

## EXPECTED TIMETABLE <sup>(1)</sup>

Latest time to lodge <b>white</b> and <b>yellow</b> Application Forms .....	12:00 noon on Thursday, November 14, 2002
Latest time to give <b>electronic</b> application instructions to HKSCC <sup>(2)</sup> .....	12:00 noon on Thursday, November 14, 2002
Application lists open <sup>(3)</sup> .....	11:45 a.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2002
Application lists close .....	12:00 noon on Thursday, November 14, 2002
Price Determination Date <sup>(4)</sup> .....	Friday, November 15, 2002
Announcement of the Offer Price, indication of the level of interest in the International Offering and the level of applications in the Hong Kong Public Offering and the basis of allocation of the Hong Kong Offer Shares (with successful applicants' identification document numbers) to be published in the South China Morning Post (in English) and the Hong Kong Economic Times (in Chinese) on .....	Monday, November 18, 2002
Despatch of H Share certificates in respect of wholly or partially successful applications on or before <sup>(5)(6)</sup> .....	Tuesday, November 19, 2002
Despatch of refund cheques in respect of wholly successful or wholly or partially unsuccessful applications on or before <sup>(6)</sup> .....	Tuesday, November 19, 2002
Dealings in H Shares on the Stock Exchange expected to commence on .....	Wednesday, November 20, 2002

- (1) All times refer to Hong Kong local time. Details of the structure of the Global Offering, including the conditions of the Hong Kong Public Offering, are set out in the section headed "Structure of the Global Offering" in this Prospectus.
- (2) Applicants who apply for the Hong Kong Offer Shares by giving **electronic** application instructions to HKSCC should refer to the paragraph headed "How to Apply for Hong Kong Offer Shares—II. Applying by giving electronic application instructions to HKSCC" in this Prospectus.
- (3) If there is a "black" rainstorm warning or a tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above in force in Hong Kong at any time between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Thursday, November 14, 2002, the application lists will not open on that day. See the paragraph headed "Effect of bad weather on the opening of the application lists" in the section headed "How to Apply for Hong Kong Offer Shares" in this Prospectus.
- (4) The Price Determination Date is expected to be on or about Friday, November 15, 2002, and in any event will be on or before Monday, November 18, 2002. If, for any reason, the Offer Price is not agreed on or before Monday, November 18, 2002, the Global Offering will not proceed.
- (5) Share certificates for the Hong Kong Offer Shares are expected to be issued on Tuesday, November 19, 2002 but will only become valid certificates of title at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2002 provided that (i) the Global Offering has become unconditional in all respects and (ii) the right of termination as described in the section headed "Underwriting" in this Prospectus has not been exercised.
- (6) If you have applied for 500,000 or more Hong Kong Offer Shares and you have indicated in your Application Forms that you wish to collect your refund cheques (where relevant) and H Share certificates (where relevant) personally, you may collect your refund cheques (where relevant) and your H Share certificates (where relevant) from our H Share Registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited of Rooms 1901-5, 19th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19, 2002 or any other day notified by us in the newspapers as the date of despatch of H Share certificates/refund cheques. If you are an individual who opts for personal collection, you must not authorize any other person to make collection on your behalf. If you are a corporate applicant which opts for personal collection, you must attend by your authorized representative bearing a letter of authorization from your corporation stamped with your corporation's chop. Both individuals and authorized representatives (if applicable) must produce, at the time of collection, evidence of identity acceptable to our H Share Registrar. Uncollected H Share certificates and refund cheques will be despatched by ordinary post at the applicant's own risk to the address specified in the relevant Application Form. If you have applied for less than 500,000 Hong Kong Offer Shares or have applied for 500,000 Hong Kong Offer Shares or more but have not indicated in the Application Form that you wish to collect H Share certificates and/or refund cheques, your H Share certificates (if applying by using a **white** Application Form) and/or refund cheques will be sent to the address on the Application Form on Tuesday, November 19, 2002, by ordinary post and at your own risk. For further information, you should refer to the section headed "How to Apply for Hong Kong Offer Shares" in this Prospectus.

For details of the structure of the Global Offering, including conditions of the Hong Kong Public Offering, you should refer to the section headed "Structure of the Global Offering" in this Prospectus.