

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

Latest time to lodge <b>white</b> and <b>yellow</b> application forms .....	12:00 noon on Wednesday, October 19, 2005
Latest time to give <b>electronic application instructions</b> to HKSCC <sup>(2)</sup> .....	12:00 noon on Wednesday, October 19, 2005
Application lists open <sup>(3)</sup> .....	11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, October 19, 2005
Application lists close .....	12:00 noon on Wednesday, October 19, 2005
Expected price determination date .....	Thursday, October 20, 2005
Announcement of	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the offer price;</li> <li>• the indication of level of interest in the International Offering;</li> <li>• the results of applications in the Hong Kong Public Offering (with successful applicants' identification document numbers, where appropriate); and</li> <li>• the basis of allotment of the Hong Kong Offer Shares</li> </ul>	
to be published in South China Morning Post (in English), and Hong Kong Economic Times (in Chinese), on or before .....	Wednesday, October 26, 2005
Despatch of H share certificates <sup>(4)</sup> and refund cheques on or before .....	Wednesday, October 26, 2005
Dealings in H shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange expected to commence on .....	Thursday, October 27, 2005

(1) All times refer to Hong Kong local time.

(2) Applicants who apply for Hong Kong Offer Shares by giving electronic application instructions to HKSCC should refer to the section headed "How to Apply for Hong Kong Offer Shares — 5. Applying by giving electronic application instructions to HKSCC."

(3) If there is a tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above, or a "black" rainstorm warning on Wednesday, October 19, 2005, the application lists will not open on that day. See "How to Apply for Hong Kong Offer Shares — 6. When may applications be made — (d) Effects of bad weather conditions on the opening of application lists."

(4) **H share certificates will only become valid certificates of title if the Hong Kong Public Offering has become unconditional and neither of the underwriting agreements has been terminated in accordance with its terms, which will be at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 27, 2005. Investors who trade H shares on the basis of publicly available allocation details prior to the receipt of share certificates or prior to the share certificates becoming valid certificates of title do so entirely at their own risk.**

For details of the structure of the Global Offering, including its conditions, see the section headed "Structure of the Global Offering."