

EXPECTED TIMETABLE⁽¹⁾

Application lists open ⁽²⁾	11:45 a.m. on Thursday, 21 September 2006
Latest time to lodge WHITE and YELLOW Application Forms	12:00 noon on Thursday, 21 September 2006
Latest time to give electronic application instructions to HKSCC ⁽³⁾	12:00 noon on Thursday, 21 September 2006
Application lists close	12:00 noon on Thursday, 21 September 2006
Expected Price Determination Date ⁽⁴⁾	Friday, 22 September 2006
Announcement of the Offer Price, the level of indication of interest in the International Offering, the results of applications in the Hong Kong Public Offering and the basis of allocation of the Hong Kong Public Offer Shares (with successful applicants' identification document numbers, where appropriate) to be published in the South China Morning Post in English and the Hong Kong Economic Times in Chinese on or before	Thursday, 28 September 2006
Despatch of H Share certificates and refund cheques on or before ⁽⁵⁾	Thursday, 28 September 2006
Dealings in H Shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange expected to commence on	Friday, 29 September 2006

- (1) All times refer to Hong Kong local time, except as otherwise stated. Details of the structure of the Global Offering, including its conditions, are set out in "Structure of the Global Offering". If there is any change in this expected timetable, an announcement will be published in the South China Morning Post in English and in the Hong Kong Economic Times in Chinese.
- (2) If there is a "black" rainstorm warning or a tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above in force at any time between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Thursday, 21 September 2006, the application lists will not open on that day. Further information is set out in "How to Apply for Hong Kong Public Offer Shares—Effect of bad weather on the opening of the application lists".
- (3) Applicants who apply for Hong Kong Public Offer Shares by giving electronic application instructions to HKSCC should refer to "How to Apply for Hong Kong Public Offer Shares—Applying by giving electronic application instructions to HKSCC".
- (4) The Price Determination Date, being the date on which the Offer Price is to be determined, is expected to be on or about Friday, 22 September 2006 and, in any event, not later than Wednesday, 27 September 2006. If, for any reason, the Offer Price is not agreed by Wednesday, 27 September 2006, the Global Offering (including the Hong Kong Public Offering) will not proceed and will lapse.
- (5) Applicants who apply for 1,000,000 or more Hong Kong Public Offer Shares and have indicated in their Application Forms that they wish to collect share certificates (if applicable) and refund cheques (if applicable) in person may do so from our H Share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, 28 September 2006 or any other date notified by our Company in the newspapers as the date of despatch of share certificates/refund cheques. Applicants being individuals who opt for personal collection must not authorize any other person to make their collection on their behalf. Applicants being corporations who opt for personal collection must attend by their authorized representatives each bearing a letter of authorization from his corporation stamped with the 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 share certificates and refund cheques will be despatched by ordinary post to the addressees specified in the relevant Application Forms at the applicants' own risk. Further information is set out in "How to Apply for Hong Kong Public Offer Shares".

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Refund cheques will be issued in respect of wholly or partially unsuccessful applications and also in respect of successful applications in the event that the Offer Price is less than the initial price per Hong Kong Public Offer Share payable on application. Part of your Hong Kong Identity Card number/passport number, or, if you are joint applicants, part of the Hong Kong Identity Card number/passport number of the first-named applicant, provided by you may be printed on your refund cheque, if any. Such data would also be transferred to a third party to facilitate your refund. Your banker may require verification of your Hong Kong Identity Card number/passport number before encashment of your refund cheque. Inaccurate completion of your Hong Kong Identity Card number/passport number may lead to delay in encashment of your refund cheque or may invalidate your refund cheque.

H Share certificates will only become valid certificates of title provided that the Hong Kong Public Offering has become unconditional in all respects and neither of the Underwriting Agreements has been terminated in accordance with its terms, which is expected to be at around 8:00 a.m. on Friday, 29 September 2006. Investors who trade H Shares on the basis of publicly available allocation details prior to the receipt of their H Share certificates or prior to the H Share certificates becoming valid certificates of title do so entirely at their own risk.