THE GLOBAL OFFERING

This prospectus is published in connection with the Hong Kong Public Offering as part of the Global Offering. The Global Offering consists of (subject to the Over-allotment Option):

- (a) the Hong Kong Public Offering of 182,120,000 H Shares (subject to adjustment as mentioned below) in Hong Kong as described below under "The Hong Kong Public Offering"; and
- (b) the International Offering of 1,639,080,000 H Shares (subject to adjustment and the Overallotment Option as mentioned below), outside the United States (including to professional and institutional investors within Hong Kong) in offshore transactions in reliance on Regulation S, and in the United States to QIBs in reliance on Rule 144A.

Investors may apply for the H Shares under the Hong Kong Public Offering or indicate an interest, if qualified to do so, for the H Shares under the International Offering, but may not do both.

Our Company has obtained the requisite PRC governmental approvals, including the approval of the CSRC, in respect of the Global Offering.

The number of H Shares to be offered under the Hong Kong Public Offering and the International Offering respectively is subject to reallocation as described in the subsection entitled "The Hong Kong Public Offering—Reallocation" below.

THE HONG KONG PUBLIC OFFERING

Number of H Shares initially offered

We are initially offering 182,120,000 H Shares at the Offer Price, representing approximately 10% of the H Shares initially available under the Global Offering, for subscription by the public in Hong Kong. Subject to the reallocation of Offer Shares between the International Offering and the Hong Kong Public Offering, the number of H Shares initially offered under the Hong Kong Public Offering will represent approximately 1.5% of our Company's enlarged issued share capital immediately after completion of the Global Offering, assuming that the Over-allotment Option is not exercised and assuming no Shares is issued under the Share Option Scheme.

The Hong Kong Public Offering is open to members of the public in Hong Kong as well as to institutional and professional investors. Professional investors generally include brokers, dealers, companies (including fund managers) whose ordinary business involves dealing in shares and other securities and corporate entities which regularly invest in shares and other securities.

Completion of the Hong Kong Public Offering is subject to the conditions as set out in the subsection below entitled "Conditions of the Global Offering."

Allocation

Allocation of H Shares to investors under the Hong Kong Public Offering will be based solely on the level of valid applications received under the Hong Kong Public Offering. The basis of allocation may vary, depending on the number of Hong Kong Public Offer Shares validly applied for by applicants. The allocation of Hong Kong Public Offer Shares could, where appropriate, consist of balloting, which would mean that some applicants may receive a higher allocation than others who have applied for the same number of Hong Kong Public Offer Shares, and those applicants who are not successful in the ballot may not receive any Hong Kong Public Offer Shares.

The total number of Hong Kong Public Offer Shares available under the Hong Kong Public Offering will initially be divided into two pools for allocation purposes as follows:

- Pool A: The Offer Shares in Pool A, being an aggregate of 91,060,000 H Shares, will be allocated on an equitable basis to applicants who have applied for Offer Shares with a total subscription amount (excluding brokerage, SFC transaction levy and the Stock Exchange trading fee) of HK\$5.0 million or less; and
- Pool B: The Offer Shares in Pool B, being an aggregate of 91,060,000 H Shares, will be allocated on an equitable basis to applicants who have applied for Offer Shares with a total subscription amount (excluding brokerage, SFC transaction levy and the Stock Exchange trading fee) of more than HK\$5.0 million and up to the value of Pool B.

Applicants should be aware that applications in Pool A and Pool B are likely to receive different allocation ratios. If Hong Kong Public Offer Shares in one pool (but not both pools) are under-subscribed, the surplus Hong Kong Public Offer Shares will be transferred to the other pool to satisfy demand in that other pool and be allocated accordingly.

Applicants can only receive an allocation of Hong Kong Public Offer Shares from either Pool A or Pool B but not from both pools. Multiple or suspected multiple applications and any application for more than 91,060,000 Offer Shares will be rejected.

Reallocation

The allocation of Offer Shares between the Hong Kong Public Offering and the International Offering is subject to adjustment. Paragraph 4.2 of the Practice Note 18 of the Hong Kong Listing Rules requires a clawback mechanism to be put in place which would have the effect of increasing the number of Hong Kong Public Offer Shares to certain percentages of the total number of Offer Shares offered in the Global Offering if certain prescribed total demand levels are reached. An application has been made for, and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange has granted, a waiver from strict compliance with Paragraph 4.2 of Practice Note 18 of the Hong Kong Listing Rules, such that:

- 182,120,000 Offer Shares, representing approximately 10% of the total number of the Offer Shares, are initially available in the Hong Kong Public Offering;
- If the number of the Offer Shares validly applied for under the Hong Kong Public Offering represents 15 times or more but less than 40 times the number of the Offer Shares initially available for subscription under the Hong Kong Public Offering, then the number of Offer Shares to be reallocated to the Hong Kong Public Offering from the International Offering will be increased so that the total number of the Offer Shares available under the Hong Kong Public Offering will be 273,180,000 Offer Shares, representing approximately 15% of the Offer Shares initially available under the Global Offering;
- If the number of Offer Shares validly applied for under the Hong Kong Public Offering represents 40 times or more but less than 100 times the number of the Offer Shares initially available for subscription under the Hong Kong Public Offering, then the number of Offer Shares to be reallocated to the Hong Kong Public Offering from the International Offering will be increased so that the total number of the Offer Shares available under the Hong Kong Public Offering will be 318,710,000 Offer Shares, representing approximately 17.5% of the Offer Shares initially available under the Global Offering; and

• If the number of the Offer Shares validly applied for under the Hong Kong Public Offering represents 100 times or more the number of the Offer Shares initially available for subscription under the Hong Kong Public Offering, then the number of Offer Shares to be reallocated to the Hong Kong Public Offering from the International Offering will be increased, so that the total number of the Offer Shares available under the Hong Kong Public Offering will be 364,240,000 Offer Shares, representing approximately 20% of the Offer Shares initially available under the Global Offering.

In each case, the additional Offer Shares reallocated to the Hong Kong Public Offering will be allocated between pool A and pool B and the number of Offer Shares allocated to the International Offering will be correspondingly reduced in such manner as the Joint Global Coordinators deem appropriate.

The Offer Shares to be offered in the Hong Kong Public Offering and the International Offering may, in certain circumstances, be reallocated as between these offerings at the discretion of the Joint Global Coordinators. Subject to the foregoing paragraph, the Joint Global Coordinators may in its discretion reallocate H Shares from the International Offering to the Hong Kong Public Offering to satisfy valid applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering. In addition, if the Hong Kong Public Offering is not fully subscribed, the Joint Global Coordinators will have the discretion (but shall not be under any obligation) to reallocate to the International Offering all or any unsubscribed Hong Kong Public Offer Shares in such amounts as it deems appropriate.

References in this prospectus to applications, Application Forms, application monies or to the procedure for application relate solely to the Hong Kong Public Offering.

THE INTERNATIONAL OFFERING

Number of H Shares initially offered

The number of H Shares to be initially offered under the International Offering will be 1,639,080,000 H Shares, representing approximately 90% of the Offer Shares under the Global Offering. Subject to the reallocation of the Offer Shares between the International Offering and the Hong Kong Public Offering, the number of H Shares initially offered under the International Offering will represent approximately 13.5% of our Company's enlarged issued share capital immediately after completion of the Global Offering, assuming that the Over-allotment Option is not exercised and assuming no Shares is issued under the Share Option Scheme.

Allocation

Pursuant to the International Offering, the International Offering Shares will be conditionally placed on behalf of our Company by the International Underwriters or through selling agents appointed by them. International Offering Shares will be selectively placed with certain professional and institutional investors and other investors anticipated to have a sizeable demand for such Offer Shares in Hong Kong, Europe and other jurisdictions outside the United States in offshore transactions in reliance on Regulation S and in the United States to QIBs as defined in Rule 144A. The International Offering is subject to the Hong Kong Public Offering being unconditional.

Allocation of Offer Shares pursuant to the International Offering will be effected in accordance with the "book-building" process described in the paragraph headed "Pricing and Allocation" below and based on a number of factors, including the level and timing of demand, total size of the relevant investor's invested assets or equity assets in the relevant sector and whether or not it is expected that the relevant investor is likely to buy further, and/or hold or sell, H Shares after the listing of the H Shares on the Stock Exchange. Such allocation is intended to result in a distribution of H Shares on a

basis which would lead to the establishment of a solid shareholder base which would be to our benefit and to that of the Shareholders as a whole.

The Joint Global Coordinators (on behalf of the Underwriters) may require any investor who has been offered Offer Shares under the International Offering, and who has made an application under the Hong Kong Public Offering, to provide sufficient information to the Joint Global Coordinators so as to allow them to identify the relevant applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering and to ensure that they are excluded from any application of Offer Shares under the Hong Kong Public Offering.

The Over-allotment Option

In connection with the Global Offering, we will grant the Over-allotment Option to the Joint Global Coordinators, on behalf of the International Underwriters, to purchase up to 273,180,000 additional H Shares, representing 15% of the number of H Shares initially available under the Global Offering. The Over-allotment Option may be exercised by the Joint Global Coordinators, on behalf of the International Underwriters, at any time and from time to time within 30 days of the last day for lodging of applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering, to cover over-allocations in the International Offering, if any. The Joint Global Coordinators may also cover such over-allocations by purchasing H Shares in the secondary market or by a combination of purchases in the secondary market and a partial exercise of the Over-allotment Option. Any such secondary market purchases will be made in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations. In the event that the Over-allotment Option is exercised, a press announcement will be made.

STABILIZATION

Stabilization is a practice used by underwriters in some markets to facilitate the distribution of securities. To stabilize, the underwriters may bid for, or purchase, the securities in the secondary market, during a specified period of time, to retard and, if possible, prevent, any decline in the market price of the securities below the offer price. In Hong Kong and certain other jurisdictions, the price at which stabilization is effected is not permitted to exceed the offer price.

In connection with the Global Offering, the Stabilizing Manager or any person acting for it, on behalf of the Underwriters, may over-allocate or effect short sales or any other stabilizing transactions with a view to stabilizing or maintaining the market price of the H Shares at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. Short sales involve the sale by the Stabilizing Manager of a greater number of H Shares than the Underwriters are required to purchase in the Global Offering. "Covered" short sales are sales made in an amount not greater than any over-allotment option that may be granted. The Stabilizing Manager may close out the covered short position by either exercising the Over-allotment Option to purchase additional H Shares or purchasing H Shares in the open market. In determining the source of the H Shares to close out the covered short position, the Stabilizing Manager will consider, among others, the price of H Shares in the open market as compared to the price at which they may purchase additional H Shares pursuant to the Over-allotment Option. Stabilizing transactions consist of certain bids or purchases made for the purpose of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the H Shares while the Global Offering is in progress. Any market purchases of the H Shares may be effected on any stock exchange, including the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, any over-the-counter market or otherwise, provided that they are made in compliance with all applicable laws and regulatory requirements. However, there is no obligation on the Stabilizing Manager or any person acting for it to conduct any such stabilizing activity, which if commenced, will be done at the absolute discretion of the Stabilizing Manager and may be discontinued at any time.

Any such stabilizing activity is required to be brought to an end within 30 days of the last day for the lodging of applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering. The number of the H Shares that may be over-allocated will not exceed the number of the H Shares that may be sold under the Over-allotment Option.

In Hong Kong, stabilizing activities must be carried out in accordance with the Securities and Futures (Price Stabilizing) Rules. Stabilizing actions permitted pursuant to the Securities and Futures (Price Stabilizing) Rules include:

- (a) over-allocation for the purpose of preventing or minimizing any reduction in the market price;
- (b) selling or agreeing to sell the H Shares so as to establish a short position in them for the purpose of preventing or minimizing any deduction in the market price;
- (c) subscribing, or agreeing to subscribe, for the H Shares pursuant to the over-allotment option in order to close out any position established under (a) or (b) above;
- (d) purchasing, or agreeing to purchase, the H Shares for the sole purpose of preventing or minimizing any reduction in the market price;
- (e) selling the H Shares to liquidate a long position held as a result of those purchases; and
- (f) offering or attempting to do anything described in (b), (c), (d) and (e) above.

Stabilizing actions by the Stabilizing Manager, or any person acting for it, will be entered into in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations in place in Hong Kong on stabilization.

As a result of effecting transactions to stabilize or maintain the market price of the H Shares, the Stabilizing Manager, or any person acting for it, may maintain a long position in the H Shares. The size of the long position, and the period for which the Stabilizing Manager, or any person acting for it, will maintain the long position is at the discretion of the Stabilizing Manager and is uncertain. In the event that the Stabilizing Manager liquidates this long position by making sales in the open market, this may lead to a decline in the market price of the H Shares.

Stabilizing action by the Stabilizing Manager, or any person acting for it, is not permitted to support the price of the H Shares for longer than the stabilizing period, which begins on the day on which trading of the H Shares commences on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and ends on the 30th day after the last day for the lodging of applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering. The stabilizing period is expected to end on Saturday, 14 June 2014. As a result, demand for the H Shares, and their market price, may fall after the end of the stabilizing period. These activities by the Stabilizing Manager may stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the market price of the H Shares. As a result, the price of the H Shares may be higher than the price that otherwise may exist in the open market. Any stabilizing action taken by the Stabilizing Manager, or any person acting for it, may not necessarily result in the market price of the H Shares staying at or above the Offer Price either during or after the stabilizing period. Bids for or market purchases of the H Shares by the Stabilizing Manager, or any person acting for it, may be made at a price at or below the Offer Price and therefore at or below the price paid for the H Shares by purchasers. A public announcement in compliance with the Securities and Futures (Price Stabilizing) Rules will be made within seven days of the expiration of the stabilizing period.

PRICING AND ALLOCATION

Determining the Offer Price

The International Underwriters are soliciting from prospective investors indications of interest in acquiring the H Shares in the International Offering. Prospective investors will be required to specify the number of H Shares under the International Offering they would be prepared to acquire either at different prices or at a particular price. This process, known as "book-building," is expected to continue up to, and to cease on or around, the last day for lodging applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering.

Pricing for the Offer Shares for the purpose of the various offerings under the Global Offering will be fixed on the Price Determination Date, which is expected to be on or around Friday, 16 May 2014 and in any event on or before Wednesday, 21 May 2014, by agreement between the Joint Global Coordinators, for themselves and on behalf of the Underwriters, and our Company. The number of Offer Shares to be allocated under the various offerings will be determined shortly thereafter.

Offer price range

The Offer Price will be not more than HK\$6.20 per H Share and is expected to be not less than HK\$5.00 per H Share, unless otherwise announced not later than the morning of the last day for lodging applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering, as further explained below. Prospective investors should be aware that the Offer Price to be determined on the Price Determination Date may be, but is not expected to be, lower than the indicative Offer Price range stated in this prospectus.

Price payable on application

Applicants for Hong Kong Public Offer Shares under the Hong Kong Public Offering are required to pay, on application, the maximum Offer Price of HK\$6.20 for each Hong Kong Offer Share (plus 1% brokerage, 0.003% SFC transaction levy, and 0.005% Stock Exchange trading fee). If the Offer Price is less than HK\$6.20, appropriate refund payments (including the brokerage, SFC transaction levy and the Stock Exchange trading fee attributable to the surplus application monies, without any interest) will be made to successful applications.

If, for any reason, our Company and the Joint Global Coordinators (for themselves and on behalf of the Underwriters) are unable to reach agreement on the Offer Price on or before Wednesday, 21 May 2014, the Global Offering will not proceed and will lapse.

Reduction in indicative offer price range and/or number of Offer Shares

The Joint Global Coordinators, for themselves and on behalf of the Joint Bookrunners and the Underwriters, may, where considered appropriate, based on the level of interest expressed by prospective professional and institutional investors during the book-building process, and with the consent of the Company, reduce the number of Offer Shares offered in the Global Offering and/or the indicative Offer Price range below that stated in this prospectus at any time on or prior to the morning of the last day for lodging applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering. In such a case, the Company will, as soon as practicable following the decision to make such reduction, and in any event not later than the morning of the day which is the last day for lodging applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering, cause there to be published in South China Morning Post (in English) and Hong Kong Economic Times (in Chinese) and to be posted on the website of the Hong Kong Stock

Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) and on the website of the Company (www.chinacnr.com) an announcement/a supplemental prospectus (as appropriate) in connection with the reduction. Upon issue of such announcement/supplemental prospectus (as appropriate), the number of the Offer Shares offered in the Global Offering and/or the revised offer price range will be final and conclusive and the offer price, if agreed upon by the Joint Global Coordinators (for themselves and on behalf of the Joint Bookrunners and the Underwriters) and the Company, will be fix within such revised Offer Price range. Applicants should have regard to the possibility that any announcement of a reduction in the number of the Offer Shares being offered under the Global Offering and/or the indicative Offer Price range may not be made until the day which is the last day for lodging applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering. Such announcement/supplemental prospectus (as appropriate) will also include confirmation or revision, as appropriate, of the working capital statement and the Global Offering statistics as currently set out in this prospectus, and any other financial information which may change as a result of such reduction. Applicants who have submitted their applications for Hong Kong Public Offer Share before such announcement/supplemental prospectus (as appropriate) is made may subsequently withdraw their applications in the event that such an announcement/supplemental prospectus (as appropriate) is subsequently made. In the absence of any such announcement/ supplemental prospectus (as appropriate) so published, the Offer Price, if agreed upon with the Company and the Joint Global Coordinators, will under no circumstances be set outside the Offer Price range as stated in this prospectus.

The Offer Shares to be offered in the International Offering and the Offer Shares to be offered in the Hong Kong Public Offering may, in certain circumstances, be reallocated as between these offerings at the discretion of the Joint Global Coordinators.

Announcement of Offer Price and basis of allocations

The final Offer Price, the level of indications of interest in the Global Offering, the results of applications and the basis of allotment of the Hong Kong Public Offer Shares are expected to be published on the website of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) and on the website of our Company (www.chinacnr.com) on Wednesday, 21 May 2014.

UNDERWRITING

The Hong Kong Public Offering is fully underwritten by the Hong Kong Underwriters under the terms of the Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement and is subject to our Company and the Joint Global Coordinators, for themselves and on behalf of the Underwriters, agreeing on the Offer Price.

We expect to enter into the International Underwriting Agreement relating to the International Offering on the Price Determination Date.

These underwriting arrangements, and the Underwriting Agreements, are summarized in the section entitled "Underwriting" in this prospectus.

CONDITIONS OF THE GLOBAL OFFERING

Acceptance of all applications for the Offer Shares will be conditional on:

• the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting listing of, and permission to deal in, the H Shares to be issued pursuant to the Global Offering (including the additional H Shares which may be made available pursuant to the exercise of the Over-allotment Option);

- the Offer Price having been duly agreed between us and the Joint Global Coordinators (for themselves and on behalf of the Underwriters);
- the execution and delivery of the International Underwriting Agreement on or around the Price Determination Date; and
- the obligations of the Hong Kong Underwriters under the Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement and the obligations of the International Underwriters under the International Underwriting Agreement becoming and remaining unconditional and not having been terminated in accordance with the terms of the respective agreements, in each case on or before the dates and times specified in the Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement or the International Underwriting Agreement (unless and to the extent such conditions are validly waived on or before such dates and times) and in any event not later than the date which is 30 days after the date of this prospectus.

If, for any reason, the Offer Price is not agreed between our Company and the Joint Global Coordinators (for themselves and on behalf of the Underwriters) on or before Wednesday, 21 May 2014, the Global Offering will not proceed and will lapse.

The consummation of each of the Hong Kong Public Offering and the International Offering is conditional upon, among other things, the other offering becoming unconditional and not having been terminated in accordance with their respective terms.

If the above conditions are not fulfilled or waived prior to the dates and times specified, the Global Offering will lapse and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange will be notified immediately. Notice of the lapse of the Hong Kong Public Offering will be published by us in the South China Morning Post (in English) and the Hong Kong Economic Times (in Chinese) on the next day following such lapse. In such eventuality, all application monies will be returned, without interest, on the terms set out in the subsection entitled "How to Apply for the Hong Kong Offer Shares—14. Dispatch/Collection of Share Certificates and Refund Monies" in this prospectus. In the meantime, all application monies will be held in separate bank accounts with the receiving bankers or other banks in Hong Kong licensed under the Banking Ordinance (Chapter 155 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (as amended).

H Share certificates for the Offer Shares will only become valid certificates of title at 8:00 on Thursday, 22 May 2014, provided that (a) the Global Offering has become unconditional in all respects and (b) the right of termination as described in the subsection entitled "Underwriting—Underwriting Arrangements and Expenses—Hong Kong Public Offering—Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement—Grounds for Termination" in this prospectus has not been exercised.

H SHARES WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR CCASS

All necessary arrangements have been made enabling the H Shares to be admitted into the Central Clearing and Settlement System, or CCASS, established and operated by the Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited, or HKSCC.

If the Hong Kong Stock Exchange grants the listing of, and permission to deal in, the H Shares and our Company complies with the stock admission requirements of HKSCC, the H Shares will be accepted as eligible securities by HKSCC for deposit, clearance and settlement in CCASS with effect from the date of commencement of dealings in the H Shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange or any

other date HKSCC chooses. Settlement of transactions between participants of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange is required to take place in CCASS on the second business day after any trading day.

All activities under CCASS are subject to the General Rules of CCASS and CCASS Operational Procedures in effect from time to time.

DEALING ARRANGEMENTS

Assuming that the Hong Kong Public Offering becomes unconditional at or before 8:00 a.m. in Hong Kong on Thursday, 22 May 2014, it is expected that dealings in the H Shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange will commence at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, 22 May 2014.

The H Shares will be traded in board lots of 500 H Shares each.