by the People's Bank of China for the calendar week prior to the declaration of the final dividends at the AGM (RMB0.81484 equivalent to HK\$1.00).

The Company has appointed Bank of China (Hong Kong) Trustees Limited as the receiving agent in Hong Kong (the "Receiving Agent") and will pay to such Receiving Agent the final dividends declared for payment to holders of H Shares. The Receiving Agent will pay the final dividends on or around Thursday, 26 July 2012. Relevant cheques will be despatched on the same day to holders of H Shares entitled to receive such dividends by ordinary post and at their own risk.



## Enterprise Income Tax Withholding of Overseas Non-Resident Enterprises

In accordance with the “Enterprise Income Tax Law of the People’s Republic of China” (《中华人民共和国企业所得税法》) and the “Rules of Implementation of the Enterprise Income Tax Law of the People’s Republic of China” (《中华人民共和国企业所得税法实施条例》), both implemented from January 2008 and the “Notice of the State Administration of Taxation on Issues Relevant to the Withholding of Enterprise Income Tax on Dividends Paid by PRC Enterprises to Offshore Non-resident Enterprise Holders of H Shares” (Guo Shui Han [2008] No. 897) (《国家税务总局关于中国居民企业向境外非居民企业股东派发股息红利有关个人所得税征管问题的通知》), promulgated on 6 November 2008, the Company is obliged to withhold and pay PRC enterprise income tax on behalf of non-resident enterprise shareholders at a tax rate of 10% when the Company distributes any dividends to non-resident enterprise shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of H Shares of the Company. As such, any H Shares of the Company which are not registered in the name(s) of individual(s) (which, for this purpose, includes shares registered in the name of Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Nominees Limited, other nominees, trustees, or other organisations or groups) shall be deemed to be H Shares held by non-resident enterprise shareholder(s), and the PRC enterprise income tax shall be withheld from any dividends payable thereon. Non-resident enterprise shareholders may wish to apply for a tax refund (if any) in accordance with the relevant requirements, such as tax agreements (arrangements), upon receipt of any dividends.

If any resident enterprise (as defined in the Enterprise Income Tax Law) listed on the register of members of H Shares of the Company which is duly incorporated in the PRC or under the laws of a foreign country (or a region) but with a PRC-based de facto management body, does not desire the Company to withhold the said 10% enterprise income tax, it shall submit to Hong Kong Registrars Limited at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen’s Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 11 June 2012 a legal opinion, issued by a PRC qualified lawyer (inscribed with the seal of the applicable law firm), that verifies its resident enterprise status. The Company assumes no liability and will not deal with any dispute over income tax withholding triggered by failure to submit proof materials within the stipulated time frame, and holders of H Shares of the Company shall either personally or appoint a representative to attend to the procedures in accordance with the applicable tax regulations and relevant provisions of the PRC.

## Individual Income Tax Withholding of Overseas Individual Shareholders

Pursuant to the Notice on Matters Concerning the Levy and Administration of Individual Income Tax after the Repeal of Guo Shui Fa [1993] No. 045 (Guo Shui Han [2011] No. 348) (《国家税务总局关于中国居民企业向境外非居民个人股东派发股息红利有关个人所得税征管问题的通知》) [1993] 045 (《国家税务总局关于中国居民企业向境外非居民个人股东派发股息红利有关个人所得税征管问题的通知》), issued by the State Administration of Taxation of the PRC on 28 June 2011, when non-foreign investment companies of the mainland which are listed in Hong Kong distribute dividends to their shareholders, the individual shareholders in general will be subject to a withholding tax rate of 10% without making any application for the entitlement for the above-mentioned tax rate.



However, the Company is a foreign investment company and, as confirmed by the relevant tax authorities, according to the Circular on Certain Issues Concerning the Policies of Individual Income Tax (Cai Shui Zi [1994] No. 020) (« 20491; 33509;24178;25919;31574;21839;38988;30340;36890;30693;»(36001; 8 promulgated by the Ministry of Finance and the State Administration of Taxation on 13 May 1994, overseas individuals are, as an interim measure, exempted from the PRC individual income tax for dividends or bonuses received from foreign investment enterprises.

As such, the Company will not withhold and pay the individual income tax on behalf of overseas individual shareholders when the Company distributes the 2011 final dividends to overseas individual shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of H shares of the Company.

All investors are requested to read this announcement carefully. Shareholders are recommended to consult their taxation advisors regarding their holding and disposing of H Shares of the Company for the PRC, Hong Kong and other tax effects involved.

By order of the Board  
**China Southern Airlines Company Limited**  
**Xie Bing and Liu Wei**

*Joint Company Secretaries*

Guangzhou, the People's Republic of China

31 May 2012

*As at the date of this announcement, the Directors include Si Xian Min, Wang Quan Hua and Yuan Xin An as non-executive Directors, Tan Wan Geng, Zhang Zi Fang, Xu Jie Bo and Chen Zhen You as executive Directors; and Gong Hua Zhang, Wei Jin Cai, Ning Xiang Dong and Liu Chang Le as independent non-executive Directors.*

**Articles of Association of**

**China Southern Airlines Company Limited**

*(The Articles of Association was originally drafted in Chinese and the English translation is for your reference only. In case of any inconsistencies between the Chinese and the English version, the Chinese version shall prevail.)*

## Articles of Association of

### China Southern Airlines Company Limited

(These Articles of Association were approved by special resolutions at the extraordinary general meetings held on 18 April 1997 and 22 May 1997. They were successively amended at the annual general meetings held on 15 June 1998 and 15 June 1999, the extraordinary general meetings held on 26 March 2002 and 21 May 2002, and the annual general meeting held on 13 May 2003. They were further amended at the board meeting pursuant to the authorization of the shareholders' general meeting on 17 July 2003, the annual general meetings held on 16 June 2004 and 15 June 2005, the extraordinary general meetings held on 28 December 2006, the annual general meeting held on 28 June 2007, the annual general meeting held on 25 June 2008, the extraordinary general meeting held on 29 December 2008, the extraordinary general meeting held on 26 February 2009, the annual general meeting held on 30 June 2009, the extraordinary general meeting held on 30 April 2010, the annual general meeting held on 31 May 2012.)

## CHAPTER 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

**Article 1** These Articles of Association are formulated 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”) and other relevant provisions, with an aim to protect the legitimate rights and interests of the Company and its shareholders and creditors, and to standardize the organization and activities of the Company.

**Article 2** The Company is a joint stock limited company established in accordance with the Company Law, “State Council’s Special Regulations Regarding the Issue of Shares Overseas and the Listing of Shares Overseas by Joint Stock Limited Companies” (hereinafter referred to as the “Special Regulations”) and other relevant laws and administrative regulations of the State. The legitimate rights and interests of the Company and its shareholders are under the jurisdiction of and protected by the PRC laws, regulations and other relevant provisions of the Government.

The Company was established by way of promotion with the approval from the State Commission for Restructuring the Economic System of the PRC on 31 December 1994 as evidenced by the approval document &#12304;1994&#12305; No. 139. It was registered with the State Administration Bureau of Industry and Commerce of the PRC and obtained its business license on 25 March 1995. Pursuant to the approval document Wai Jing Mao Zi Yi Han &#12304;2003&#12305; No. 273 from the Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation Ministry of the PRC, the Company was allowed to transform into a perpetual foreign investment joint stock limited company on 13 March 2003. The Promoter of the Company is &#21335;&#33322;&#38598;&#22242;&#20844;&#21496; (renamed as China Southern Air Holding Company &#22269;&#21335;&#26041;&#33322;&#31354;&#38598;&#22242;&#20844;&#21496;).





Under the approval from the competent securities authority of the State Council Zhen Wei Fa &#12304;1997&#12305; No. 33, the Company was listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and New York Stock Exchange respectively in July 1997 with an issuance of a total of 1,174,178,000 H shares.

**Article 3** The Company's proposal for issuing 1,000,000,000 A shares with a par value of RMB1.00 each was passed at the extraordinary general meeting held on 21 May 2002, and approved by the document (2003) No. 70 issued by the China Securities Regulatory Commission in 2003. In July 2003, 1,000,000,000 A shares of the Company's with a par value of RMB1.00 each were successfully issued and listed on Shanghai Stock Exchange. The Company's proposal for the bonus share issues by conversion of capital reserve on the basis of 5 new shares for 10 existing shares was passed at the 2007 annual general meeting held on 25 June 2008 and was approved by the Ministry of Commerce (Shang Zi Pi [2008] No. 1094) on 14 August 2008.

The non-public issue of 721,150,000 A Shares and non-public issue of 721,150,000 H Shares were passed at the 1st 2009 Extraordinary General Meeting, 1st 2009 A Shares Class Meeting and 1st 2009 H Shares Class Meeting of the Company held on 26 February 2009 and was approved by the China Securities Regulatory Commission (Zheng Jian Xu Ke [2009] No. 541) on 18 June 2009 and (Zheng Jian Xu Ke [2009] No. 449) on 2 June 2009 and respectively. 721,150,000 A Shares were successfully issued and listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange on 20 August 2009 and 721,150,000 H Shares were successfully issued and listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange on 21 August 2009.

The non-public issue of not more than 1,766, 780, 000 A Shares and non-public issue of 312,500,000 H Shares were passed at the 1st 2010 Extraordinary General Meeting, 1st 2010 A Shares Class Meeting and 1st 2010 H Shares Class Meeting of the Company held on 30 April 2010 and was approved by the China Securities Regulatory Commission (Zheng Jian Xu Ke [2010] No. 1215) on 1 September 2010 and (Zheng Jian Xu Ke [2010] No. 1243) on 9 September 2010 respectively. 1,501,500,000 A Shares were successfully issued and listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange on 29 October 2010 and 312,500,000 H Shares were successfully issued and listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange on 1 November 2010

**Article 4** The registered name of the Company:

Chinese: &#21335;&#26041;&#33322;&#31354; &#20221;&#26377;&#38480;&#20844;&#21496;

English: CHINA SOUTHERN AIRLINES COMPANY LIMITED

**Article 5** Address of the Company: Guangzhou Economic & Technology Development Zone, Guangdong Province, the PRC

Telephone No.: (020) 86123303

Facsimile No.: (020) 86644623

**Article 6** The chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company shall be the legal representative of the Company.

**Article 7** The registered capital of the Company is RMB 9,817,567,000.

**Article 8** The Company is a perpetual joint stock limited company.

The Company may amend these Articles of Association pursuant to the Company Law, the Special  
**Article 9** Regulations, “Mandatory Provisions for Articles of Association of Companies to be Listed Overseas” (hereinafter referred to as the “Mandatory Provisions”), “Mandatory Provisions for Articles of Association of Listed Companies” and other relevant laws and administrative regulations of the PRC.

The entire assets of the Company is divided into equal shares. The rights and obligations in respect of the  
**Article 10** Company enjoyed and assumed by shareholders of the Company shall be limited to the extent of the amount payable on subscription of shares held by them. The Company shall be liable to its creditors to the extent of all of its assets.

These Articles of Association became effective on the date of establishment of the Company. The registration formalities of the Original Articles of Association with China’s State Administration Bureau of Industry and  
**Article 11** Commerce have been completed.

The Company shall, within the period stipulated by laws and regulations, process the registration of changing of mandatory registered items due to the amendment to the Original Articles of Association.

From the date of these Articles of Association becoming effective, these Articles of Association constitute a  
**Article 12** legally binding document regulating the Company’s organization and activities, and the rights and obligations between the Company and each shareholder and among the shareholders.

**Article** These Articles of Association are binding on the Company and its shareholders, directors, supervisors,  
**13** president and other senior administrative officers of the Company; all of whom are entitled to claim rights  
concerning the affairs of the Company in accordance with these Articles of Association.

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These Articles of Association are actionable by a shareholder against the Company and vice versa, by shareholders against each other, by a shareholder against the directors, supervisors, president and other senior administrative officers of the Company and by the company against the directors, supervisors, president and other senior administrative officers of the Company in respect of rights and obligations concerning the affairs of the Company arising out of these Articles of Association.

The actions referred to in the preceding paragraph include court proceedings and arbitration proceedings.

The Company may invest in other limited liability companies or joint stock limited companies. The  
**Article** Company's liabilities to an investee company shall be limited to the amount of its capital contribution to the  
**14** investee company. Unless otherwise provided by laws, the Company shall not become an investor that assumes joint guarantee liability of the debt of any investee company.

On condition of compliance with the applicable laws and regulations of the PRC, the Company has the power  
**Article** to raise and borrow money, which power includes but not limited to the issue of debentures, the charging or  
**15** mortgage of part or whole of the Company's business or properties and other rights permitted by the PRC laws and administrative regulations.

For the purpose of the Articles of Association, other senior management of the Company refer to the  
**Article** Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Pilot, COO Flight Safety, Chief Information Officer,  
**16** Chief Economist, Chief Legal Adviser, Chief Engineer, COO Flight Operations, Company Secretary and other senior management appointed by the Board of Directors.

## **CHAPTER 2 OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF BUSINESS**

The business objectives of the Company are: (I) to absorb domestic and foreign capital; (II) to assist in developing the aviation industry of China; (III) to promote the development of the national economy of China;  
**Article** (IV) to utilize corporate incentive mechanisms of privatization; (V) to draw on the advanced management  
**17** expertise of other domestic and foreign companies; (VI) to continuously improve the management of the Company; (VII) to enhance the market competitiveness of the Company; (VIII) to generate economic and social benefits for the Company; and (IX) to generate steady income for the Company's shareholders.

**Article 18** The scope of business of the Company includes: (I) provision of scheduled and non-scheduled domestic, regional and international air transportation services for passengers, cargo, mail and luggage; (II) undertaking general aviation services; (III) provision of aircraft repair and maintenance services; (IV) acting as agent for other domestic and international airlines; (V) provision of air catering services; (VI) provision of hotel business; (VII) acting as sale agent for aircraft leasing and aviation accident insurance; and (VIII) engaging in other airline or airline-related business, including advertising for such services; (IX) insurance agency business (subject to approval of State Administration of Industry and Commerce).

**Article 19** The Company may, according to its ability of development, and upon the approval by special resolution adopted by the shareholders' general meeting and by the relevant state government authority, adjust its scope of business or investment orientation and method, etc.

**Article 20** The Company may, upon the approval by the relevant authorities, establish its subsidiaries, branches and offices (whether wholly owned or otherwise) in China and other countries or regions to cope with its business development and to promote the Company's expansion.

### **CHAPTER 3 SHARES AND REGISTERED CAPITAL**

**Article 21** The shares of the Company are evidenced by share certificates.

**Article 22** There must at all times be ordinary shares in the Company. Subject to the approval from the companies approving department authorized by the State Council, the Company may create other classes of shares according to its requirements.

**Article 23** The shares of the Company are issued on an open, fair and equitable basis. Shares of the same class shall rank pari passu in all respects among each other.

For the same class of shares issued at the same time, the conditions and price of issue for each share shall be the same. For shares subscribed for by any entity or individual, each share shall have the same price.

**Article 24** The shares issued by the Company shall have a par value of RMB1 per share. The RMB referred to in the preceding paragraph is the legal currency of the PRC.

**Article 25** The shares issued by the Company are centrally maintained in share registrar located where the shares are listed according to the specific class of the shares.



**Article 26** Subject to the approval from the securities authority of the State Council, the Company may issue and offer shares to domestic investors or foreign investors for subscription.

The aforesaid overseas investors shall mean the investors from foreign countries and the regions of Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan who subscribe for the shares issued by the Company; domestic investors shall mean the investors within the PRC other than those investors from the aforesaid regions who subscribed for the shares issued by the Company.

**Article 27** Shares issued by the Company to domestic investors for subscription in RMB shall be referred to as “Domestic Shares”. Shares issued by the Company to foreign investors for subscription in foreign currencies shall be referred to as “Foreign Shares”. Foreign Shares which are listed overseas are called “Overseas Listed Foreign Shares”.

The foreign currencies referred to in the preceding paragraph mean the legal currencies (apart from RMB) of other countries or regions which are recognized by the foreign exchange control authority of the State and can be used to pay the Company for the share price.

**Article 28** Domestic Shares issued by the Company shall be called “A Shares”. Overseas Listed Foreign Shares issued by the Company and listed in Hong Kong shall be called “H Shares”. H Shares are shares which have been admitted for listing on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”), the par value of which is denominated in RMB and which are subscribed for and traded in Hong Kong dollars. H Shares can also be listed on a stock exchange in the United States of America in the form of American depositary receipts. Shares issued by the Company, including Domestic Shares and Foreign Shares, are all ordinary shares.

**Article 29** In accordance with the approval granted by the Securities Commission of the State Council, after the completion of the initial issue of A Shares, the total issued shares of the Company was 4,374,178,000 ordinary shares, of which (a) 2,200,000,000 A Shares (state shares) were issued upon the establishment of the Company and were all subscribed for by the promoter of the Company; (b) 1,174,178,000 H Shares were issued to foreign investors in connection with the first increase of capital of the Company, including shares issued pursuant to the exercise of the over-allotment option and (c) 1,000,000,000 A Shares (public shares) were issued to domestic investors in connection with the initial issue of A Shares.

The Company had conducted a bonus share issue of 2,187,089,000 new shares, comprising 1,600,000,000 A Shares and 587,089,000 H Shares, by way of conversion of capital reserve in 2009

The Company had conducted non-public issue of 721,150,000 A Shares and 721,150,000 H Shares, of which the said A Shares were all subscribed by the promoter of the Company and the said H Shares were all subscribed by Nan Lung Holding Limited.





The Company had conducted non-public issue of 1,501,500,000 A Shares and 312,500,000 H Shares, of which 123,900,000 A Shares were subscribed by the promoter of the Company, 1,377,000,000 A Shares were subscribed by eight investors and the said H Shares were all subscribed by Nan Lung Holding Limited.

After the above issues of A Shares and H Shares, the current share capital structure of the Company is: (a) 4,145,050,000 A Shares held by the promoter, representing 42.22% of the total share capital; (b) 2,877,600,000 A Shares held by domestic investors, representing 29.31% of the total share capital; and (c) 2,794,917,000 H Shares held by foreign investors, representing 28.47% of the total share capital

**Article 30** Upon approval by the securities governing authority of the State Council of the proposal to issue Overseas Listed Foreign Shares and Domestic Shares, the Company's Board of Directors may make separate implementing arrangements for their issuance.

The Company's proposal to issue Overseas Listed Foreign Shares and Domestic Shares pursuant to the preceding paragraph may be implemented within fifteen months from the date of the approval from the securities governing authority of the State Council.

**Article 31** In respect of the total number of shares as stated in a shares issuing proposal, where the Company shall separately issue Overseas Listed Foreign Shares and Domestic Shares, these respective shares shall be fully subscribed for at their respective offerings. If the shares cannot be fully subscribed for at their offerings due to some special circumstances, then subject to the approval from the securities governing authority of the State Council the shares may be issued by installments.

**Article 32** The Company and its subsidiaries (including the affiliated companies of the Company) shall not provide any financial assistance in the forms of gift, advance, guarantee, compensation or loan to a person who is acquiring or is proposing to acquire shares in the Company.

**Article 33** Unless otherwise provided by laws and administrative regulations, shares in the Company are freely transferable and are not subject to any lien.

## CHAPTER 4 INCREASE AND DECREASE IN CAPITAL AND REPURCHASE OF SHARES

**Article 34** Subject to the relevant laws and regulations and these Articles of Association and the passing of separate resolutions at the shareholders' general meeting, the Company may increase its capital in the following ways to meet the needs of operations and business expansion:

- (1) Making public offer to unspecific investors;
- (2) Making non-public offer;
- (3) Distributing new shares to existing shareholders;
- (4) Converting the capital common reserve fund into capital;
- (5) Other ways permitted by laws and administrative regulations.

Increase in capital of the Company by way of new issue shall be proceeded in accordance with the PRC laws and administrative regulations, and subject to the approval as required by these Articles of Association.

**Article 35** The Company may reduce its registered capital pursuant to the provisions of these Articles of Association. Reduction of registered capital of the Company shall be proceeded in accordance with the Company Law and other relevant regulations as well as these Articles of Association.

**Article 36** When the Company reduces its registered capital, it must draw up a balance sheet and an inventory of assets.

The Company shall notify its creditors within ten days from the date of the Company's resolution for reduction of capital and shall publish a notice in a newspaper at least three times within thirty days from the date of such resolution. A creditor has the right within thirty days of receiving the notice from the Company or, in the case of a creditor who does not receive the notice, within forty five days from the date of the first public notice, to require the Company to repay its debts or provide a corresponding guarantee for such debt.

The Company's registered capital after reduction shall not be less than the statutory minimum amount.

**Article** The Company may, in accordance with laws, administrative regulations, departmental constitution documents  
**37** and these Articles of Association and subject to the approval of the relevant governing authority of the State,  
repurchase its issued shares under the following circumstances:

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(1) Cancellation of shares for the reduction of its capital;

(2) Merging with another company that holds shares in the Company;

(3) The Company awarding its employees with shares;

(4) Where the shareholders disagree on the resolutions passed by the shareholders' general meeting on the merger or division of the Company so much that they request the company to acquire their shares;

(5) Other circumstances permitted by laws and administrative regulations.

Save for the above circumstances, the Company shall not perform any act of repurchase of its own shares otherwise.

**Article 38** The Company may, with the approval of the relevant State governing authority for repurchasing its shares, conduct the repurchase in one of the following ways:

(1) Making a pro rata general offer of repurchase to all its shareholders;

(2) Repurchase through public dealing on a stock exchange;

(3) Repurchase by an off-market agreement outside a stock exchange.

**Article 39** Where the Company repurchases its shares by an off-market agreement outside a stock exchange, the prior sanction of shareholders shall be obtained in accordance with these Articles of Association. The Company may release or vary a contract so entered into by the Company or waive its rights thereunder with the prior approval of shareholders obtained in the same manner.

A contract to repurchase shares referred to in the preceding paragraph includes but not limited to an agreement to become obliged to repurchase or acquire the right to repurchase shares of the Company.

A contract for the Company to repurchase its shares or any rights thereunder is not assignable.

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Where the Company repurchases its own shares due to reasons as set out in clauses (1) to (3) of Article 37, it shall obtain the prior approval of the shareholders by a resolution at a shareholders' general meeting. After the Company repurchases its shares pursuant to Article 37, the shares in respect of the circumstances described in clause (1) shall be cancelled within ten days from the day of purchase; and those in respect of the circumstances described in clauses (2) and (4) shall be transferred or cancelled within six months. The Company shall deduct the carrying amount of the shares cancelled from its share capital, and shall process registration of changing in registered capital with the original registrar.

The maximum number of shares repurchased by the Company pursuant to clause (3) of Article 37 shall not exceed 5% of its total issued shares; and repurchase shall be fund out of the profit after tax of the Company; the shares purchased shall be transferred to the employees within one year.

**Article 41** Unless the Company is in the course of liquidation, it must comply with the following provisions in relation to repurchase of its issued shares:

(1) Where the Company repurchases shares of the Company at par value, payment shall be made out of book surplus distributable profits of the Company or out of proceeds of a fresh issue of shares made for that purpose;

(2) Where the Company repurchases shares of the Company at a premium to its par value, payment up to the par value may be made out of the book surplus distributable profits of the Company or out of the proceeds of a fresh issue of shares made for that purpose. Payment of the portion in excess of the par value shall be effected as follows:

1. If the shares being repurchased were issued at par value, payment shall be made out of the book surplus distributable profits of the Company;

2. If the shares being repurchased were issued at a premium to its par value, payment shall be made out of the book surplus distributable profits of the Company or out of the proceeds of a fresh issue of shares made for that purpose, provided that the amount paid out of the proceeds of the fresh issue shall not exceed the aggregate of premiums received by the Company on the issue of the shares repurchased or the current amount (including the premiums on the fresh issue) of the Company's premium account (or capital common reserve fund account) at the time of the repurchase;

(3) Payment by the Company in consideration of the following shall be made out of the Company's distributable profits:

1. Acquisition of rights to repurchase shares of the Company;

2. Variation of any contract to repurchase shares of the Company;

3. Release of any of the Company's obligation under any contract to repurchase shares of the Company;

(4) After the Company's registered capital has been reduced by the total par value of the cancelled shares in accordance with the relevant provisions, the amount deducted from the distributable profits of the Company for paying up the par-value portion of the shares repurchased shall be transferred to the Company's premium account (or capital common reserve fund account).

## CHAPTER 5 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ACQUISITION OF COMPANY SHARES

The Company and its subsidiaries shall not, by any means and at any time, provide any kind of financial assistance to any person who is acquiring or is proposing to acquire shares in the Company. The said acquirer of shares of the Company includes a person who directly or indirectly incurs any obligations due to the acquisition of shares in the Company (the "obligor").

The Company and its subsidiaries shall not, by any means and at any time, provide financial assistance to the obligor as referred to in the preceding paragraph for the purpose of reducing or discharging the obligations assumed by that person.

This Article shall not apply to the circumstances specified in Article 44 of this Chapter.

**Article 43** For the purpose of this Chapter, "financial assistance" includes but not limited to the following meanings:

(1) Gift;

(2) Guarantee (including the assumption of liability or provision of assets by the guarantor to secure the performance of obligations by the obligor), or compensation (other than compensation in respect of the Company's own default) or release or waiver of any rights;

(3) Provision of loan or conclusion of any other contract under which the obligations of the Company are to be fulfilled before the obligations of another party, or the novation of, or the assignment of rights arising under, such loan or contract;

(4) Any other form of financial assistance given by the Company when the Company is insolvent or has no net assets or when its net assets would thereby be reduced to a material extent.

For the purpose of this Chapter, “incurring any obligations” includes the incurring of obligations by the changing of the obligor’s financial position by way of contract or the making of arrangement (whether enforceable or not, and whether made on his own account or with any other persons), or by any other means.

**Article 44** The following activities shall not be deemed to be prohibited by Article 42 of this chapter:

(1) The provision of financial assistance by the Company where the financial assistance is given in good faith in the interests of the Company, and the principal purpose of giving the financial assistance is not for the acquisition of shares in the Company, or the giving of the financial assistance is an incidental part of some larger purpose of the Company;

(2) The lawful distribution of the Company’s assets by way of dividend;

(3) The allotment of bonus shares as dividends;

(4) A reduction of registered capital, a repurchase of shares of the Company or a reorganization of the share capital structure of the Company effected in accordance with these Articles of Association;

(5) The lending of money by the Company within the scope and in the ordinary course of its business, provided that the net assets of the Company are not thereby reduced or that, to the extent that the assets are thereby reduced, the financial assistance is provided out of the distributable profits of the Company;

(6) The provision of money by the Company for contributions to staff and workers’ shares schemes, provided that the net assets of the Company are not thereby reduced or that, to the extent that the assets are thereby reduced, the financial assistance is provided out of the distributable profits of the Company.

## **CHAPTER 6 SHARE TRANSFER**

**Article 45** The Shares of the Company can be lawfully transferred.

**Article 46** The Company shall not accept the Company’s share certificates as the subject of pledges.

**Article 47** The Company’s directors, supervisors, president and other senior administrative officers shall periodically declare to the Company the number of shares they hold in the Company during their term of office. They may transfer their shares during the term of their office or after their departure from office in accordance with the



requirements of the laws and the listing rules of the place of the stock exchange on which the Company's shares are listed.

**Article 48** Shares of the Company held by the promoters shall not be transferred within one year commencing from the establishment of the Company. Shares issued prior to the public offer of shares of the Company shall not be transferred within one year from the date when the shares were listed on a stock exchange.

Directors, supervisors and senior administrative officers of the Company shall periodically report to the Company shares of the Company held by them and any changes thereof, and shall not transfer more than 25% of the shares held by them during their term of office, while shares of the Company held by them must not be transferred within one year commencing from the date on which the shares of the Company were listed. The aforesaid persons shall not transfer the shares of the Company held by them within six months commencing from the termination of their service.

Any gains from any sales of shares of the Company by any director, supervisor and senior administrative officer of the Company within six months after the share are bought, or any gains from any purchase of shares of the Company by any of the aforesaid parties within six months after the share are sold shall be disgorged and paid to the Company and the Board of Directors shall recover such gains from the abovementioned parties. In case the Board of Directors failed to perform in compliance with this provision, the responsible directors shall be jointly liable for such default.

If the Board of Directors fails to comply with the aforesaid provision, the shareholders may demand the Board of Directors to implement such provision within thirty days. Where the Board of Directors fails to implement such provision within the aforesaid period, the shareholders may initiate proceedings in the People's Court in their own names to protect the interest of the Company.

## **CHAPTER 7 SHARE CERTIFICATES AND REGISTER OF SHAREHOLDERS**

**Article 49** Share certificates of the Company shall be in registered form.

Share certificates of the Company shall contain the following major particulars:

- (1) Name of the Company;
- (2) Date of incorporation of the Company;
- (3) Class of the shares, nominal value and number of shares represented;



(4) Serial number of the share certificate;

(5) Other items to be contained as required by the Company Law, the Special Regulations;

(6) Other items to be contained as required by the stock exchange on which the shares of the Company are listed.

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Share certificates of the Company shall be signed by the Chairman of the Company's Board of Directors. Where the stock exchanges on which the Company's shares are listed require other senior administrative officer(s) of the Company to sign on the share certificates, the share certificates shall also be signed by such senior administrative officer(s). The share certificates shall take effect after being sealed or printed with the seal of the Company. The share certificates shall only be sealed with the Company's seal under the authorization of the Board of Directors. The signatures of the Chairman of the Board of Directors or other senior administrative officer(s) of the Company may be printed in mechanical form.

**Article 51** The Company shall keep a register of its shareholders and enter in the register the following particulars:

(1) The name (title) and address (residence), the occupation or nature of each shareholder;

(2) The class and quantity of shares held by each shareholder;

(3) The amount paid or payable on the shares of each shareholder;

(4) The share certificate numbers of the shares held by each shareholder;

(5) The date on which each person was entered in the register as a shareholder;

(6) The date on which any shareholder ceased to be a shareholder.

Unless evidence to the contrary is shown, the register of shareholders shall be sufficient evidence of the shareholders' shareholdings in the Company.

**Article 52** The Company may, in accordance with the mutual understanding and agreements between the securities governing authority of the State Council and overseas securities regulatory organisations, maintain the register of shareholders of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares overseas and appoint overseas agent(s) to manage such share register. The original share register for holders of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares listed in Hong Kong

shall be maintained in Hong Kong.

A duplicate of the share register for holders of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares shall be maintained at the Company's address. The appointed overseas agent(s) shall ensure the consistency between the original and the duplicate of the share register.

If there is any inconsistency between the original and the duplicate of the share register for holders of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares, the original shall prevail.

**Article 53** The Company shall have a complete register of shareholders which shall comprise the following:

- (1) A part of the shareholders' register maintained at the Company's address other than those parts mentioned in clauses (2) and (3) of this Article;
- (2) A part of the shareholders' register in respect of the holders of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares of the Company maintained in the place of the overseas stock exchange on which the shares are listed; and
- (3) Any other parts of the shareholders' register maintained at such other places as the Board of Directors may consider necessary for the purpose of listing the shares of the Company.

**Article 54** Different parts of the shareholders' register shall not overlap. No transfer of any shares registered in any part of the register shall, during the continuance of that registration, be registered in any other part of the register.

The alteration and rectification of each part of the shareholders' register shall be carried out in accordance with the laws of the place where the register is maintained.

All the fully paid-up H Shares can be freely transferred in accordance with these Articles of Association. However, the Board of Directors may refuse to recognize any instrument of transfer without giving any reason, unless:

(1) A fee (for each instrument of transfer) of two dollars and fifty cents Hong Kong dollars or any higher fee as agreed by the Stock Exchange has been paid to the Company for registration of any instrument of transfer or other document which is related to or will affect ownership of or change of ownership of the shares;

(2) The instrument of transfer only involves H Shares;

(3) The stamp duty chargeable on the instrument of transfer has been paid;

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(4) The relevant share certificate and upon the reasonable request of the Board of Directors any evidence in relation to the right of the transferor to transfer the shares have been submitted;

(5) If it is intended to transfer the shares to joint owners, then the maximum number of joint owners shall not exceed four;

(6) The Company does not have any lien on the relevant shares.

If the Company refuses to register any transfer of shares, the Company shall within two months of the formal application for the transfer provide the transferor and the transferee with a notice of refusal to register such transfer.

**Article 55** No changes in the shareholders' register due to the transfer of shares may be made within thirty days before the date of a shareholders' general meeting or within five days before the record date for the Company's distribution of dividends.

**Article 56** Where the Company decides to convene a shareholders' general meeting, distribute dividends, liquidate or carry out other activities which would require the determination of shareholdings, the Board of Directors shall fix a record date for the purpose of determining shareholdings. A person who is registered in the register as shareholders of the Company at the end of the record date shall be a shareholder of the Company.

**Article 57** Any person aggrieved and claiming to be entitled to have his name (title) to be entered in or removed from the register of shareholders may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for rectification of the register.

**Article 58** Any person who is a registered shareholder or who claims to be entitled to have his name (title) entered into the register of shareholders in respect of shares in the Company may, if his share certificate (the "original certificate") relating to the shares is lost, apply to the Company for a replacement new share certificate in respect of such shares (the "Relevant Shares").

If a shareholder of Domestic Shares loses his share certificate and applies to the Company for a replacement new share certificate, it shall be dealt with in accordance with article 144 of the Company Law.

If a shareholder of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares loses his share certificate and applies to the Company for a replacement new share certificate, it may be dealt with in accordance with the laws of the place where the original register of holders of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares is maintained, rules of the stock exchange or other relevant regulations.



If a shareholder of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares listed in Hong Kong (H Shares) loses his share certificate, the issue of a replacement new share certificate shall comply with following requirements:

- (1) The applicant shall submit an application to the Company in a prescribed form accompanied by a notarial certificate or a statutory declaration stating the grounds upon which the application is made and the circumstances and the evidence of the loss, and declaring that no other person is entitled to have his name entered in the register of shareholders in respect of the Relevant Shares.

(2) Before the Company decides to issue the replacement new share certificate, no statement made by any person other than the applicant declaring that his name shall be entered in the register of shareholders in respect of such shares has been received.

(3) The Company shall, if it intends to issue a replacement new share certificate, publish a notice of its intention at least once every thirty days in a period of ninety consecutive days in such newspapers as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

(4) The Company shall have, prior to publication of its intention to issue a replacement new share certificate, delivered to the stock exchange on which its shares are listed a copy of the notice to be published, and may publish the notice upon receiving confirmation from such stock exchange that the notice has been exhibited in the premises of the said stock exchange. Such notice shall be exhibited in the premises of the said stock exchange for a period of ninety days.

In the case of an application made without the consent of the registered holder of the Relevant Shares, the Company shall deliver by mail to such registered shareholder a copy of the notice to be published.

(5) If, by the expiration of the 90-day period referred to in clauses (3) and (4) of this Article, the Company have not received from any person notice of any disagreement to such application, the Company may issue a replacement new share certificate to the applicant accordingly.

(6) Where the Company issues a replacement new share certificate under this Article, it shall forthwith cancel the original share certificate and enter the cancellation and issue in the register of shareholders accordingly.

(7) All expenses relating to the cancellation of an original share certificate and the issue of a replacement new share certificate by the Company shall be borne by the applicant and the Company is entitled to refuse to take any action until reasonable security is provided by the applicant.

**Article 59** Where the Company issues a replacement new share certificate pursuant to these Articles of Association, the name (title) of a bona fide purchaser gaining possession of such new share certificate or the person who is subsequently entered in the register of shareholders as holder of such shares (if he is a bona fide purchaser) shall not be removed from the register of shareholders.

**Article 60** The Company shall not be liable for any damages sustained by any person by reason of the cancellation of the original share certificate or the issue of the new share certificate, unless the claimant proves that the Company has acted deceitfully.

## **CHAPTER 8 SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

**Article 61** A shareholder of the Company is a person who lawfully holds shares in the Company and whose name (title) is entered in the register of shareholders. A shareholder shall enjoy rights and bear obligations according to the class and proportion of the shares held by him; shareholders who hold shares of the same class shall enjoy the same rights and bear the same obligations.

**Article 62** The ordinary shareholders of the Company shall enjoy the following rights:

- (1) The right to request the convening and holding of and to attend or appoint a proxy to attend shareholders' general meetings and to vote thereat;
- (2) The right to dividends and other distributions in proportion to the number of shares held;
- (3) The right of supervisory management over the Company's business operations, and the right to present proposals or enquiries;
- (4) The right to transfer, donate or pledge his shares in accordance with laws, administrative regulations and these Articles of Association;
- (5) The right of knowledge and decision making power with respect to important matters of the Company in accordance with laws, administrative regulations and these Articles of Association;
- (6) The right to obtain relevant information in accordance with the provisions of these Articles of Association, including:

1. the right to obtain a copy of these Articles of Association, subject to payment of the cost of such copy;
2. the right to inspect and copy, subject to payment of a reasonable charge:
  - (i) all parts of the register of shareholders;
  - (ii) personal particulars of each of the Company's directors, supervisors, president and other senior administrative officers, including:
    - (a) present name and alias and any former name or alias;
    - (b) principal address (residence);
    - (c) nationality;
    - (d) primary and all other part-time occupations and duties;
    - (e) identification documents and their relevant numbers;
  - (iii) state of the Company's share capital;
- reports showing the aggregate par value, quantity, highest and lowest price paid in respect of each class of shares
- (iv) repurchased by the Company since the end of last accounting year and the aggregate amount paid by the Company for this purpose;
- (v) minutes of shareholders' general meetings and accountants' report;
- (vi) interim and annual reports of the Company.
- (7) In the event of the termination or liquidation of the Company, the right to participate in the distribution of surplus assets of the Company in accordance with the number of shares held;
- (8) The right to request the company to repurchase their shares as a result of disagreement on the resolutions passed by the shareholders' general meeting on the merger or division of the Company;

(9) Other rights conferred by laws, administrative regulations and these Articles of Association.

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**Article 63** If a shareholder requests to inspect the information or obtain the relevant materials as described in Article 62 of these Articles of Association, he shall provide the Company with a written document showing the class and number of shares in the Company held by him. The Company shall at the request of such shareholder provide him with the relevant information upon confirmation of his identity.

**Article 64** If a resolution of a shareholders' general meeting or board meeting violates the provisions of existing laws and administrative regulations of the PRC, a shareholder may request the local People's Court to declare it invalid.

If the procedures for convening a shareholders' general meeting or board meeting or the voting methods thereof violate the existing laws and administrative regulations of the PRC or these Articles of Association, or the content of a resolution violates these Articles of Association, shareholders may petition the local People's Court to rescind such resolution within sixty days from the date on which such a resolution is passed.

**Article 65** If a director or any senior administrative staff violates any laws, administrative regulations or these Articles of Association in the course of performing his duties and causes losses to the Company, shareholders alone or in aggregate holding 1% or more of the Company's shares for a hundred and eighty consecutive days may request the supervisory committee in writing to initiate legal proceedings against such acts in the local People's Court; where the Company incurs losses as a result of the members of the supervisory committee having violated any laws, administrative regulations or these Articles of Association in the course of performing their duties, shareholders may request the Board of Directors in writing to initiate legal proceedings in the local People's Court.

If the supervisory committee or the Board of Directors refuses to initiate legal proceedings after receiving the aforesaid written request of shareholder, or fails to initiate such legal proceedings within thirty days on which such request is received, or in case of emergency where failure to initiate such legal proceedings immediately will result in irreparable damage to the Company's interest, the shareholder described in the preceding paragraph may initiate legal proceedings in the local People's Court directly in their own names in the interest of the Company.

These shareholders may also initiate legal proceedings in the People's Court under the provisions set out in the preceding two paragraphs if any third parties infringe on the lawful interests of the Company and result in damage to the Company.

**Article 66** Shareholders may initiate legal proceedings if a director or any senior administrative staff violates any laws, administrative regulations or these Articles of Association and harms the interests of shareholders.

**Article 67** The ordinary shareholders of the Company shall assume the following obligations:

- (1) To abide by these Articles of Association;
- (2) To pay subscription monies according to the number of shares subscribed and the method of subscription;
- (3) Not to withdraw their shares unless required by laws and regulations;

Not to abuse their rights as shareholders to harm the interests of the Company or other shareholders; not to abuse (4) the independent legal person status of the Company and the limited liability of shareholders to harm the interests of any creditor of the Company.

Shareholders of the Company who abuse their rights as shareholders to harm the interests of the Company or other shareholders shall be liable for compensation.

Shareholders of the Company who abuse the independent legal person status of the Company and the limited liability of shareholders to harm the interests of any creditor of the Company shall be jointly liable for the debt of the Company;

- (5) Other obligations imposed by laws, administrative regulations and these Articles of Association.

Shareholders are not liable to make any further contribution to the share capital other than as agreed by the subscriber of the relevant shares on subscription.

**Article 68** If a shareholder who holds 5% or more of the Company's voting shares pledges the shares in his possession, he shall submit a written report to the Company on the day when such pledge takes place.

**Article 69** In addition to the obligations imposed by laws and administrative regulations or required by the listing rules of the stock exchange on which shares of the Company are listed, a controlling shareholder shall not exercise his voting rights in respect of the following matters in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the shareholders generally or of some of the shareholders of the Company:

- (1) to relieve a director or supervisor of his duty to act honestly in the best interests of the Company;

(2) to approve the expropriation by a director or supervisor (for his own benefit or for the benefit of another person), in any guise, of the Company's assets, including but not limited to opportunities beneficial to the Company;



to approve the expropriation by a director or supervisor (for his own benefit or for the benefit of another person) of (3) the individual rights of other shareholders, including but not limited to rights to distributions and voting rights save pursuant to a restructuring submitted to shareholders for approval in accordance with these Articles of Association.

**Article 70** For the purpose of the foregoing Article, a “controlling shareholder” means a person who satisfies any one of the following conditions:

- (1) he alone or acting in concert with others has the power to elect more than half of the Board of Directors;
- (2) he alone or acting in concert with others has the power to exercise or to control the exercise of 30% (including 30%) or more of the voting rights in the Company;
- (3) he alone or acting in concert with others holds 30% (including 30%) or more of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company;
- (4) he alone or acting in concert with others in any other manner controls the Company in fact.

**Article 71** The controlling shareholders of the Company shall assume the following obligations for the Company:

- (1) The controlling shareholders and the Company shall implement separation of personnel, assets and finance and independence between organs and business of the Company;

The controlling shareholders shall respect decisions made by shareholders’ general meeting and the Board of (2) Directors of the Company, and shall not bypass the shareholders’ general meeting or the Board of Directors in interfering with the decisions made and production and operation activities carried out legally by the Company;

The controlling shareholders shall nominate candidates of the Company’s directors and supervisors in accordance with laws and regulations and these Articles of Association. Nominated candidates of directors and supervisors shall have the relevant knowledge and capacity of decision-making and supervision. The controlling shareholders shall not execute any approval procedure relating to the appointment of members of the Board of Directors or (3) appointment of personnel at the shareholders’ general meeting, or bypass shareholders’ general meeting and Board of Directors in employing or dismissing any senior administrative officers of the Company; the controlling shareholders shall not interfere with the employment and dismissal and use of any senior administrative officers of the Company;

- The controlling shareholders shall not take advantage of connected transactions, profit distribution, asset
- (4) restructuring, external investment, capital appropriation and loan guarantee to harm the legal interests of the Company and other shareholders, and shall not exploit their special position to obtain additional benefits;
- (5) The controlling shareholders shall abide by the provisions of the Stock Exchange about abstaining from decision on connected transactions of the Company;
- (6) The controlling shareholders and their related companies shall avoid direct competition with the Company;
- (7) The controlling shareholders shall ensure that relevant information provided to the Company is true, accurate and complete, and ensure that the Company can legally perform disclosure obligation to public investors;
- (8) When exercising voting rights, the controlling shareholders shall not make decisions which harm the legal interests of the Company and other shareholders.

The controlling shareholders and beneficial controller of the Company have a fiduciary duty towards the

**Article** Company and its other shareholders, and shall not exploit their connected relationship with the Company to

**72** harm the interests of the Company. If they have violated such provision and caused damage to the company, they are liable for compensation.

The controlling shareholders shall exercise their rights as contributors strictly in accordance with laws. The controlling shareholders shall not impair the legitimate interests of the Company and other shareholders by taking advantage from connected transactions, profit distribution, assets restructuring, external investment, capital appropriation and loan guarantee, nor shall they exploit their controlling position to prejudice the interests of the Company and other shareholders.

The Board of the Company shall establish a “moratorium upon misappropriation” mechanism on shares held by substantial shareholders. Once the Board becomes aware of any embezzlement of the Company’s assets by the controlling shareholder or the beneficial controller through abuse of the Company’s funds or by other means, the controlling shareholder’s shareholding in the Company shall be subject to moratorium by judicial order immediately. If the controlling shareholder is unable to repay the embezzled assets in cash, the Company shall be entitled to dispose of the shares held by the controlling shareholder and retain the proceeds resulting therefrom as compensation.

The directors, supervisors and other senior management personnel of the Company shall comply with the laws, administrative regulations and these Articles of Association. They shall exercise care and diligence and fulfill their fiduciary duties to the Company, and protect the assets of the Company at their own initiative. They shall not exploit their positions to facilitate, assist or indulge the controlling shareholder in embezzling the funds of the Company, nor shall they impair the Company's interests through unauthorized guarantees, unfair connected transactions or otherwise.

If a director of the Company is found assisting or indulging the controlling shareholder and its associated enterprises in misappropriating the assets of the Company, upon the proposal of the Supervisory Committee or any shareholder holding 3% or more of the shares in the Company, a general meeting of the Company shall be convened to consider removing such director from office.

If a supervisor of the Company is found assisting or indulging the controlling shareholder and its associated enterprises in misappropriating the assets of the Company, upon the proposal of the Board or any shareholder holding 3% or more of the shares in the Company, a general meeting of the Company shall be convened to consider removing such supervisor from office.

If any other senior management personnel of the Company is found assisting or indulging the controlling shareholder and its associated enterprises in misappropriating the assets of the Company, upon the proposal of one-third or more of the directors or supervisors, a board meeting shall be convened to consider removing such senior management personnel from office.

If a director, supervisor or other senior management personnel of the Company fails to fulfil his/her duties of fiduciary to the Company by exploiting his/her position to assist or indulge the controlling shareholder and its associated enterprises in misappropriating the assets of the Company, and be suspected of committing an offence, upon a resolution passed by the Board or the Supervisory Committee of the Company, such personnel shall be transferred to the relevant judicial authority for investigation of criminal responsibility.

Written agreements shall be made in respect of connected transactions between the Company and a connected person, which shall be on the principles of equality, voluntariness and fair consideration. Connected transactions shall be made on normal commercial terms, and the consideration must be comparable with those provided by independent third parties in the market.

The Company shall take effective measures to prevent its connected persons from interfering with the operations of the Company and damaging the Company's benefits by way of monopolizing its purchase and sales channels.

The Company shall take effective measures to prevent shareholders and its connected parties from misappropriating or transferring the Company's funds, assets or other resources in whatever manner.

**Article 74** The Company shall take active steps to establish and improve its investor relation management system and boost communications and exchanges with the shareholders in every way available. The board secretary of the Company shall be specifically responsible for investor relation management.

## CHAPTER 9 SHAREHOLDERS' GENERAL MEETINGS

**Article 75** The shareholders' general meeting shall be the source of authority of the Company and shall exercise its powers according to the laws.

**Article 76** The shareholders' general meeting shall exercise the following functions and powers:

- (1) To decide on the Company's operational policies and investment plans;
- (2) To elect and replace directors and decide on matters relating to the remuneration of directors;
- (3) To elect and replace the supervisors who are representatives of shareholders, and to decide on matters relating to the remuneration of supervisors;
- (4) To examine and approve reports of the Board of Directors;
- (5) To examine and approve reports of the supervisory committee;
- (6) To examine and approve the Company's proposed annual preliminary and final financial budgets;
- (7) To examine and approve the Company's profit distribution plans and plans for making up losses;
- (8) To decide on increase or decrease in the Company's registered capital;
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To decide on matters such as merger, division, dissolution, liquidation and change in company forms of the Company;

- (10) To decide on the issue of debentures by the Company;

- (11) To decide on matters relating to external guarantee according to the relevant provisions of these Articles of Association;
- (12) To decide on the appointment, dismissal and disengagement of the accountants of the Company;
- (13) To amend these Articles of Association;
- (14) To examine and approve the change in use of proceeds from raising capitals;
- (15) To examine the adoption of share incentive scheme;
- (16) To consider motions raised by shareholders who represent 3% or more of the total shares of the Company carrying the right to vote;
- (17) To consider and approve significant acquisition, disposal and replacement of assets of the Company (the standards shall be fixed in accordance with the rules of the stock exchange of the listing place);
- (18) To consider and approve external guarantee by the Company at a shareholders' general meeting as required by the laws, rules and regulations and provisions of these Articles of Association;
- (19) To decide on other matters which require resolutions of the shareholders at shareholders' general meetings according to the relevant laws, administrative regulations and these Articles of Association;
- (20) To decide on which matters the Board of Directors may be authorised or delegated to deal with by the shareholders at shareholders' general meetings.

When the shareholders' general meeting decides on which matters the Board of Directors may be authorised or delegated to deal with, the shareholders' general meeting shall protect the legitimate rights and interests of the Company according to law and abide by laws and regulations strictly in order to ensure the Company's principle of efficient operation and scientific decision making. Matters which the Board of Directors may be authorised or delegated to deal with including but not limited to the following:

1. To modify the language of the Articles of Association after the shareholders' general meeting has passed the resolution on the amendments to the Articles of Association;



2. To distribute the interim dividends;

3. To decide on specific matters in connection with the issue of new shares and convertible bonds;

To deal with, mortgage and secure the fixed assets under the current operation policy and investment plan passed at  
4. the shareholders' general meeting, excluding direct or indirect provision of debts guarantee for the secured party with a gearing ratio exceeding 70%.

The shareholders' general meeting shall also decide on other matters which the Board of Directors may be authorised or delegated to deal with from time to time in accordance with laws, regulations and these Articles of Association.

Save for special circumstances such as crisis, the Company shall not, without the prior approval of  
**Article** shareholders at shareholders' general meeting, enter into any contract with any person other than a director,  
**77** supervisor, president or other senior administrative officer whereby the management and administration of the whole or any substantial part of the business of the Company is to be handed over to such person.

**Article** Shareholders' general meetings are divided into annual general meetings and extraordinary general meetings.  
**78** Shareholders' general meetings shall be convened by the Board of Directors. Annual general meetings are held once every year and within six months from the end of the preceding financial year.

**Article** Under any of the following circumstances, the Board of Directors shall convene an extraordinary general  
**79** meeting within two months:

(1) The number of directors is less than that is required by the Company Law or two thirds of the number of directors specified in these Articles of Association;

(2) The accrued losses of the Company amount to one third of the total amount of its share capital;

(3) Shareholder(s) individually or jointly holding 10% or more of the Company's issued and outstanding shares carrying voting rights request(s) in writing the convening of an extraordinary general meeting;

(4) It is deemed necessary by the Board of Directors or requested by the supervisory committee to convene an extraordinary general meeting;

(5) More than one half of the independent directors propose to convene the meeting.





The number of shares held by shareholders in clause (3) above shall be calculated on the date when the written request is submitted.

**Article 80** The place for convening the shareholders' general meeting shall be clearly set out in the notice of meeting.

The shareholders' general meeting shall set meeting venue and be convened by ways of on-site meetings. The Company will provide online transmission for the convenience of shareholders where technologically viable. Shareholders who attend shareholders' general meetings in the aforesaid manners shall be deemed as present.

**Article 81** The Company shall engage lawyers to attend shareholders' general meetings and advise on the following issues with announcements made thereon:

- (1) Whether the convening of the shareholders' general meeting and its procedures are in compliance with laws, administrative regulations and these Articles of Association;
- (2) Whether the attendees are eligible and whether the eligibility of the convenor is lawful and valid;
- (3) Whether the procedures of voting and the voting results of the meeting are lawful and valid;
- (4) Legal opinions on other related matters at the request of the Company.

A shareholders' general meeting shall be convened and presided over by the chairman of the Board of Directors. If the chairman is unable to attend the meeting for any reason, the vice-chairman of the Board of Directors shall convene and take the chair of the meeting. If both the chairman and vice-chairman of the Board of Directors are unable to attend the meeting, then the Board of Directors may designate a director to convene and take the chair of the meeting. If no chairman of the meeting has been designated, shareholders present shall choose one person to be the chairman of the meeting. If for any reason the shareholders fail to elect a chairman, then the shareholder (including his proxy) presents in person or by proxy and holds the largest number of shares carrying the right to vote thereat shall be the chairman of the meeting.

Shareholders' general meetings convened by the supervisory committee shall be presided over by the chairman of the supervisory committee. If the chairman of the supervisory committee is unable or fails to perform his duties, a supervisor elected by more than half of supervisors shall preside over the meeting.

A shareholders' general meeting convened by the shareholders themselves shall be presided over by a representative nominated by the convening shareholders.

When a shareholders' general meeting is held and the chairman of the meeting violates the rules of procedures such that the shareholders' general meeting cannot proceed, a person may be elected to preside over the meeting, subject to the approval of shareholders present at the meeting and entitled to more than half of the voting rights.

**Article 83** Shareholders requisitioning the convening of an extraordinary general meeting or a class meeting shall abide by the following procedures:

Shareholders individually or jointly holding in aggregate 10% or more of the shares carrying the right to vote at the (1) meeting sought to be held shall sign one or more counterpart requisitions stating the objectives of the meeting and requiring the Board of Directors to convene a shareholders' extraordinary general meeting or a class meeting.

The Board of Directors shall, in accordance with laws, administrative regulations and these Articles of Association, (2) furnish a written reply stating its agreement or disagreement to convene the extraordinary general meeting within ten days upon receipt of such requisition.

If the Board of Directors agrees to convene the extraordinary general meeting, a notice of meeting shall be issued (3) within five days after adoption of the relevant resolution by the Board of Directors. Any changes to the original requisition made in the notice shall require the approval of the relevant shareholders.

If the Board of Directors does not agree to convene the extraordinary general meeting or does not furnish any reply within ten days upon receipt of such requisition, shareholders individually or jointly holding over 10% of the shares of the Company shall be entitled to propose to the supervisory committee that an extraordinary general meeting or a class meeting be convened, and such proposal shall be made in writing to the supervisory committee.

If the supervisory committee agrees to convene the extraordinary general meeting, a notice of meeting shall be (4) issued within five days upon receipt of such requisition. Any changes to the original requisition made in the notice shall require the approval of the relevant shareholders.

If the supervisory committee does not issue a notice of meeting within the prescribed period, it shall be deemed as failing to convene and preside over the meeting.

(5) If neither the Board of Directors nor the supervisory committee convene and preside over the shareholders' general meeting, the requisitionists themselves may convene such a meeting in a manner as similar as possible as that in which shareholders' meeting are to be convened by the Board of Directors within four months from the date of receipt of the requisition by the Board of Directors.

Any reasonable expenses incurred by the requisitionists by reason of the failure of the Board of Directors to duly convene a meeting shall be repaid to the requisitionists by the Company and any sum so repaid shall be set off against sums owed by the Company to the directors in default.

**Article 84** Independent directors shall be entitled to propose to the Board of Directors the convening of an extraordinary general meeting. The Board of Directors shall, in accordance with laws, administrative regulations and these Articles of Association, furnish a written reply stating its agreement or disagreement to the convening of the extraordinary general meeting within ten days upon receipt of such proposal.

If the Board of Directors agrees to convene an extraordinary general meeting, a notice of meeting shall be issued within five days after passing of the relevant resolution by the Board of Directors. If the Board of Directors does not agree to convene an extraordinary general meeting, reasons for such disagreement shall be given by way of announcement.

**Article 85** The supervisory committee shall be entitled to propose to the Board of Directors the convening of an extraordinary general meeting, provided that such proposal shall be made in writing. The Board of Directors shall, in accordance with laws, administrative regulations and these Articles of Association, furnish a written reply stating its agreement or disagreement to the convening of an extraordinary general meeting within ten days upon receipt of such proposal.

If the Board of Directors agrees to convene an extraordinary general meeting, a notice of meeting shall be issued within five days after the passing of the relevant resolution by the Board of Directors. Any change to the original proposal made in the notice shall require the approval of the supervisory committee.

If the Board of Directors does not agree to convene an extraordinary general meeting or does not furnish any reply within ten days after receiving such proposal, the Board of Directors shall be deemed as incapable of performing or failing to perform the duty of convening a general meeting, in which case the supervisory committee may convene and preside over such meeting on an unilateral basis.

All necessary expenses incurred for such shareholders' general meeting convened by the supervisory committee shall be borne by the Company.

**Article 86** Where the supervisory committee or shareholders decide(s) to convene the extraordinary general meeting by itself / themselves, it / they shall send a written notice to the Board, and file the same with the local office of CSRC and the stock exchange at the place where the Company is located for record.

The shareholding of the convening shareholders shall not be lower than 10% prior to the announcement of the resolutions of the shareholders' general meeting.

The convening shareholder shall submit relevant evidence to the local office of CSRC and the stock exchange at the place where the Company is located upon the issuance of the notice of general meeting and the announcement of the resolutions of the shareholders' general meeting.

**Article 87** The Board of Directors and the secretary to the Board of Directors shall cooperate with respect to matters relating to a shareholders' general meeting convened by the supervisory committee or shareholders at its / their own discretion. The Board of Directors shall provide the register of shareholders as of the record date.

**Article 88** Motions proposed at a shareholders' general meeting shall be the specific proposals relating to the matter that should be put forth for discussion at a shareholders' general meeting, upon which resolution shall be made at the shareholders' general meeting.

**Article 89** Where the Company convenes a shareholders' general meeting, the Board of Directors, the supervisory committee and shareholder(s) individually or jointly holding more than 30% of the Company's issued and outstanding shares carrying voting rights shall have the right to propose motions to the Company.

Shareholder(s) individually or jointly holding more than 30% of the Company's issued and outstanding shares carrying voting rights shall have the right to propose an ex tempore motion ten days prior to the general meeting by furnishing the same to the convener in writing. After the same have been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company, those matters in the proposed motions within the scope of functions and powers of the shareholders' general meeting will be placed on the agendas. The convener shall within two days after receiving the proposed motion issue a supplemental notice of general meeting to make public the contents of the ex tempore motion. If the Board of Directors considers that the contents of the motion are not within the scope of functions and powers of the shareholders' general meeting, it shall give reasons and explanation to the shareholders' general meeting and publish the motion and the board's explanation along with resolutions adopted by the shareholders' general meeting at the end of the meeting.

Save as provided in the preceding paragraphs, the convener shall not amend such new motions stated in the notice of shareholders' general meeting or add any new motion upon the issue of the notice of meeting.

Motions which are not included in the notice of meeting or which do not meet Article 88 of these Articles of Association shall not be voted on by the shareholders' general meeting and become resolutions.

Notice of a shareholders' general meeting shall be given by way of announcement or by any other manner as provided in these Articles of Association (if necessary), not less than forty-five days (including forty-five days) before the date of the meeting to notify all of the shareholders in the share register of the matters to be considered, the date and the place of the meeting.

The Company shall, based on the written replies received twenty days before the date of the shareholders' general meeting from the shareholders, calculate the number of voting shares represented by the shareholders who intend to attend the meeting. If the number of voting shares represented by the shareholders who intend to attend the meeting reaches one half or more of the Company's total voting shares, the Company may hold the meeting; if not, then the Company shall within five days notify the shareholders again by public notice of the matters to be considered, the place and date for, the meeting. The Company may then hold the meeting after such publication of notice.

An extraordinary general meeting shall not decide on any matter not stated in the notice of meeting.

When the Board of Directors issues the notice for the convening of a shareholders' general meeting, the meeting shall not be postponed without reason. In case the shareholders' general meeting must be postponed under special circumstances, a notice regarding the postponement must be issued at least two working days before the original date of the shareholders' general meeting. In the postponement notice, the Board of Directors must state the reasons for the postponement and the date of the postponed meeting. When the shareholders' general meeting is postponed, the Board of Directors may not change the record date of the shareholding of the shareholders entitled to attend the shareholders' general meeting provided in the original

notice.

**Article 94** A notice of meeting of shareholders shall:

(1) be in writing;

(2) specify the place, the date and time of the meeting;

(3) state the matters and proposals to be considered at the meeting;

provide such information and explanation as are necessary for the shareholders to make an informed decision on the proposals put before them. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, where a proposal is made to

(4) amalgamate the Company with another, to repurchase shares, to reorganise the share capital, or to restructure 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 must be properly explained;

contain a disclosure of the nature and extent, if any, of the material interests of any director, supervisor, president

(5) or other senior administrative officer in the proposed transaction and the effect of the proposed transaction on them in their capacity as shareholders in so far as it is different from the effect on the interests of the shareholders of the same class;

(6) contain the full text of any special resolution to be proposed at the meeting;

(7) contain conspicuously a statement that a shareholder entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote instead of him and that a proxy need not be a shareholder;

(8) specify the time and place for lodging proxy forms for the relevant meeting;

(9) specify the record date of shareholding of shareholders entitled to attend the shareholders' general meeting;

(10) specify the name and telephone number of the contact person of the meeting.



The notice convening shareholders' general meeting and its supplementary notice shall fully and completely disclose the specific contents of all motions. For those items requiring the opinions of independent directors, the notice of shareholders' general meeting or the supplementary notice shall disclose both the opinions and the reasons of independent directors.

Where the Company convenes the shareholders' general meeting and provides shareholders with online voting, the notice of meeting shall specify the time and voting procedures of online voting and the matters to be considered and approved. Online or other means of voting for shareholders' general meeting shall start not earlier than 3:00 p.m. on the day before the convening of the on-the-spot shareholders' general meeting or later than 9:30 a.m. on the day of convening of the on-the-spot shareholders' general meeting, and shall end not earlier than 3:00 p.m. on the day when the on-the-spot shareholders' general meeting is concluded.

The period between the record date and the date for the meeting shall not be less than 30 days. No changes shall be made once the record date is confirmed.

**Article 95** Where the shareholders' general meeting intends to deliberate the election of directors or supervisors, the notice of meeting shall fully disclose the details information on the candidates for directors or supervisors at least in the following aspects:

- (1) Personal information such as educational background, work experience and other engagements;
- (2) Whether such candidate has any affiliation with the Company or its controlling shareholders or beneficial controllers;
- (3) The number of shares of the Company such candidate holds;
- (4) Whether such candidate has been penalised by the CSRC or any other relevant authorities.

Saving directors or supervisors who are elected by way of cumulative voting system, a single proposal shall be put forward for each candidate for directors or supervisors.

**Article 96** Notice of shareholders' general meeting shall be served on the shareholders (whether or not entitled to vote at the meeting), by announcement, by hand or by prepaid airmail to their addresses as shown in the register of shareholders.



The notice for holders of Domestic Shares shall be published in one or more newspapers designated by the securities governing authority of the State Council not less than forty-five days (including forty-five days) before the date of the meeting; after the publication of notice, the holders of Domestic Shares shall be deemed to have received the notice of the relevant shareholders' general meeting.

The notice for holders of Overseas Foreign Listed Shares shall be published on the website of the Company (www.csair.com) not less than forty-five days (including forty-five days) before the date of the meeting; after such publication, the holders of Overseas Foreign Listed Shares shall be deemed to have received the notice of the relevant shareholders' general meeting.

**Article 97** The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the failure to receive the notice of a meeting by, any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

**Article 98** 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 99** All the shareholders or their proxies recorded in the register of members on the record date are entitled to attend the shareholders' general meeting, and shall exercise their voting rights pursuant to the laws, regulations and these Articles of Association.

Shareholders may attend the meeting in person, or they may appoint proxies to attend the meeting for them.

**Article 100** Any shareholder entitled to attend and vote at a meeting of the Company shall be entitled to appoint one or more other persons (whether a shareholder or not) as his proxies to attend and vote on his behalf. A proxy so appointed shall be entitled to exercise the following rights pursuant to the authorisation from that shareholder:

(1) The shareholder's right to speak at the meeting;

(2) The right to demand or join in demanding a poll;

(3) The right to vote by hand or on a poll, but a proxy of a shareholder who has appointed more than one proxy may only vote on a poll.



Where that shareholder is a recognised clearing house within the meaning of the Securities and Futures (Clearing Houses) Ordinance (Cap. 420 of the laws of Hong Kong), it may authorise such person or 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, provided that if more than one person is so authorised, the authorisation must specify the number and class of shares in respect of which each such person is so authorised. The person so authorised will be entitled to exercise the same power on behalf of the recognised clearing house as that clearing house (or its nominees) could exercise if it were an individual shareholder of the Company.

**Article 101** The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointer or his attorney duly authorised in writing, or if the appointer is a legal entity, either under seal or under the hand of a director or attorney duly authorised.

**Article 102** If the instrument for appointing a proxy is signed by an attorney of the appointer, the power of attorney to sign or other documents of authorisation shall be notarially certified. The notarially certified copy of that power of attorney or other authorisation documents and the instrument appointing the proxy shall be deposited at the premises of the Company or such other place as is specified for that purpose in the notice convening the meeting.

If the appointer is a legal person, its legal representative or such person as is authorised by resolution of its Board of Directors or other governing body may attend at any shareholders' general meeting of the Company as a representative of the appointer.

**Article 103** Any instrument issued to a shareholder by the directors for use in appointing a proxy to attend and vote at meetings of the Company shall be in such format as to enable the shareholder to instruct the proxy to vote in favour of or against the motions according to his free will, and instructions shall be given in respect of each individual matter to be voted on at the meeting. The instrument of proxy shall contain a statement that in the absence of instructions by the shareholder the proxy may vote as he thinks fit. Meanwhile, there shall be spaces for entering the date of issue and validity period and executing the signature (or affixing a seal). If the appointer is a legal person, the seal of the legal person entity shall also be affixed.

**Article 104** The instrument for appointing a voting proxy and, if such instrument is signed by a person under a power of attorney or other authority on behalf of the appointer, a notarially certified copy of that power of attorney or other authority, shall be deposited at the premises of the Company or at such other place as is specified for that purpose in the notice convening the meeting, not less than twenty-four hours before the time for holding the meeting or the time appointed for the passing of the resolution.

If the appointer is a legal person, its legal representative or such person as is authorised by resolution of its Board of Directors or other governing body may attend at any meeting of shareholders of the Company as a representative of the appointer.

**Article 105** A vote given in accordance with the terms of an instrument of proxy shall be valid notwithstanding the death or loss of capacity of the appointer or revocation of the proxy or of the authority under which the proxy was executed, or the transfer of the shares in respect of which the proxy is given, provided that no notice in writing of such death, loss of capacity, revocation or transfer as aforesaid shall have been received by the Company at its premises before the commencement of the meeting at which the proxy is used.

**Article 106** An individual shareholder who attends the shareholders' general meeting in person shall produce his identification card or other valid documents or certificates which can prove his identity, and his stock account card. Where a proxy is appointed to attend the meeting, the proxy shall produce his own identification documents and the instrument for appointing a proxy.

A legal person shareholder shall attend the meeting by its authorised representative or the attorney as appointed by such authorised representative. An authorised representative who attends the shareholders' general meeting shall produce his identification card and valid documents which can prove his identity. Where an attorney is appointed to attend the meeting, the attorney shall produce his own identification card and the relevant power of attorney executed by such authorised representative pursuant to the laws.

**Article 107** The Company shall, subject to the shareholders' general meetings being legally and validly held, and so far as the conditions permit, encourage a higher proportion of participation of shareholders in shareholders' general meetings through various means, including using modern information technology to establish an online voting platform.

**Article 108** Online voting adopted for the shareholders' general meeting shall be conducted in accordance with the relevant laws, rules and regulations. Where online voting is adopted for the shareholders' general meeting, all shareholders whose names appear on the register of members on the record date for the purpose of the shareholders' general meeting, are entitled to exercise their voting rights through the online voting system of the shareholders' general meeting, provided that the voting right of the same shares shall be exercised only by one of the following ways: on-the-spot voting, online voting or otherwise as specified. In the case of repeated voting for the same shares, only the first vote is valid.

**Article 109** The Board of Directors, independent directors and shareholders who meet the relevant requirements may solicit from other shareholders their voting rights in shareholders' general meetings. The solicitation shall be without consideration and information shall be fully disclosed to such shareholders.

**Article 110** The Board of the Company shall act in the best interest of the Company and its shareholders and shall examine the motions proposed at the shareholders' general meeting according to the provisions of Article 88.

**Article 111** If the proposing shareholders have any objection to the decision of the Board of Directors of not including their motions in the agendas of the shareholders' general meeting, they may request the convening of an extraordinary general meeting according to the provisions of Article 83.

**Article 112** The register of attendees of the meeting shall be prepared by the Company. Such register shall specify information such as the name of the persons (or units) attending the meeting, identity card number, residential address, number of shares or voting shares hold, name of the persons (or units) the proxy represents.

**Article 113** The convener and the legal counsel retained by the Company shall jointly verify the qualification of shareholders according to the register of shareholders provided by the securities depository and clearing authority, and shall register the name of the shareholders and the number of their voting shares. Such registration shall be concluded prior to the announcement by the chairman of the shareholders' general meeting of the number of shareholders and their proxies attending the meeting and the total number of their voting shares.

**Article 114** The chairman of the shareholders' general meeting shall, prior to the voting, declare the number of attending shareholders and proxies as well as the total number of their voting shares. The numbers of attending shareholders and proxies as well as the total number of their voting shares shall be subject to the register of the meeting.

**Article 115** All directors and supervisors and the board secretary shall attend the shareholders' general meeting, whereas the president and other senior administrative officers shall be present at the meeting.

**Article 116** The Company shall formulate rules of procedures of the shareholders' general meeting to specify in detail the convention and voting procedures of the meeting, including notice registration, deliberation of proposals, votes, vote counting, announcement of voting results, formation of resolutions, minutes and the signatures thereon, announcement, as well as the principles of authorisation by the shareholders' general meeting to the Board of Directors, the contents of such authorisation shall be expressly specified. The rules of proceedings of the shareholders' general meeting shall be an appendix of these Articles of Association, and shall be drafted by the Board of Directors and approved by the shareholders' general meeting.

**Article 117** At the annual general meeting, the Board of Directors and the supervisory committee shall report their respective work of the previous year to the general meeting of shareholders, and each independent director shall also make his duty report correspondingly.

**Article 118** Except for trade secret of the Company and issues which are not discloseable at shareholders' general meetings as provided by laws, regulations, or securities rules, directors, supervisors and senior administrative officers shall reply or give explanation and description to the inquiries and suggestions raised by the shareholders at the Shareholders' general meeting.

**Article 119** The board secretary shall be responsible for preparing minutes of shareholders' general meetings, which shall contain:

- (1) the time, venue, agendas of the meeting, and the name of the convener;
- (2) the name of the chairman of the meeting, the directors, supervisors, president and other senior administrative officers attending the meeting;
- (3) 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; the numbers of voting shares of domestic shareholders (including their proxies), overseas listed foreign shareholders (including their proxies), holders of tradable shares (including the proxies) and holders of non-tradable shares (including the proxies) presented at the meeting and its proportion to the total number of shares of the Company;
- (4) the process of deliberation of each proposal, the main points of speeches and the voting results (including the votes on each resolution by domestic shareholders, foreign shareholders, holders of tradable shares and holders of non-tradable shares);
- (5) the inquiries or suggestions of the shareholders and the corresponding replies or explanations;
- (6) the names of legal counsel, vote counters, and supervisors;



(7) other contents which, shall be contained in the minutes of the meeting as prescribed by these Articles of Association.

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The chairman shall guarantee the veracity, accuracy and completeness of the minutes of the meeting. The directors, supervisors, board secretary, convener or their representative, chairman of the meeting shall sign on the minutes of the meeting. The minutes of meeting shall be kept together with the valid information such as the attendance register of the attending shareholders and the power of attorney of their proxies, the votes cast by way of internet and by other means shall be kept at the premises of the Company for a period ten years.

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The convener shall ensure that the continuity of the shareholders' general meeting of until the final resolution is formed. Where the shareholders' general meeting is suspended or no resolution can be made due to force majeure or any other special causes, necessary measures shall be taken to resume or directly terminate the shareholders' general meeting, and an announcement shall be made in a timely manner. Meanwhile, the convener shall report this to the local office of the CSRC the stock exchange at the city where the Company is located.

**Article 122**

Resolutions of shareholders' general meetings shall be divided into ordinary resolutions and special resolutions.

To adopt an ordinary resolution, votes representing more than one half of the voting rights represented by the shareholders (including the proxies) present at the meeting must be exercised in favor of the resolution in order for it to be passed.

To adopt a special resolution, votes representing more than two thirds of the voting rights represented by the shareholders (including the proxies) present at the meeting must be exercised in favor of the resolution in order for it to be passed.

Shareholders (including the proxies) who attend the meeting shall expressly state their opinions for every matter to be determined by voting in one of the following options: For, Against, or Abstain.

Voters whose ballots are incomplete, incorrectly completed or illegible shall be deemed as giving up their voting rights, thus the voting result in respect of their shares shall be counted as "Abstain". When any shareholders (including proxy of any shareholders) shall abstain from voting or be limited to vote in favor of or against any designated resolution according to the relevant rules and regulations (including the listing rules of the relevant Exchange), any votes made by such proxy in contravention of the aforesaid regulation or limitation shall not be counted in the total number of voting shares.

**Article** When voting at the shareholders' general meeting, shareholders (including the proxies) may exercise their  
**123** voting rights in accordance with the number of their voting shares and each share shall have one vote.

Shares held by the Company have no voting rights and these shares shall not count in the total number of voting shares represented at the meeting.

The Board of Directors, independent directors and shareholders who meet the relevant requirements may solicit from other shareholders their voting rights.

**Article** The following issues shall be approved by vote on a poll under the voting supervisor's supervision at the  
**124** shareholders' general meeting:

(1) Connected transactions;

(2) Transactions that shall be approved by independent shareholders;

(3) Options granted to major shareholders or independent directors or any of their associates; and

(4) Any other transactions in which shareholders are materially interested and accordingly are required to refrain from voting at shareholders' general meeting.

Notwithstanding the above regulations, unless a poll is demanded before or after any vote by show of hands, at any shareholders' general meeting, a resolution shall be decided on a show of hands if not expressly required to be decided by a poll:

(1) by the chairman of the meeting;

(2) by at least two shareholders entitled to vote present in person or by proxy;

(3) by one or more shareholders present in person or by proxy and representing 10% or more of all shares carrying the rights to vote at the meeting.

Unless a poll be so demanded, a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has on a show of hands been carried unanimously, or carried by a particular majority, or lost, and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the meeting shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favor of or against such resolution.

The demand for a poll may be withdrawn by the person who makes such a demand.

**Article 125** A poll demanded on the election of the chairman of the meeting, or on a question of adjournment of the meeting, shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken at such time as the chairman of the meeting directs, and any business other than that upon which a poll has been demanded may be proceeded with, pending the taking of the poll. The result of the poll shall be deemed to be a resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.

**Article 126** On a poll taken at a meeting, a shareholder (including proxy) entitled to two or more votes need not cast all his votes in the same way.

**Article 127** In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a casting vote.

**Article 128** The following matters shall be resolved by an ordinary resolution at the shareholders' general meeting:

- (1) Work reports of the Board of Directors and the supervisory committee;
- (2) Plans formulated by the Board of Directors for distribution of profits and for making up losses;
- (3) Removal of the members of the Board of Directors and members of the supervisory committee, their remuneration and method of payment;
- (4) Annual preliminary and final budget, balance sheet, profit and loss account and other financial statements of the Company;
- (5) Annual report of the Company;
- (6) Matters other than those specified by laws, administrative regulations or these Articles of Association to be resolved by special resolutions.

**Article 129** The following matters shall be resolved by a special resolution at a shareholders' general meeting:

- (1) The increase or decrease in share capital and the issue of shares of any class, warrants and other similar securities of the Company;
- (2) The issue of debentures of the Company;

(3) The division, merger, dissolution and liquidation of the Company;

(4) Amendments to these Articles of Association;

(5) Repurchase of the Company's shares;

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(6) The Company plans to purchase or sell major assets or provides a guarantee the amount of which within a year exceeds 30% of the Company's latest audited total assets;

(7) Share option scheme;

(8) Any other matters as provided by laws, administrative regulations or these Articles of Association and considered by the shareholders' general meeting by way of an ordinary resolution to be of a nature which may have a material impact on the Company and shall be adopted by a special resolution.

**Article 130** Any external guarantee made by the Company shall be considered and approved by the Board. The following matters involving guarantees shall be approved at the shareholders' general meeting after consideration and approval by the Board:

(1) any guarantee to be provided where the aggregate amount of external guarantees made by the Company and its subsidiaries reaches or exceeds 50% of the latest audited net assets of the Company;

(2) any guarantee to be provided for a party with a gearing ratio exceeding 70%;

(3) any single guarantee, the amount of which exceeding 10% of the latest audited net assets of the Company;

(4) any guarantee provided in favour of the shareholders, the beneficial controller or their respective related parties;

(5) any guarantee to be provided where the aggregate amount of external guarantees provided by the Company reaches or exceeds 30% of the latest audited total assets of the Company;

(6) any other guarantees which are subject to approval at the shareholders' general meeting as stipulated by laws, rules and regulations, these Articles of Association and the listing rules of the stock exchange where the Company is listed;

**Article 131** Annual general meetings or extraordinary general meetings held at the request of shareholders and the supervisory committee shall not adopt voting by way of written resolutions. Extraordinary general meetings held for other reasons may vote by way of written resolutions, except for the following matters:

(1) Increase or decrease in the Company registered capital;

(2) Any issue of debentures by the Company;





- (3) Merger, division, dissolution and liquidation of the Company;
- (4) Any amendment to these Articles of Association;
- (5) Plan for distribution of profits and recovery of losses;
- (6) Appointment and removal of members of the Board of Directors and the supervisory committee;
- (7) Change in application of raised funds;
- (8) Connected transactions that shall be considered and examined by the shareholders' general meeting;
- (9) Acquisition and disposal of assets that shall be considered and examined by the shareholders' general meeting;
- (10) Change of accounting firms;
- (11) Other matters that shall not be voted by way of written resolutions as provided by these Articles of Association.

**Article 132** The nominee list of Directors and Supervisors of the Company shall be submitted to the shareholders' general meeting for resolution. The Board of Directors shall simultaneously provide shareholders with bibliographical details, basic information about and written undertakings of nominees of Directors and Supervisors.

**Article 133** When the shareholders' general meeting is examining and discussing a connected transaction, the connected shareholder shall not participate in the vote on the shares. His shares carrying the voting rights shall not be counted as valid votes in the total. The announcement on the resolutions passed by the shareholders' general meeting shall fully disclose information regarding the voting of the independent shareholders. If under special circumstances, the connected shareholders cannot withdraw from the voting, they may vote in the normal course of proceeding after the Company has obtained the approval from the competent authorities provided that the Company shall give detailed explanation thereof in the announcement on the resolutions passed by the shareholders' general meeting.

**Article 134**

The accumulative voting system shall be promoted in the election of directors (including independent directors) and supervisors (excluding supervisors assumed by staff representatives) at the shareholders' general meetings.



The accumulative voting system referred to herein means that, in the election of directors or supervisors at the general meeting, each share carrying voting right shall carry the same number of voting right as the number of directors or supervisors proposed to be elected, and the voting rights of the shareholders may be freely cast among the proposed directors and supervisors, either be separately cast in favour of a number of nominees or be collectively cast in favour of one nominee. As such, based on the number of votes that the nominated directors and supervisors have got and the number of directors or supervisors proposed to be elected, those who have got more votes shall be elected.

**Article 135** Differential voting shall be applied upon election of the Directors and Supervisors in accordance with the accumulative voting system. The number of nominees shall be more than the proposed number of Directors and Supervisors.

**Article 136** After issue of notice of shareholders' general meeting by the Company about election of Directors and Supervisors, shareholders holding individually or in aggregate more than 1% of the voting shares of the Company may propose nominees of Directors and Supervisors before the shareholders' general meeting for review by the Board of Directors before submission to shareholders' general meeting for examination. Shareholders holding individually or in aggregate more than 1% of the voting shares of the Company may propose nominees of independent directors for approval by the Board of Directors before submission to a shareholders' general meeting for consideration and approval.

**Article 137** The independent directors shall be elected separately from other members of the Board of Directors in accordance with the accumulative voting system.

**Article 138** Except for the accumulative voting system, the shareholders' general meeting shall vote on all motions item by item, and shall vote on the motions in time sequence when various proposals are put forward for a single matter. Unless the shareholders' general meeting is suspended or no resolution can be passed due to force majeure or any other special reasons, the shareholders' general meeting shall not set aside or cast no vote on the motions.

**Article 139** When a motion is put to discussion at the shareholders' general meeting, no modification of the motion shall be made, or the relevant change shall be deemed as a new motion which shall not be voted at the meeting.

**Article 140** Before a resolution is voted on at a general meeting, two representatives of the shareholders shall be elected as vote counters and scrutinisers. Any shareholder who is interested in the matter under consideration and proxies of such shareholder shall not participate in vote counting or scrutinising.

When the shareholders are voting on the motions, lawyers, shareholder representatives and supervisory representatives shall count and scrutinise the votes jointly, and the voting result will be announced forthwith. Voting on the resolutions will be recorded in the minutes of meeting.



Shareholders or their proxies that vote on line shall have the right to check and inspect their voting results through the relevant voting system.

**Article 141** The on site shareholders general meeting shall not end earlier than the online means or other means. The chairman of the meeting shall announce the voting and result of each of the motions, and announce whether they are approved according to the results.

Before the results are officially announced, all the on site related parties such as the listed companies, vote counters, vote scrutinisers, substantial shareholders and network service providers are obliged to keep the result confidential.

**Article 142** The chairman of the meeting shall be responsible for determining whether a resolution is passed. His decision, which is final and conclusive, shall be announced at the meeting and recorded in the minutes of meeting.

Where online voting is provided at the shareholders' general meeting of the Company concurrently, the number of votes by shareholders or their appointed representatives through online voting system of the shareholders' general meeting shall be taken into the total number of votes of the shareholders' general meeting together with the number of votes on site of the meeting and by other mean as specified.

**Article 143** If the chairman of the meeting has any doubt as to the result of a resolution put to the vote of the meeting, he may have the votes counted. If the chairman of the meeting fails to have the votes counted, any shareholder who is present in person or by proxy and who objects to the result announced by the chairman of the meeting may demand that the votes be counted immediately after the declaration of the result, and the chairman of the meeting shall have the votes counted promptly.

**Article 144** If votes are counted at a shareholders' general meeting, the vote counting result shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

**Article 145** Results of the resolution shall be announced timely, and the announcement shall contain the number of shareholders and proxies present, the total number of voting rights and the percentage of the voting rights to the total of voting shares of the Company, means of voting, the voting result for each motion and the details of each of the resolutions. Statistic counting and announcement shall be conducted on the attendance for domestic shareholders and foreign shareholders separately.

**Article 146** For If the motion is not passed, or if the resolutions of the previous general meeting have been changed by the present shareholders' general meeting, special highlight should be made in the announcement of the resolutions of the shareholders' general meeting.

**Article 147** When the shareholders' general meeting has passed motions regarding cash distribution, bonus issue or conversion of capital common reserve into capital, the specific proposals will be implemented within two months after the close of the shareholders' general meeting and all administrative approvals (if necessary) are obtained.

**Article 148** The minutes of meeting together with the attendance register of the attending shareholders and the power of attorney of their proxies shall be kept at the premises of the Company.

**Article 149** Copies of the minutes of meeting shall be available for inspection free of charge by shareholders during business hours of the Company. If a shareholder requests the Company for a copy of such minutes, the Company shall send a copy of such minutes to him within seven days after having received reasonable charges.

**Article 150** Matters uncovered by these Articles of Association regarding the convening of shareholders' general meeting, voting procedures and deliberation of proposals shall be handled in accordance with the relevant provisions of laws and regulations effective in the PRC.

## **CHAPTER 10 SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR VOTING BY A CLASS OF SHAREHOLDERS**

**Article 151** Those shareholders who hold different classes of shares are shareholders of different classes.

Apart from the holders of other classes of shares, the holders of Domestic Shares and holders of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares shall be deemed to be shareholders of different classes.

A class of shareholders shall, in accordance with laws, administrative regulations and these Articles of Association, enjoy rights and bear obligations.

**Article 152** Rights conferred on any class of shareholders in the capacity of shareholders ("class rights") may not be varied or abrogated unless approved by a special resolution of shareholders in shareholders' general meeting and by holders of shares of that class at a separate meeting conducted in accordance with Article 153 to 155.



**Article 153** The following circumstances shall be deemed to be variation or abrogation of the rights of a class of shareholders:

- (1) To increase or decrease the number of shares of such class, or to increase or decrease the number of shares of a class having voting or equity rights or privileges equal or superior to those of the shares of such class;
- (2) To effect an exchange of all or part of the shares of such class into shares of another class or to effect an exchange or create a right of exchange of all or part of the shares of another class into the shares of such class;
- (3) To remove or reduce rights to accrued dividends or rights to cumulative dividends attached to shares of such class;
- (4) To reduce or remove a dividend preference or a liquidation preference attached to shares of such class;
- (5) To add, remove or reduce conversion privileges, options, voting rights, transfer or pre-emptive rights, or rights to acquire securities of the Company attached to shares of such class;
- (6) To remove or reduce rights attached to shares of such class to receive payment payable by the Company in particular currencies;
- (7) To create a new class of shares having voting or equity rights or privileges equal or superior to those of the shares of such class;
- (8) To restrict the transfer or ownership of the shares of such class or add to such restriction;
- (9) To issue rights to subscribe for, or convert into, shares in the Company of such class or another class;
- (10) To increase the rights or privileges of shares of another class;
- (11) To restructure the Company where the proposed restructuring will result in different classes of shareholders bearing a disproportionate burden of such proposed restructuring;
- (12) To vary or abrogate the provisions of these Articles of Association.

**Article 154** Shareholders of the affected class, whether or not otherwise having the right to vote at shareholders' general meetings, shall nevertheless have the right to vote at class meetings in respect of matters concerning Clauses



(2) to (8), (11) and (12) of Article 153, but interested shareholder(s) shall not be entitled to vote at class meetings.

The meaning of “interested shareholder(s)” as mentioned in the preceding paragraph is:

- (1) in the case of a repurchase of shares by offers to all shareholders on a pro rata basis or public dealing on a stock exchange under Article 38, a “controlling shareholder” within the meaning of Article 71;
- (2) in the case of a repurchase of share by an off-market contract under Article 38, a holder of the shares to which the proposed contract relates;
- (3) in the case of a restructuring of the Company, a shareholder within a class who bears less than a proportionate obligation imposed on that class under the proposed restructuring or who has an interest in the proposed restructuring different from the interest of shareholders of that class.

**Article 155** Resolutions of a class of shareholders shall be passed by votes representing more than two-thirds of the voting rights of shareholders of that class represented at the relevant meeting who, according to Article 153, are entitled to vote at class meetings.

**Article 156** Notice of a class meeting shall be given by way of announcement or by any other manner as provided in these Articles of Association (if necessary) not less than forty-five days (including forty-five days) before the date of the class meeting to notify all of the shareholders in the share register of the class of the matters to be considered, the date and the place of the class meeting. A shareholder who intends to attend the class meeting shall deliver his written reply concerning attendance at the class meeting to the Company twenty days before the date of the class meeting.

If the number of shares carrying voting rights at the class meeting represented by the shareholders who intend to attend the meeting reaches more than one half of the voting shares at the class meeting, the Company may hold the class meeting; if not, the Company shall within five days notify the shareholders again by public notice of the matters to be considered, the date and the place for the class meeting. The Company may then hold the class meeting after such publication of notice.

**Article 157** Notice of class meetings need only be served on shareholders entitled to vote thereat.

Any meeting of a class of shareholders shall be conducted in a manner as similar as possible to that of shareholders' general meetings. The provisions of these Articles of Association relating to the manner to conduct any shareholders' general meeting shall apply to any meeting of a class of shareholders.

**Article 158** Pursuant to the provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, in addition to other classes of shareholders, holders of Domestic Shares and holders of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares are deemed to be different class of shareholders.

**Article 159** The special procedures for voting at any meeting of a class of shareholders shall not apply to the following circumstances:

Where the Company issues, upon the approval by special resolution of its shareholders in shareholders' general (1) meeting, either separately or concurrently once every twelve months, not more than 20% of each of its issued and outstanding Domestic Shares and Overseas Listed Foreign Shares;

Where the Company's plan to issue Domestic Shares and Overseas Listed Foreign Shares at the time of its (2) establishment is carried out within fifteen months from the date of approval by the Competent securities authority of the State Council.

## **CHAPTER 11 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Article 160** The Company shall have a Board of Directors which is responsible to the shareholders' general meetings. The Board of Directors shall comprise twelve members, one of whom shall be the chairman. The chairman and the vice chairman shall be elected with the approval of more than half of all the directors.

A director shall not be required to hold any shares of the Company.

**Article 161** The Board shall be responsible to the shareholders' general meeting and shall exercise the following powers:

(1) To be responsible for the convening of the shareholders' general meeting and to report on its work to the shareholders' general meeting;

(2) To implement the resolutions of the shareholders' general meetings;

(3) To decide on the Company's business plans and investment plans;

(4) To formulate the Company's annual preliminary and financial budgets;

(5) To formulate the Company's profit distribution plan and plan for making up losses;

- (6) To formulate proposals for increases or decrease in the registered capital and the issue of debentures or other securities of the Company as well as listing of such securities of the Company;
- (7) To draw up plans for substantial acquisitions, purchase of the Company's shares or merger, division or dissolution and change in the form of the Company;
- (8) To decide on matters relating to the Company's assets pledge, external guarantee, entrusted financial management, connected transaction etc. according to authorisation of shareholders' general meeting;
- (9) To decide on the Company's acquisition and sales of assets and risk investments;
- (10) To decide on the establishment of the Company's internal management structure;
- (11) To appoint or dismiss the Company's president, and pursuant to the president's nominations to appoint or dismiss the vice president, the financial controller and other senior administrative officers of the Company and decide on their remunerations and rewards and punishments;
- (12) To establish the Company's basic management system;
- (13) To formulate proposals for amendments to these Articles of Association;
- (14) To manage information disclosure of the Company;
- (15) To establish and implement effective internal control system of the Company;
- (16) To propose to the shareholders' general meeting for the engagement or change of accounting firm for the audit work of the Company;
- (17) To receive the work report and to check the work of the president of the Company;
- (18) To exercise any other powers conferred by these Articles of Association or the shareholders' general meeting.

Except for resolutions of the Board of Directors in respect of the matters specified in Clauses (6), (7), (8) and (13) of this Article which shall be passed by more than two-thirds of all the directors, resolutions of the Board of Directors in respect of all other matters may be passed by more than one half of all the directors.



The Board of Directors shall not, without the prior approval of shareholders in a shareholders' general meeting, dispose of or agree to dispose of any fixed assets of the Company where the aggregate of the expected value of the consideration for the proposed disposal and the value of the consideration for any similar disposal of fixed assets in the four months immediately preceding the proposed disposal, exceeds 33% of the value of the Company's fixed assets as stated in the last balance sheet placed before the shareholders' general meeting.

A "disposal of fixed assets" as referred to in this Article includes an act involving the transfer of an interest in certain assets but does not include the provision of fixed assets by way of security.

Breach of the first paragraph of this Article shall not affect the validity of any transaction entered into by the Company in disposing of fixed assets.

**Article 163** The Board of Directors shall explain to the shareholders' general meeting regarding the non-standard auditors' advice given by the chartered accountant in relation to the financial report of the Company.

**Article 164** The Board of Directors shall formulate the rules of procedures of board meetings to ensure the implementation by the Board of Directors of the resolutions of the shareholders' general meeting, the enhancement of work efficiency, and the guarantee of scientific decision making.

**Article 165** The Board of Directors shall determine external investment, acquisition and sale of assets, asset pledge, external guarantee, entrusted financial management, scope of powers for connected transactions, establishment of stringent examination and decision making procedures; specialists or professional personnel shall be organised to assess and examine any material investment projects and such investment projects shall be submitted to the shareholders' general meeting for approval.

**Article 166** The Board of Directors shall perform its duties in accordance with State laws, administrative regulations, these Articles of Association and resolutions of the shareholders' general meeting to.

**Article 167** The chairman of the Board of Directors shall exercise the following powers:

(1) To preside over the shareholders' general meeting, and to convene and preside over the meetings of the Board of Directors;

(2) To check the implementation of board resolutions;

(3) To sign the securities issued by the Company;

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(4) To exercise the powers of the legal representative;

To exercise special disposal powers that are in compliance with laws, administrative regulations and in the interests  
(5) of the Company on matters of the Company in case of force majeure such as extraordinarily serious natural calamities, and provide post-event reports to the Board and the shareholders' general meeting;

(6) To exercise other powers vested by the Board.

The vice chairman shall assist the chairman of the Board of Directors. If the chairman of the Board of Directors is unable to exercise his power, he may designate a vice chairman to exercise such powers on his behalf.

The vice chairman of the Company shall assist the chairman. Where the chairman is unable or fail to perform  
**Article 168** his duties, the vice chairman shall perform the duty on behalf of the chairman. Where the vice chairman is unable or fail to perform his duties, a majority of the directors may jointly elect one director to perform the duties.

Board meetings shall be held at least twice every year and be convened by the chairman of the Board by  
**Article 169** serving notice of each Board meeting on all the directors by telex, telegram, facsimile, express delivery, registered mail personal delivery or other methods where delivery can be confirmed ten days before the date of the proposed meeting. A special board meeting may be held upon requisition by either the chairman, one third or more of the directors (including the one third), the supervisory committee or president of the Company.

Board meetings shall be held in principle at the place where the Company is located. It may be held at other places both at home and abroad upon resolution by the Board of Directors.

**Article 170** A special board meeting shall be convened by the Board when it is

(1) proposed by shareholders representing more than one tenth of voting rights;

(2) proposed by one third or more of the directors;

(3) proposed by the supervisory committee;

(4) considered necessary by the Chairman of the Board of Directors;

(5) proposed by more than half of the independent directors;

(6) proposed by the General Manager;

(7) requested to be convened by the securities regulatory organ.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall convene and preside over a board meeting within ten days after receiving such proposal.

**Article** Notice of meetings and special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be delivered by the means and at  
**171** the times as follows:

(1) No notice is required if the timing and venue of the meetings have been decided by the Board of Directors in advance.

If the Board of Directors has not decided the timing and venue of the meetings, the chairman shall, through the board secretary, deliver notices of the meetings to all directors and the chairman of the supervisory committee by (2) email, telegraph, facsimile, express delivery service, registered mail or by specially-assigned person at least ten days before the meetings.

(3) Such notices shall be in Chinese, with English version when necessary, and shall include the meeting agendas.

(4) Where it is necessary to convene a special board meeting, a notice shall be given to all directors by telephone, telegraph or facsimile at least eight hours in advance.

**Article 172** Notice of a board meeting shall contain:

(1) the date and venue of the meeting;

(2) the method for which the meeting is held and the duration of the meeting;

(3) the matters to be discussed (the agendas);

(4) the convener and the chairman of the meeting, the person who proposes the special board meeting and his/her written proposal;

(5) the date of the notice. The materials necessary for the directors to vote in the meeting;

(6) the request for the personal attendance of the directors or the attendance through the appointment of an alternate director;

(7) the contact person and the method of contact.

Oral notice shall at least include the details of item (1) and (2) and the reason for convening an urgent special board meeting with short notice.

**Article 173** Board meetings shall be held only if more than half of the directors are present. Each director shall have one vote. A resolution of the Board of Directors must be passed by more than half of all the directors.

Where the number of votes cast for and against a resolution is equal, the chairman of the Board of Directors shall have a casting vote.

Where a director (or his associate) is interested in any resolution proposed at a board meeting, such director shall abstain from voting and shall not have a right to vote. Such director shall not be counted in the quorum of the relevant meeting. Such directors also shall not vote on behalf of other directors. Board meetings may be convened by more than half of the directors who are not related. Resolutions of board meetings shall be passed by more than half of directors who are not related.

When the Board of Directors votes on matters relating to connected transactions, in the event that the number of voting directors is less than three after unrelated directors abstain from voting, all directors (including unrelated directors) shall vote on the procedures for the connected transactions to be submitted to the shareholders' general meeting for approval, and the relevant resolutions relating to such transactions shall be approved at the shareholders' general meeting, while an announcement stating the opinions of independent directors shall be made separately.

**Article 174** If any director who attends the meeting but has not stated before or upon attendance that he has not received the notice of the meeting, such director shall be deemed to have received the notice of the meeting.

**Article 175** Any regular or special board meeting may be held by way of telephone conference or similar communication equipment so long as all directors participating in the meeting can clearly hear and communicate with each other. All such directors shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

**Article 176** For matters which need to be approved at a special board meeting, in lieu of convening a board meeting, a written resolution may be adopted by the Board if such resolution has been sent to all members of the Board and affirmatively signed and adopted by the number of directors necessary to make such a decision as stipulated in Article 173.

**Article 177** Directors shall attend any board meeting in person. Where a director is unable to attend for some reasons, he or she may authorise in writing another director to attend the board meeting on his behalf. The instrument of proxy shall specify the name of the proxy, the matters to be authorised, scope of authorisation and the validity period, and the proxy shall sign on or affix a chop to such instrument. The director attending the meeting for another director shall exercise the rights of the latter director within the scope of authorisation. Any director who is unable to attend a particular board meeting and has not authorised a proxy to attend on his behalf shall be deemed as waiving the right to vote at that meeting.

**Article 178** The Board of Directors shall keep minutes of its decisions on the matters considered. Directors attending the meeting and the person taking the minutes shall sign their names on the minutes of the meeting. Directors shall be responsible for the resolutions of the board meetings. Where a resolution of the board meetings violates laws, administrative regulations or Articles of Association and causes serious losses to the Company, the directors who took part in such a resolution shall be liable to compensate the Company. However, if a director can prove that he had expressed his opposition to such resolution when it was put to the vote, and such opposition is recorded in the minutes of the meeting, the director may be relieved of such liability.

**Article 179** The resolutions of all board meetings shall be recorded and filed in Chinese. The Board of Directors shall keep minutes of resolutions passed at board meetings. The minutes shall be signed by directors present at the meetings and presented to all directors for examination as soon as possible after the meetings. Any director who intends to amend the minutes shall within six working days after receiving the same submit his proposed amendments in written to the chairman.

Minutes of board meetings shall be kept as records of the Company for a period of ten years.

**Article 180** The completed and approved minutes shall be signed by the chairman and the attending directors (including the proxies) and the board secretary. A complete copy of the minutes shall be sent to every director as soon as possible.

**Article 181** The minutes of meetings shall contain the following information:

- (1) The date, venue and the name of the convener of the meeting;
- (2) Names of the directors attending the board meeting in person and as proxies;
- (3) Agendas of the meetings;
- (4) Summary of the statements made by the directors;
- (5) The method and result of voting for every resolution (with the number of votes for and against the resolution and the number of abstained votes).

**Article 182** Directors of the Company are natural persons. A person shall be disqualified from being a director of the Company in any one of the following circumstances:

- (1) The individual has no capacity to undertake civil liabilities or restricted capacity to undertake civil liabilities;

(2) taking of properties, misappropriation of properties or disrupting social and economic order; or a period of five years has not yet elapsed since being deprived of political rights for commission of offences;

A period of three years has not yet elapsed since the completion of the liquidation of any company or enterprise (3) which was insolvent due to unsound business operation and management and where the person acted as a director, factory manager or manager of such company or enterprise and was personally liable for such insolvency;

A period of three years has not yet elapsed since revocation of the business license of a company or enterprise due (4) to illegal business operations where the person was the legal representative of such company or enterprise and for which he was personally liable;

(5) The person is personally liable for a substantial loan which was due for payment but remains unpaid;

(6) The person has been involved in criminal offences subject to investigation by judicial authorities and the case has yet been settled;

(7) The person is not eligible for acting in the leadership of a company or enterprise according to laws or administrative regulations;

(8) The person is not a natural person;

(9) A period of five years has not yet elapsed since the person was adjudged by the relevant governing authority to be guilty of contravention of provisions of securities regulations involving fraud or dishonesty;

(10) Currently being barred by the China Securities Regulatory Commission from participating in the securities market;

(11) Other stipulations of laws, administrative regulations rules or departmental rules.

Any election and appointment of directors in breach of this Article will be void. Any directors who fall within one of the above categories during their term of service will be removed by the Company.

Directors shall be elected and replaced at the shareholders' general meeting, with a term of office of three years. Directors (Including alternate directors) shall have a term commencing on the date of the resolutions of the shareholders' general meeting and expiring upon conclusion of the tenure of the existing Board of Directors. Upon expiry of his term, a director shall be eligible for re-election.

**Article 183**

Where no new appointment is made upon expiry of the term of a director, the original director shall, prior to the new director entering on the office, continue to perform his duties as a director in accordance with the provisions of laws, administrative regulations and these Articles of Association.



President or other senior administrative officers shall serve the office of director concurrently. However, the total number of directors serving the office of president or other senior administrative officers concurrently and labour union representative holding the office of director shall not exceed half of the total number of directors of the Company.

**Article 184** Directors shall be abided by laws, administrative rules and these Articles of Association, and owe to the Company the following faithful obligations:

(1) Not to abuse their authority of office to obtain bribes or other illegal income and not to misappropriate the property of the Company;

(2) Not to misappropriate the capital of the Company;

(3) Not to deposit assets or capital of the Company in any accounts which are opened in their own name or in the names of other persons;

Not to act in violation of these Articles of Association and lend the Company's capital to others or provide  
(4) guarantee to others by charging the Company's assets before obtaining consent at the shareholders' general meetings or at board meetings;

(5) Not to enter into contracts or transactions with the Company in violation of these Articles of Association or before obtaining consent in the shareholders' general meeting;

Not to use their position to obtain for themselves or others business opportunities which originally belonged to the  
(6) Company, or to run themselves or others business which is in the Company's business line, before obtaining consent at the shareholders' general meeting;

(7) Not to gain for themselves commissions in transactions of the Company;

(8) Not to disclose the secrets of the Company without consent;

(9) Not to use their connections to hurt the interests of the Company;

(10) To be bound by other obligations stipulated by laws, administrative regulations, departmental rules and these Articles of Association.

Income which is obtained by any directors in violation of this Article shall be retained for the benefit of the Company. Any directors who act in violation of this Rule shall be liable for compensation for any losses caused to the Company.

**Article** The directors shall be abided by laws, administrative rules and these Articles of Association, and owe to the  
**185** Company the following diligence obligations:

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- They shall exercise the rights granted by the Company with care and diligence to ensure that the Company's commercial activities are in compliance with laws, administrative rules and the requirements of all economic policies of the country and that its commercial activities have not gone beyond the scope stipulated in the business license;
- (1) They shall treat all shareholders equally;
  - (2) They shall have a good knowledge of the Company's business operation;
  - (3) They are required to sign the written confirmation of the Company's regular report. They shall ensure the information disclosed by the Company is true, accurate and complete;
  - (4) They shall inform the supervisory committee of the truth and are not allowed to obstruct the supervisory committee or supervisors from exercising their powers;
  - (5) They are bound by other diligence obligations stipulated by laws, administrative regulations, departmental rules and these Articles of Association.
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**Article 186** Directors shall be elected by the shareholders' general meeting from the Board of Directors or candidates nominated by shareholders representing 5% (including the 5%) or more of the issued shares. At least seven days' notice of nomination of a candidate for election as a director and particulars of such candidate shall be given to the Company, and such seven days period shall start no sooner than the first day after the date of giving the notice and end no later than seven days prior to the date of such shareholders' general meeting.

The candidates for election as directors shall give at least seven days' prior written confirmation to the Company, and such seven days period shall start no sooner than the day after the date of giving the notice and end no later than seven days prior to the date of such shareholders' general meeting. The written confirmation shall indicate the willingness of the candidate to be nominated, and confirm that information of the candidate publicly disclosed are true and complete, that the candidate will faithfully discharge his duties as a director if he is elected.

Where shareholders severally or jointly holding 5% or more of the voting rights or the supervisory committee of the Company propose any special resolutions for election of non-independent directors at the Company's annual general meeting, written notice of the intention to propose a candidate for election as a director, notice by such candidate of his willingness to be elected and details and confirmation of the candidate shall be given to the Company not more than seven days prior to the date of the meeting appointed for such election. The seven days period shall start no sooner than the first day after the date of giving the notice and end no later than seven days prior to the date of such shareholders' general meeting.



The chairman and the vice-chairman shall be elected and removed by more than one half of all the members of the Board of Directors. The term of office of each of the chairman and the vice-chairman is three years, renewable upon re-election.

The shareholders' general meeting may by ordinary resolution remove any director before the expiration of his term of office (but without prejudice to such director's right to claim damages based on any contract) on the condition that all the relevant laws and administrative regulations are fully complied with.

A director is not required to hold shares of the Company.

**Article 187** The election of directors shall be based on a cumulative voting system. During the election, each share held by shareholders attending the general meeting shall have the same voting rights as the number of director's candidates. Each shareholder may cast all his votes to a single candidate or spread his votes among different candidates, provided that the cumulative votes cast shall not exceed the total number of votes held by that shareholder. The directors shall be elected according to the number of votes cast for them. The number of votes obtained by the director's candidates shall exceed half of the voting rights represented by the persons attending the shareholders' general meeting.

**Article 188** A director who fails to attend in person and does not entrust other directors to attend two consecutive board meetings shall be deemed as unable to perform his duties. The Board of Directors shall propose to the shareholders' general meeting to remove such director.

**Article 189** A director may resign before the expiration of his term. The resigning director shall submit to the Board of Directors a notice of resignation. The Board of Directors shall disclose the relevant information within two days.

If a director's resignation results in the number of directors constituting the Board of Directors to fall below the quorum, the notice of resignation of such directors shall become effective only when the vacancy arising from his resignation has been filled by a new director. The original director shall perform his duties as a director according to laws, administrative regulations and the relevant provisions of these Articles of Association. The Board of Directors consisting of the remaining directors shall convene an extraordinary general meeting as soon as possible to elect a new director to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of such director. The power of the resigning director and the Board of Directors consisting of the remaining directors shall be subject to due restrictions until the shareholders' general meeting has made a resolution in respect of the re-election of a director to fill the vacancy.

Where directors leave the Company before expiry of their terms of office, they shall compensate the Company for any losses arising from their unauthorised resignation.

Except the circumstances specified above, the resignation of a director shall become effective upon the notice of resignation is served to the Board of Directors.

**Article 190** Upon the resignation taking effect or the expiry of the term of office of a director, such director shall duly complete all handover. The fiduciary duties owed by such director to the Company and the shareholders will not be released for certain before or within a reasonable period of time after the resignation takes effect and upon the expiry of his term of office. The obligation of confidentiality of such director in relation to the commercial secrets of the Company remains effective after the term of such director ends until such commercial secrets become public information. The continuity of other obligations shall be determined on the principle of fairness, and dependent on the length of time between the incident occurs and the resignation, as well as the conditions and circumstances under which the director terminates his relationship with the Company.

**Article 191** Without stipulation by these Articles of Association or lawful authorisation by the Board of Directors, no director shall in his own name act for the Company or the Board of Directors. Where a director acts in his own name but a third party reasonably believes that such director is acting for the Company or the Board of Directors, such director shall declare in advance his position and status.

**Article 192** Where an executive director violates any laws, administrative regulations, departmental rules or the provisions of these Articles of Association in the course of performing his duties and causes loss to the Company, such executive director shall be liable for compensation.

**Article 193** The Company shall have independent directors. The independent directors shall have no other position in the Company (other than as director of the Company), and shall not be in any relationship with the Company or its major shareholders that will impair their independent and objective judgment.

**Article 194** One third or more of the members of the Board of Directors shall be Independent Directors, of which at least one independent director shall be an accounting professional. Independent directors shall carry out their duties honestly and faithfully, protect the Company's interest and in particular prevent encroachment of the rights and interests of public shareholders.

**Article 195** An independent director shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) He shall be qualified as a director of a listed company according to the laws, administrative rules and other relevant rules of the jurisdiction where the Company's shares are listed;
- (2) He shall have the basic knowledge of operating a listed company, and is well acquainted with the relevant laws, administrative rules and other rules and regulations;
  - (3) He shall have at least five years of experience in the legal or economic field, or other experience necessary for performance of his duties as an independent director;
- (4) Other conditions set forth in these Articles of Association.

**Article 196** The following persons shall not be independent directors of the Company:

- Persons who are employed by the Company or its subsidiaries, or direct and close relatives thereof (direct relatives (1) mean spouses, parents, and offspring, and close relatives include siblings, father-in-law and mother-in-law, daughter-in-law and son-in-law, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, and the siblings of the spouses);
- (2) Natural persons who hold directly or indirectly more than 1% of the Company's issued shares, or who are among the top ten shareholders of the Company, and direct relatives thereof;
  - (3) Persons employed by company shareholders which hold directly or indirectly more than 5% of the issued shares of the Company or are among the top five shareholders of the Company, and direct relatives thereof;
  - (4) Persons who fell under any of the above three categories in the past one year;
  - (5) Persons who provide financial, legal or consultation services to the Company or any of its subsidiaries;
  - (6) Other persons specified in these Articles of Association;
  - (7) Other persons specified by the China Securities Regulatory Commission.



Independent directors owe a duty of fiduciary and diligence to the Company and its shareholders. They shall perform their duties in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations and these Articles of Association, and shall protect the interests of the Company and in particular prevent encroachment of the rights and interests of minority shareholders.

Independent directors shall perform their duties independently, shall not be influenced by the major shareholders, actual controllers or other interested entities and individuals, and shall ensure that they have sufficient time and ability in efficiently discharging their duties.

The Company shall make up for the required number of independent directors in accordance with regulations if any independent director does not satisfy the requirements of independence or such director cannot perform his duties and functions as an independent director, resulting in insufficient number of independent directors as required.

**Article 198** Nomination, election and replacement of **independent** directors

(1) The Board of Directors, the supervisory committee, and shareholder(s) who alone or jointly with other persons hold(s) more than 1% of the issued shares of the Company shall have the right to nominate candidates as independent directors, and the nominated candidates shall become independent directors by election at a shareholders' general meeting.

(2) The nominator shall have the approval of the proposed candidate for the nomination before making a nomination. The nominator shall have adequate knowledge of the profession, education, professional title and detailed work experience of the nominee as well as status of all his part-time jobs. The nominator shall also comment on the qualification and independence of the nominee as an independent director. The nominee shall make a public statement disclaiming any relationship between him and the Company that will affect his independent judgment. Before the shareholders meeting for the election of independent directors, the Company's Board of Directors shall announce the above information in accordance with the relevant provisions.

(3) Before convening the shareholders' general meeting for the election of independent directors, the Company shall submit the written opinion of the Board, and the relevant materials of all the nominees to the China Securities Regulatory Commission and its local office as well as the stock exchange at which the Company's shares are listed. Dissenting opinions of the Board with regard to the nominees shall also be submitted. Nominees of independent directors objected by China Securities Regulatory Commission may be candidates of the directors of the Company but not as candidates of independent directors of the Company. At the shareholders' general meeting for the election of independent directors, the Board of Directors shall make clear whether the nominees of independent directors are objected to by China Securities Regulatory Commission.

- (4) The terms of office of the independent directors are the same as those of other directors. Successive terms are allowed upon the expiration of the term, but may not be extended to more than six years.

An independent director who fails to attend in person two consecutive board meetings shall be deemed as unable to perform his duties and shall be replaced upon the proposal of the Board to the shareholders' general meeting. An independent directors shall not be dismissed without a justification before the expiration of his term, unless the (5) above condition or any of the conditions specifying the disqualification of a director under the Company Law has occurred. When an independent director is dismissed, the Company shall disclose the dismissal as a special disclosable matter and shall give reasons for the dismissal. The independent director may make a public statement if he thinks that such a dismissal is without justification.

Independent directors may resign before the expiration of their terms. A resigning independent director shall submit written resignation to the Board of Directors. The written resignation shall contain explanations on matters related to his resignation or any other matters which in his opinion, should be brought to the notice of the shareholders and creditors of the Company. If the resignation of an independent director results in the number of independent shareholders or the number of directors constituting the Board of Directors to fall below the quorum (6) or the number required under these Articles of Association, the written resignation of such directors shall become effective only when the vacancy arising from his resignation has been filled by a new independent director. The Board of Directors shall convene a shareholders' general meeting to re-elect an independent director within two months. If it is expected that no shareholders' general meeting will be convene, the independent director may cease performing his duty.

#### **Article 199** Rights and obligations of independent Directors

To facilitate independent directors to perform their function more efficiently, the independent directors shall have (1) the following special powers, in addition to having those powers granted by the Company Law and other relevant laws and regulations to directors:

Approve connected transactions the aggregate consideration of which is in compliance with the relevant provisions of the existing listing rules and other supervisory regulation in places where the Company is listed and approve the

1. engagement or disengagement of accounting firms before putting forward the same for discussion by the Board of Directors. Before the Independent Directors make a judgment, they may hire an intermediary to issue an independent financial adviser report, which forms the base of their judgments;

2. Propose to the Board of Directors with respect to engaging or disengaging accounting firms;

3. Propose to the Board of Directors with respect to the convening of extraordinary general meetings;

4. Propose the convening of board meetings;

5. Engage external auditing firms or consultancy firms;

6. Publicly solicit and collect proxies before the convening of shareholders' general meetings.

Independent directors shall obtain the consent of over half of all the independent directors in exercising any of the

- (2) above powers, of which the power referred to in clause (1) (v) of this Article shall be agreed by all independent directors.

- (3) If any of the above proposals has not been adopted or if any the above powers cannot be exercised, the Company shall disclose the relevant information.

Apart from the powers of an ordinary director and the special powers of an independent director, an independent

- (4) director shall comply with all provisions in respect of the obligations of a director set forth in these Articles of Association.

**Article 200** Independent directors shall provide their opinions on all the important matters of the Company.

- (1) In addition to the above obligations, independent directors shall provide their independent opinions to the Board of Directors or the shareholders' general meeting on the following matters:

1. Nomination, appointment and removal of directors;

2. Appointment and dismissal of senior administrative officers;
3. Remuneration of directors and senior administrative officers;

4. Newly occurred transactions, loans and other forms of fund transfer between the Company and its shareholders, actual controllers or their affiliates, the aggregate amount of which is in compliance with the relevant provisions of the existing listing rules and other supervisory regulations in places where the Company is listed, and whether the Company has taken effective measures to collect the amounts due;

5. Matters which may harm the interests of the minority shareholders;
6. When the Board of Directors does not put forward a cash dividend plan;
7. Matters relating to security provided to external parties by the Company;
8. Other matters provided by these Articles of Association.

(2) The independent directors shall choose to provide any of the following opinions in respect of the above matters:

1. Agree;
2. Reserve opinion and the reasons therefor;
3. Dissent and the reasons therefor;
4. Unable to comment and the reasons therefor.

(3) If the matters concerned fall under those which require disclosure, the company shall publicly disclose the opinions of the independent directors. If the independent directors cannot reach a consensus, the Company shall publicly disclose the opinions of each of the independent directors.

Independent directors shall attend meetings of Board of Directors as scheduled, have an understanding of the production, marketing and operation situation of the Company, take initiative to conduct investigation and obtain the necessary information for making decision. Independent directors shall present their reports to the shareholders' general meeting and explain how they performed their duties.



**Article 201** To ensure that independent directors will be able to perform their duties efficiently, the Company shall provide the following to the independent directors:

The Company shall ensure that independent directors have the same right of access to information as its other directors. With regard to matters that require board decision, the Company shall serve notice on the independent directors in advance within the prescribed time, and provide sufficient materials. If the independent directors take the view that the materials are insufficient, they may request for supplementary information. When two or more independent directors take the view that the materials are insufficient or are inadequately explained, they may, in writing, jointly propose to the Board for a postponement of the Board meeting or for a postponement of determination of the matters concerned. Such proposal shall be adopted by the Board. Materials provided by the Company to independent directors shall be kept by the Company and the independent directors for at least five years.

The Company shall provide necessary working conditions to independent directors for the performance of their duties. The board secretary shall give independent directors the necessary assistance liaising with and coordinating the work of the independent directors, including (but not limited to) briefing them on the status of the Company and providing them with the relevant materials. The board secretary shall be responsible for handling the disclosure matters in connection with any independent opinions, proposal or written explanatory statements made or given by the independent directors which shall be disclosed.

The Company and its relevant personnel shall actively cooperate with the independent directors when the latter perform their duties, and shall provide accurate information to the independent directors and shall not refuse to do so, or prevent the independent directors from access to information or withhold any information, or interfere with the independent directors when they are discharging their duties, or hide information from the independent directors.

The expenses incurred as a result of the engagement by the independent directors of professional institutions because of the performance of their duties shall be borne by the Company.

The Company shall pay appropriate subsidies to the independent directors. The rate of such subsidies shall be proposed by the Board and approved by the shareholders' general meeting, and shall also be disclosed in the Company's annual report.

Apart from the above subsidiaries, independent directors shall not take any extra and undisclosed interests from the Company or from its major shareholders, interested parties and other persons.

The Company may set up several special committees according to the resolutions of shareholders' general meeting (including strategy, audit, nomination, remuneration and evaluation, and independent board committees). Members of special committees shall all be directors. In the audit committee, the remuneration committee and the evaluation committee, the independent directors shall form the majority and shall be responsible for convening the committee meetings. In the auditing committee at least one independent director shall be an accounting professional.

**Article 202** The special committees may engage intermediaries for professional advice, and the expenses incurred shall be borne by the Company.

**Article 203** The special committees are accountable to the Board of Directors, and the proposals made by each of the special committees shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for examination and decision.

**Article 204** The chief powers and functions of each special committee shall be determined in accordance with the relevant regulations of the place where the Company is listed.

## CHAPTER 12 SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY

**Article 205** The Company shall have a board secretary, who is a senior administrative officer of the Company.

**Article 206** The board secretary of the Company shall be a natural person who has the requisite professional knowledge and experience, and shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. The primary responsibilities of the board secretary are:

(1) to prepare for shareholders' general meetings and board meetings;

(2) to ensure that Company has maintain complete constitution documents and records;

(3) to ensure that the Company prepares and delivers in accordance with law those reports and documents required by competent authorities entitled thereto;

(4)

to ensure that the Company's registers of shareholders are properly maintained, and that persons entitled to the Company's records and documents are furnished with such records and documents without delay;



(5) to arrange for information disclosure and other affairs.

**Article 208** A director or other senior administrative officer of the Company may hold the office of board secretary concurrently. However, president, chief financial officer and the accountant(s) of the certified public accountant firm appointed by the Company shall not act as board secretary.

Provided that where the office of board secretary is held concurrently by a director and an act is required to be done by a director and a board secretary separately, the person who holds the office of director and board secretary may not perform the act in dual capacity.

### **CHAPTER 13 PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY**

**Article 209** The Company shall have one president, who shall be appointed and dismissed by the Board of Directors. The term of office of the president is three years, which is the same as the Board of Directors, renewable upon re-election. The Company shall have a certain number of vice presidents who will assist the president in his work. The Board of Directors may decide that a member of the Board of Directors will concurrently act as the president.

**Article 210** The president shall be accountable to the Board of Directors and exercise the following functions and powers:

- (1) To be in charge of the Company's production, operation and management and to organise the implementation of the resolutions of the Board of Directors;
- (2) To organise the implementation of the Company's annual business plan and investment plan;
- (3) To draft plans for the establishment of the Company's internal management structure;
- (4) To establish the Company's basic management system;
- (5) To formulate basic rules and regulations for the Company;
- (6) To propose the appointment or dismissal of the Company's vice president(s) and financial controller;

(7) To appoint or dismiss management personnel other than those required to be appointed or dismissed by the Board of Directors;

(8) Other powers conferred by these Articles of Association and the Board of Directors.

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**Article 211** The president may be present at meetings of the Board of Directors. The president has no voting rights at the board meetings unless he is also a director.

**Article 212** The president and vice presidents, in exercising their functions and powers, shall act honestly and diligently in accordance with laws, administrative regulations, these Articles of Association and the requirements of the rules of working procedures of the Company's president. The president and vice presidents shall not, in exercising their functions and powers, vary the resolutions of shareholders' general meetings and Board meetings or exceed the scope of their authorities. In the event that president and vice presidents violate any laws, regulations and these Articles of Association resulting in losses to the Company, the Board of Directors shall pursue their legal liabilities.

**Article 213** The president shall prepare the rules of working procedures for approval by the Board before implementation. The working procedures of president contain the following:

- (1) Requirements for the convening of, procedures for, and persons attending to the president meeting;
- (2) Respective duties and responsibilities and division of work of president and other senior administrative officers;
- (3) Scope of power of using the funds and assets of the Company and entering into material contracts, and the system of reporting to the Board and the supervisory committee;
- (4) Other matters deemed necessary by the Board.

**Article 214** The president may resign before expiration of his term of office. The specific procedures and measures are subject to the related articles of the service contract between the president and the Company.

**Article 215** The Board of the Company appoints other senior administrative officers based on the nomination of the president.

**Article 216** Article 182 of these Article of Association in relation to the eligibility of the directors also applies to other senior administrative officers; article 184 in relation to the fiduciary obligations of directors and clauses (4) to (6) of Article 185 concerning the diligence obligations also apply to the senior administrative officers of the Company.

**Article 217** For loss borne by the Company due to the breach of laws, administrative regulations, departmental rules and these Articles of Association by the senior administrative staff in the course of performing their duties, the responsible person shall bear the liabilities.

#### **CHAPTER 14 SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Company shall have a supervisory committee. The supervisory committee shall be composed of five supervisors, one of which shall be the chairman. The chairman of the supervisory committee is subject to election or removal with the consent of two thirds or more of the members of the supervisory committee. The chairman of the supervisory committee shall convene and preside over meetings of the supervisory committee. When the chairman of supervisory committee is unable or fails to perform this duties, a supervisor shall be elected by half or more of the supervisors to convene and preside over meetings of the supervisory committee.

The supervisory committee shall comprise of representatives of shareholders and the Company's staff and workers. Two of them shall be representatives of the staff and workers. Supervisors representing shareholders shall be elected by the shareholders' general meeting from the supervisory committee or from the candidates nominated by shareholders representing over 5% (including 5%) of shares of the Company. Notice of nomination of candidates and the candidates' written agreement to accept the nomination shall be sent to the Company seven days before the shareholders' general meeting.

Except for supervisors for the first supervisory committee and supervisors represented by representatives of staff and workers, supervisors must be elected by shareholders (including shareholders' proxies) representing half or more of the voting rights of the shareholders present at the shareholders' general meeting.

Subject to the provision of the relevant laws and administrative regulations, the shareholders' general meeting may by ordinary resolution remove any supervisor represented by a representative of shareholders before the expiration of his term of office (but without prejudice to such supervisor's right to claim damages based on any contract), provided that the shareholders' general meeting may not remove the supervisor without just cause. Supervisors represented by representatives of staff and workers shall be elected and removed by the staff and workers of the Company democratically.

Meetings of the supervisory committee shall be held at least once every six months every year, and shall be convened by the chairman of the supervisory committee. Notice of meeting shall be sent to each supervisor in writing ten days before the meeting. The notice shall include the date, venue, duration, reasons and topics of the meeting and the date on which the notice is sent. If for any reason the meeting of the supervisory committee cannot be convened as scheduled, an announcement shall be made to explain the reasons.

A special meeting shall be convened by the supervisory committee when:

(1) it is proposed by supervisors;

(2) a resolution in violation of the laws, the regulations, the statutes, the provisions and requirements of the supervisory department, the Memorandum and Article of Association, the resolution of shareholders' meeting and other relevant requirements is passed in the general meeting or in board meeting;

(3) possible material damages to the Company or adverse impact to the market are caused by the inappropriate behavior of the director and the senior management;

(4) the Company, the director, the supervisor or the senior management is sued by shareholders;

(5) the Company, the director, the supervisor or the senior management is punished by the securities regulatory organ or is condemned by Shanghai Stock Exchange;

(6) a request is made by the securities regulatory organ.

**Article 221** The supervisory committee shall be accountable to entire shareholders and exercise the following functions and powers in accordance with law:

(1) To examine the Company's financial situation;

(2) To check whether the directors, president and other senior administrative officers have violated any laws, administrative regulations and these Articles of Association in the course of performing their duties;

(3) To demand rectification from the directors, president or other senior administrative officers when the acts of such persons are harmful to the Company's interest;

(4) To check the financial information such as the financial report, business report and plans for distribution of profits to be submitted by the Board of Directors to the shareholders' general meetings and, should any queries arise, to authorise in the name of the Company public certified accountants and practising auditors to re-examine the financial information;

(5) To propose the convening of extraordinary general meeting;

(6) To represent the Company in negotiation with or bringing an action against a director;

(7) To supervise the establishment and implementation of internal control by the Board of Directors;

(8) Other functions and powers specified in these Articles of Association. Members of the supervisory committee shall attend as non-voting members at meetings of the Board of Directors.

Other functions and powers of the supervisory committee shall be determined in accordance with the laws and regulations of the place where the Company is listed.

**Article 222** Method of discussion and voting procedures of the supervisory committee shall follow the rules of procedures of the supervisory committee. The rules of procedures of the supervisory committee, as an appendix of these Articles of Association, shall be drafted by the supervisory committee and approved by the shareholders' general meeting.

**Article 223** Resolutions of the supervisory committee shall be passed by two-thirds or more of all of its members.

**Article 224** Notice of supervisory committee meetings shall contain:

- (1) the date and venue of the meeting;
- (2) the matters to be discussed (the agendas);
- (3) the convener and the chairman of the meeting, the person who proposes the special meeting and his/her written proposal;
- (4) the materials necessary for the supervisors to vote in the meeting;
- (5) the request for the personal attendance of the supervisors;
- (6) the contact person and the method of contact.

Oral notice shall at least include the details of item (1) and (2) and the reason for convening an urgent special supervisory committee meeting with short notice.

**Article 225** The supervisory committee meetings shall keep minutes of meeting. Supervisors present at the meeting and the person taking the minutes shall sign on the meeting minutes. Supervisors can request to have the speech they make in the meeting recorded in the minutes. The meeting minutes of supervisory committee shall be safely and properly kept as an important file of the Company. The meeting minutes of supervisory committee shall be kept as a file of the Company for ten years.

**Article 226** All reasonable fees incurred in respect of the employment of professionals such as lawyers, certified public accountants or practicing auditors by the supervisory committee in exercising its functions and powers shall be borne by the Company.

**Article 227** Supervisors shall be elected and removed by the shareholders' general meeting with a term of office of three years. Supervisors (including by-elected supervisors) shall have a term commencing on the date of the resolution of the shareholders' general meeting or the staff and workers representative meeting and expiring upon conclusion of the tenure of the supervisory committee. Upon expiry of his term, a supervisor shall be eligible for re-election.

**Article 228** Supervisors shall carry out their duties honestly and faithfully in accordance with laws, administrative regulations and these Articles of Association. Supervisors shall not abuse their authority of office to obtain bribes or other illegal income and not to misappropriate the property of the Company.

**Article 229** Where no re-election is made in time upon expiry of the term of a supervisor, or any supervisors resigns resulting in the number of members of the supervisory committee below the statutory number, the original supervisor shall, prior to a new supervisor entering on the office, continue to perform his duties as a supervisor in accordance with laws, administrative regulations and these Articles of Association.

**Article 230** Supervisors shall ensure that the information disclosed by the Company is true, accurate and complete.



**Article 231** Supervisors shall attend as nonvoting members meetings of the Board of Directors and have the right to inquire or put forward suggestions on resolutions of the Board of Directors.

**Article 232** Supervisors shall not exploit their Connected Relationship with the Company to harm the interests of the Company. If they have violated such provision and caused damage to the company, they are liable for compensation.

Article 182 of these Article of Association in relation to the eligibility of the directors also applies to supervisors.

**Article 233** Directors, president and other senior administrative officers of the Company shall not act concurrently as supervisors.

**Article 234** Where a supervisor violates any laws, administrative regulations, departmental rules or the provisions of these Articles of Association in the course of performing his duties and causes loss to the Company, such supervisor shall be liable for compensation.

## **CHAPTER 15 QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES OF THE DIRECTORS, SUPERVISORS, PRESIDENT AND OTHER SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS OF THE COMPANY**

**Article 235** A person may not serve as a director, supervisor, president and other senior administrative officers of the Company if any of the circumstances of Article 182 in these Articles of Association applies. Persons who hold positions other than directors in any entity of the controlling shareholders or beneficial controller shall not be appointed as senior management personnel of the Company. The personnel of the Company shall be independent from its controlling shareholders or beneficial controller. Any senior management personnel of the Company's controlling shareholder who serves concurrently as a director of the Company shall ensure that he/she has sufficient time and effort to work for the Company.

**Article 236** The validity of an act of a director, president or other senior administrative officer on behalf of the Company is not, vis-a-vis a bona fide third party, affected by any irregularity in his office, election or any defect in his qualification.

**Article 237** In addition to the obligations imposed by laws, administrative regulations or required by the listing rules of the stock exchange on which shares of the Company are listed, each of the Company's directors, supervisors, president and other senior administrative officers owes a duty to each shareholder, in the exercise of the functions and powers of the Company entrusted to him:

- (1) Not to cause the Company to exceed the scope of business stipulated in its business license;
- (2) To act honestly in the best interests of the Company;
- (3) Not to expropriate in any guise the Company's property, including but not limited to usurpation of opportunities advantageous to the Company;

Not to expropriate the individual rights of shareholders, including but not limited to rights to distribution and

- (4) voting rights, save pursuant to a restructuring of the Company submitted to shareholders for approval in accordance with these Articles of Association.

**Article 238** Each of the Company's directors, supervisors, president and other senior administrative officers owes a duty, in the exercise of his powers and discharge of his obligations, to exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.

The Company's directors (including those intending to act as independent directors) shall take an active part in training in order to understand the rights, obligations and responsibilities as directors, learn about relevant laws and regulations and master relevant knowledge required of a director.

**Article 239** Each of the Company's directors, supervisors and any other senior administrative officers shall exercise his powers or perform his duties in accordance with the principle of fiduciary; and shall not put himself in a position where his duty and his interest may conflict. This principle applies to include but not limited to discharging the following obligations:

- (1) To act honestly in the best interests of the Company;
- (2) To exercise powers within the scope of his powers and not to exceed those powers;

To exercise the discretion vested in him personally and not to allow himself to act under the control of another and,

- (3) unless and to the extent permitted by laws, administrative regulations or with the informed consent of shareholders given in shareholders' general meeting, not to delegate the exercise of his discretion;

- (4) To treat shareholders of the same class equally and to treat shareholders of different classes fairly;



- (5) Except in accordance with these Articles of Association or with the informed consent of shareholders given in shareholders' general meeting, not to enter into any contract, transaction or agreement with the Company;
- (6) Without the informed consent of shareholders given in shareholders' general meeting, not to use the Company's property for his own benefit;
- (7) Not to exploit his position to accept bribes or other illegal income or expropriate the Company's property by any means, including but not limited to opportunities advantageous to the Company;
- (8) Without the informed consent of shareholders given in shareholders' general meeting, not to accept commissions in connection with the Company's transactions;
- (9) To abide by these Articles of Association, perform his official duties faithfully and protect the Company's interests, and not to exploit his position and power in the Company to advance his own private interests;
- (10) Not to compete with the Company in any way unless with the informed consent of shareholders given in shareholders' general meeting;

Not to misappropriate the Company's funds or lend such funds to others, not to open accounts in his own name or other names for the deposit of the Company's assets and not to provide a guarantee for debts of a shareholder of the Company or other individual(s) with the Company's assets;

Unless otherwise permitted by informed shareholders in shareholders' general meeting, to keep in confidence information acquired by him in the course of and during his tenure and not to use the information other than in furtherance of the interests of the Company, save that disclosure of such information to the court or other governmental authorities is permitted if:

1. disclosure is made under compulsion of law;
2. the interests of the public require disclosure;

3. the interest of the relevant director, supervisor, president or other senior administrative officers require disclosure.

**Article 240** Each director, supervisor, president and any other senior administrative officer of the Company shall not cause the following persons or institutions ("associates") to do what he is prohibited from doing:



- (1) The spouse or minor child of that director, supervisor, president and other senior administrative officer;
- (2) A person acting in the capacity of trustee of that director, supervisor, president or other senior administrative officer or any person referred to in clause (1) of Article 240;
- (3) A person acting in the capacity of partner of that director, supervisor, president or other senior administrative officer or any person referred to in clauses (1) and (2) of Article 240;

(4) A company in which that director, supervisor, president or other senior administrative officer, alone or jointly with one or more persons referred to in clause (1) to (3) of Article 240 and other directors, supervisors, president and other senior administrative officers have a de facto controlling interest;

- (5) The directors, supervisors, president and other senior administrative officers of the controlled company referred to in clauses (4) of Article 240.

**Article 241** The fiduciary duties of the directors, supervisors, president and other senior administrative officers of the Company do not necessarily cease with the termination of their tenure. The duty of confidentiality in relation to trade secrets of the Company survives the termination of their tenure. Other duties may continue for such period as fairness may require depending on the time lapse between the termination and the act concerned and the circumstances under which the relationships between them and the Company are terminated.

**Article 242** Except as provided in Article 69 hereof, a director, supervisor, president and any other senior administrative officer of the Company may be relieved of liability for specific breaches of his duty by the informed consent of shareholders given at a shareholders' general meeting.

**Article 243** Where a director, supervisor, president and any other senior administrative officer of the Company is in any way, directly or indirectly, materially interested in a contract, transaction or arrangement or proposed contract, transaction or arrangement with the Company, (other than his contract of service with the Company), he shall declare the nature and extent of his interests to the Board of Directors at the earliest opportunity, whether or not the contract, transaction or arrangement or proposal therefor is otherwise subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Unless the interested director, supervisor, president and other senior administrative officer discloses his interests in accordance with this Article and the contract, transaction or arrangement is approved by the Board of Directors at a meeting in which the interested director, supervisor, president or other senior administrative officer is not counted in the quorum and has abstained from voting, a contract, transaction or arrangement in which that director, supervisor, president and other senior administrative officer is materially interested is avoidable at the instance of the Company except as against a bona fide party thereto acting without notice of the breach of duty by the interested director, supervisor, president or other senior administrative officer. For the purposes of this Article, a director, supervisor, president and other senior administrative officer of the Company is deemed to be interested in a contract, transaction or agreement in which an associate of him is interested.

**Article 244** Where a director, supervisor, president and other senior administrative officer of the Company gives to the Board of Directors a general notice in writing stating that, by reason of the facts specified in the notice, he is interested in contracts, transactions or arrangements of any description which may subsequently be made by the Company, that notice shall be deemed for the purposes of the preceding Article to be a sufficient declaration of his interests, so far as the content stated in such notice is concerned, provided that such general notice shall have been given before the date on which the question of entering into the relevant contract, transaction or arrangement is first taken into consideration on behalf of the Company.

**Article 245** The Company shall not in any manner pay taxes for or on behalf of a director, supervisor, president and any other senior administrative officer.

**Article 246** The Company shall not directly or indirectly make a loan to or provide any guarantee in connect with the making of a loan to a director, supervisor, president and other senior administrative officer of the Company or of the Company's holding company or any of their respective associates. However, the following transactions are not subject to such prohibition:

(1) The provision by the Company of a loan or a guarantee of a loan to a company which is a subsidiary of the Company;

(2) or to be incurred by him for the purposes of the Company or for the purpose of enabling him to perform his duties properly, in accordance with the terms of a service contract approved by the shareholders in shareholders' general meeting;

(3) The Company may make a loan to or provide a guarantee in connection with the making of a loan to any of the relevant directors, supervisors, president and other senior administrative officers or their respective associates in the ordinary course of its business on normal commercial terms, provided that the ordinary course of business of the Company includes the lending of money or the giving of guarantees.

**Article 247** A loan made by the Company in breach of Article 246 shall be forthwith repayable by the recipient of the loan regardless of the terms of the loan.

**Article 248** A guarantee for repayment of loan provided by the Company in breach of Article 246 shall not be enforceable against the Company, unless:

(1) the guarantee was provided in connection with a loan to an associate of any of the directors, supervisors, president and other senior administrative officers of the Company or of the Company's holding company and at the time the loan was advanced the lender did not know the relevant circumstances; or

(2) the collateral provided by the Company has been lawfully disposed of by the lender to a bona fide purchaser.

**Article 249** For the purpose of the foregoing provisions of this Chapter, a "guarantee" includes an undertaking or property provided to secure the performance of obligations by the obligor.

**Article 250** In addition to any rights and remedies provided by the laws and administrative regulations, where a director, supervisor, president or other senior administrative officer of the Company is in breach of his duties to the Company, the Company has a right to:

(1) claim damages from the director, supervisor, president and other senior administrative officer in compensation for losses sustained by the Company as a result of such breach;

(2) rescind any contract or transaction entered into by the Company with the director, supervisor, president and other senior administrative officer or with a third party (where such third party knows or should know that there is such a breach of duties by such director, supervisor, president and other senior administrative officer);

(3) demand an account of the profits made by the director, supervisor, president and other senior administrative officer in breach of his duties;



- (4) recover any monies received by the director, supervisor, president and other senior administrative officer which should otherwise have been received by the Company, including but not limited to commissions; and
- (5) request such director, supervisor, president and other senior administrative officer to return the interests accrued or may be accrued on the monies which should have been paid to the Company.

**Article 251** The Company shall, with the prior approval of shareholders in shareholders' general meeting, enter into a contract in writing with a director or supervisor wherein his emoluments are stipulated. The aforesaid emoluments shall include:

- (1) the emoluments in respect of his service as director, supervisor or senior administrative officer of the Company;
- (2) the emoluments in respect of his service as director, supervisor or senior administrative officer of any subsidiary of the Company;
- (3) the emoluments in respect of the provision of other services in connection with the management of the affairs of the Company and any of its subsidiaries;
- (4) the payment by way of compensation for loss of office, or as consideration for or in connection with his retirement from office.

Except under a contract entered into in accordance with the foregoing, no proceedings may be brought by a director or supervisor against the Company for the benefits due to him in respect of the matters mentioned in this Article.

**Article 252** The contract concerning the emoluments between the Company and its directors or supervisors should provide that in the event of a takeover of the Company, the Company's directors and supervisors shall, subject to the prior approval of the shareholders in shareholders' general meeting, have the right to receive compensation or other payment in respect of his loss of office or retirement. A takeover of the Company referred to in this paragraph means any of the following:

- (1) An offer made by any person to all the shareholders;
- (2) An offer made by any person with a view to the offeror becoming a "controlling shareholder" within the meaning of Article 70.

If the relevant director or supervisor does not comply with this Article, any sum so received by him shall belong to those persons who have sold their shares as a result of the acceptance of said offer. The expense incurred in distributing that sum pro rata amongst those persons shall be borne by the relevant director or supervisor and not paid out of that sum.

**Article 253** With the approval of shareholders' general meeting, the Company may buy liability insurance for directors, supervisors, president and other senior administrative officers of the Company with the exception of those liabilities resulting from violation of laws, regulations and these Articles of Association.

## **CHAPTER 16 FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS, PROFIT DISTRIBUTION AND AUDITING**

**Article 254** The Company shall establish its financial and accounting systems in accordance with laws, administrative regulations and the PRC accounting standards formulated by the finance regulatory department of the State Council.

**Article 255** At the end of each fiscal year, the Company shall prepare a financial report, which shall be examined and verified as provided by law.

(1)Balance sheet;

(2)Profit and loss statement;

(3)Statement of financial changes;

(4)Explanation of financial conditions;

(5)Profit distribution statement.

**Article 256** During each accounting year, the Board of Directors of the Company shall place before the shareholders at every annual general meeting such financial reports as are required by any laws, administrative regulations or directives promulgated by competent regional and central governmental authorities to be prepared by the Company.

**Article 257** The Company's financial reports shall be made available for shareholders' inspection at the Company twenty days before the date of every annual general meeting. Each shareholder shall be entitled to obtain a copy of

the financial reports referred to in this Chapter.

The Company shall deliver or send to each shareholder of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares by prepaid mail at the address registered in the register of shareholders the said report not later than twenty-one days before the date of every annual general meeting.

The financial statements of the Company shall, in addition to being prepared in accordance with the PRC accounting standards and regulations, be prepared in accordance with either international accounting standards, or that of the place outside the PRC where the Company's shares are listed. If there is any material difference between the financial statements prepared respectively in accordance with the two accounting standards, such difference shall be stated in the financial statements. When the Company is to distribute its after-tax profits, the lower of the after-tax profits as shown in the two financial statements shall be adopted.

**Article 258** Any interim results or financial information published or disclosed by the Company must also be prepared and presented in accordance with the PRC accounting standards and regulations, and also in accordance with either international accounting standards or that of the overseas place where the Company's shares are listed.

**Article 260** The Company shall publish its quarterly financial report, interim financial report and annual financial report every fiscal year. The quarterly reports shall be prepared within thirty days after the first quarter and the third quarter, respectively. The interim report shall be published within sixty days after the first six months of the fiscal year and the annual report shall be published within 120 days after the expiration of the fiscal year.

**Article 261** The Company shall not keep accounts other than those provided by law. Assets of the Company shall not be deposited in an account maintained in the name of any individual.

**Article 262** The Company's after-tax profit shall be distributed in accordance with the following order:

- (1) Making up for losses;
- (2) Allocation to the statutory common reserve fund;
- (3) Allocation to the discretionary common reserve fund;
- (4) Payment of dividends in respect of ordinary shares.

The Board of Directors shall, in accordance with the laws and administrative regulations of the State (if any) and the Company's operation and development requirements, determine the specific proportions of profit distributions in clauses (3) to (4) of Article 262 and submit its determination to the shareholders' general meeting for approval.

**Article 263** When distributing each year's after-tax profits, the Company shall set aside 10% of such profits for the Company's statutory common reserve fund, except where the accumulated balance of the said fund has reached 50% of the Company's registered capital.

Where the balance of the Company's statutory common reserve fund is insufficient to make up for the losses incurred in the previous year, the Company shall apply the current year's profits to recover such losses before allocating any such profits to the statutory common reserve fund as aforementioned.

After the Company has allocated its after-tax profits to the statutory common reserve fund, it may, with the approval of the shareholders by way of resolution in a shareholders' general meeting, further allocate its after-tax profits to the discretionary common reserve fund.

After the Company has recovered its losses and made allocations to its common reserve fund, the remaining profits shall be distributed to the shareholders in proportion to their respective shareholdings, except where distribution by such proportion is not required under these Articles of Association.

Where the profit is distributed to the shareholders by the general meeting or the Board of Directors before making-up for losses and transfer to the statutory common reserve in violation of the above provisions, the profit so illegitimately distributed shall be returned to the Company.

No profit shall be distributed in respect of the shares held by the Company.

**Article 264** Capital common reserve fund includes the following:

(1) Premium on shares issued at a premium price;

(2) Any other income designated for the capital common reserve fund by the regulations of the finance regulatory department of the State Council.

**Article** The common reserve fund of the Company shall be applied to make up losses, expand the Company's  
**265** production and operation or increase the Company's capital. However, capital common reserve fund shall not  
be used to make up losses.

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When the Company converts its common reserve fund into its capital upon a resolution adopted in shareholders' general meeting, the Company shall either distribute new shares in proportion to the shareholders' number of shares, or increase the par value of each share, provided, however, that when the statutory common reserve fund is converted to capital, the balance of the statutory common reserve fund may not fall below 25% of the registered capital.

**Article 266** Dividends shall be distributed in accordance with the proportion of shares held by shareholders.

Unless otherwise resolved by the shareholders' general meeting, the Company may, apart from distributing annual dividends, distribute interim dividends by its Board of Directors acting under the power conferred by the shareholders' general meeting. Unless otherwise stipulated by laws or administrative regulations, the amount of interim dividends distributed shall not exceed 50% of the distributable profits as stated in the interim profits statement of the Company.

**Article 267** The Company may distribute dividends in the following manners: (1) cash; (2) shares.

**Article 268** For distribution of dividend by way of cash, the accumulated payment of dividend by way of cash for the last three years may not be less than 30% of the Company's average distributable profit for the last three years.

Where the Company made a payment of dividend satisfied by an allotment of new shares or completed conversion of capital common reserve fund into capital, the Company may not distribute dividend by way of cash in the same year, and the year is not counted in the three years stated earlier in this Article.

**Article 269** Upon resolution on the profit distribution plan or the resolution on the proposed bonus share issue by way of conversion of capital reserve is approved at the shareholders' general meeting, the Board of Directors shall complete the subject matters within two months after consideration and approval by the general meeting and all administrative approvals (if necessary) are obtained.

**Article 270** The Company shall, in accordance with the PRC tax law, withhold and make payments on behalf of shareholders in respect of their tax payable on their dividends income.

**Article  
271**

The Company shall appoint on behalf of the holders of the Overseas Listed Foreign Shares receiving agents to receive on behalf of such shareholders dividends declared and all other monies owing by the Company in respect of their shares. The receiving agents appointed by the Company shall comply with the relevant requirements of the law of the place and relevant regulations of the stock exchange where the Company's shares are listed. The receiving agents appointed on behalf of holders of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares listed in Hong Kong (H Shares) shall be a company registered as a trust company under the Trustee Ordinance of Hong Kong.

**Article  
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Dividends or other payments declared by the Company to be payable to holders of Domestic Shares shall be declared and calculated in RMB, and paid in RMB; and those payable to holders of Overseas Listed Foreign Shares shall be declared and calculated in RMB, and paid in the local currency at the place where such Overseas Listed Foreign Shares are listed (if there is more than one place of listing, then the principal place of listing as determined by the Board of Directors). The conversion formula of foreign currency is as follows:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Conversion price of dividends} \\ \text{or other sums to holders in} \\ \text{foreign currency} \end{array} = \begin{array}{l} \text{Dividends or other sums} \\ \text{to holders in RMB} \\ \\ \text{The mean of the exchange rates for each unit of the foreign currency against RMB as} \\ \text{announced by the People's Bank of China for the calendar week preceding the date on} \\ \text{which such dividends or other sums to holders are declared by the Company} \end{array}$$

**Article  
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The Company shall implement an internal audit system, and shall establish an internal audit department or retain auditors to conduct internal audit of its income and expenditure and financial activities under the supervision of the supervisory committee.

**Article  
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The internal audit system and the terms of reference of the auditors are implemented under the approval of the Board. The auditors are required to report to the Board.

**CHAPTER 17 APPOINTMENT OF ACCOUNTANT FIRM**

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The Company shall appoint an independent accountant firm which is qualified under the relevant regulations of the State to audit the Company's annual report and review the Company's other financial reports.

The first accountant firm of the Company may be appointed by the inaugural meeting of the Company before the first annual general meeting. The accountant firm so appointed shall hold office until the conclusion of the first annual general meeting.



If the inaugural meeting fails to exercise its powers under the preceding paragraph, those powers shall be exercised by the Board of Directors.

**Article 276** The accountant firm appointed by the Company shall hold office from the conclusion of the annual general meeting until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting, and the appointment may be renewed.

**Article 277** The accountant firm appointed by the Company shall have the following rights:

(1) A right to inspect the books, records and vouchers of the Company at any time, the right to require the directors, president, vice president or other senior administrative officers of the Company to supply relevant information and explanation;

(2) A right to require the Company to take all reasonable steps to obtain from its subsidiaries such information and explanation as are necessary for the purpose of discharging its duties;

(3) A right to attend shareholders' general meetings and to receive all notices of, and other communications relating to, any shareholders' general meeting which any shareholder is entitled to receive, and to speak at any shareholders' general meeting in relation to matters concerning its role as the Company's accountant firm.

**Article 278** The company shall provide true and complete accounting evidences, books, financial and accounting reports and other accounting data to the accountant it hires without any refusal, withholding and false information.

**Article 279** If there is a vacancy in the position of auditor of the Company, the Board may engage an accounting firm to fill such vacancy before the convening of the shareholders' general meeting. Any other accountant firm which has been engaged by the Company may continue to act during the period during such a vacancy exists.

**Article 280** Notwithstanding the stipulations in the contract between the Company and the accountant firm, the shareholders in shareholders' general meeting may by ordinary resolution remove an accountant firm before the expiration of its term of office, but without prejudice to the firm's right to claim, if any, for damages in respect of such removal.

**Article 281** The remuneration of an accountant firm or the manner in which such firm is to be remunerated shall be determined by the shareholders in shareholders' general meeting. The remuneration of an accountant firm appointed by the Board of Directors shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

**Article 282** The Company's appointment, removal and non-reappointment of an accountant firm shall be resolved upon by shareholders in shareholders' general meeting. The resolution of the shareholders' general meeting shall be filed with the securities governing authority of the State Council.

Where it is proposed that any resolution be passed at a shareholders' general meeting concerning the appointment of an accountant firm which is not an incumbent firm to fill a casual vacancy in the office of the accountant firm, re-appointment of a retiring accountant firm which was appointed by the Board of Directors of the Company to fill a casual vacancy, or removal of the accountant firm before the expiration of its term of office, the following provisions shall apply:

A copy of the proposal shall be sent before notice of meeting is given to the shareholders to the accountant firm

- (1) proposed to be appointed or proposing to leave its post, or the accountant firm which has left its post in the relevant fiscal year (leaving includes leaving by removal, resignation and retirement).

- (2) If the accountant firm leaving its post makes representations in writing and requests the Company to notify such representations to the shareholders, the Company shall (unless the representations are received too late):

1. in any notice of the resolution given to shareholders, state the fact of the representations having been made; and

2. deliver a copy of the representations to each shareholder who is entitled to receive the notice of shareholders' general meeting.

- (3) If the accountant firm's representations are not sent in accordance with clause (2) of Article 281, the relevant accountant firm may (in addition to its right to be heard) require that the representations be read out at the meeting.