

APPENDIX VIII SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL LEGAL AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS

This appendix sets out summaries of certain aspects of PRC law and regulations, which are relevant to the Company's operations and business. Laws and regulations relating to taxation in the PRC are discussed separately in Appendix VII to this prospectus. This appendix also contains a summary of certain Hong Kong legal and regulatory provisions, including summaries of certain of the material differences between PRC and Hong Kong company law, certain requirements of the Hong Kong Listing Rules and additional provisions required by the Hong Kong Stock Exchange for inclusion in the articles of association of the PRC issuers.

1. PRC LAWS AND REGULATIONS

A. The PRC Legal System

The PRC legal system is based on the PRC constitution and is made up of written laws, administrative regulations, local regulations, autonomy regulations, separate regulations, rules and regulations of State Council departments, rules and regulations of local governments and international treaties of which the PRC Government is a signatory. Decided court cases do not constitute binding precedents, although they are used for the purposes of judicial reference and guidance.

The National people's congresses of the PRC (the "NPC") and the Standing Committee of the NPC are empowered to exercise the legislative power of the State. The NPC has the power to formulate and amend basic laws governing State organs, civil and criminal matters and other matters. The Standing Committee of the NPC is empowered to formulate and amend laws other than those required to be enacted by the NPC and to supplement and amend any parts of laws enacted by the NPC during the adjournment of the NPC, provided such supplements and amendments are not in conflict with the basic principles of such laws. The Standing Committee of the NPC is empowered to interpret, enact and amend other laws not required to be enacted by the NPC.

The State Council is the highest organ of State administration and has the power to formulate administrative regulations based on the constitution and laws.

The people's congresses of provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities and their respective standing committees may formulate local regulations based on the specific circumstances and actual requirements of their own respective administrative areas, subject to the constitution, laws and administrative regulations. The people's congresses of larger cities and their respective standing committees may formulate local regulations based on the specific circumstances and actual requirements of such cities and enact the same after submitting to the standing committee of the people's congresses of provinces or autonomous regions for approval. The standing committee of the people's congresses of provinces or autonomous regions shall examine the legality of local regulations submitted for approval, and such approval should be granted within four months if they are not in conflict with the constitution, laws, administrative regulations and local regulations of the province or autonomous region concerned. Where conflicts with the rules and regulations of the People's Government of the province or autonomous region concerned are identified in the examination of local regulations of larger cities by the standing committee of the people's congresses of provinces or autonomous regions, a decision should be made to resolve the issue. "Larger cities" refer to cities where the people's governments of provinces or autonomous regions are located, cities where special economic zones are located and larger cities as approved by the State Council.

People's congresses of national autonomous areas have the power to enact autonomy regulations and separate regulations in the light of the political, economic and cultural characteristics of the nationality or nationalities in the areas concerned. The autonomy regulations and separate regulations of autonomous regions shall be submitted to the standing committees of the national people's congresses of provinces, autonomous regions or municipalities for approval before taking effect. Adaptations of provisions of laws and administrative

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regulations may be introduced to the autonomy regulations and separate regulations of autonomous prefectures and counties so long as they do not contravene the basic principles of the laws or administrative regulations, provided that no adaptations shall be made to specific provisions on national autonomous areas contained in the constitution, autonomy law of national areas and other relevant laws and administrative regulations.

The ministries, commissions, People's Bank of China, National Audit Office and institutions with administrative functions directly under the State Council may formulate rules and regulations within the jurisdiction of their respective departments based on the laws and the administrative regulations, decisions and rulings of the State Council. Provisions of departmental rules and regulations should relate to the enforcement of the laws and administrative regulations, decisions and rulings of the State Council. The people's governments of provinces, autonomous regions, municipalities and larger cities may formulate rules and regulations based the laws, administrative regulations and local regulations of such provinces and autonomous regions and municipalities.

According to the Constitution of the People's Republic of China, the power to interpret laws is vested in the Standing Committee of the NPC. According to the Decision of the Standing Committee of the NPC Regarding the Strengthening of Interpretation of Laws passed on 10th June, 1981, the Supreme People's Court has the power to give general interpretation on application of laws in judicial proceedings in addition to its power to issue specific interpretation for specific cases. The State Council and its ministries and commissions are also vested with the power to give interpretation of the statutes and administrative regulations which they have promulgated. At the regional level, the power to give interpretations of the regional laws is vested in the regional legislative and administrative organs which promulgate such laws.

B. The PRC Judicial System

Under the PRC Constitution and the Law of Organisation of the People's Courts of the PRC, the PRC judicial system is made up of the Supreme People's Court, the local people's courts, military courts and other special people's courts. The local people's courts are divided into three levels, namely, the basic people's courts, the intermediate people's courts and the higher people's courts. The basic people's courts are further divided into civil, criminal, economic and administrative divisions. The intermediate people's courts have divisions similar to those of the basic people's courts and other special divisions (such as the intellectual property division). These two level of people's courts are subject to supervision of people's courts at higher levels. The people's procuratorates also have the right to exercise legal supervision over the civil proceedings of people's courts of the same level and lower levels. The Supreme People's Court is the highest judicial organ of the PRC. It supervises the administration of justice by the people's courts at all levels.

The judgement or ruling of the second instance at a people's court is final. A party to the case concerned may appeal against the judgement or ruling of the first instance of a people's court. The people's procuratorate may appeal to the people's court at the next higher level in accordance with procedures stipulated by the laws. In the absence of any appeal by any parties to the case and any appeal by the people's procuratorate within the stipulated period, the judgement or ruling of the people's court shall be the final judgement or rulings. Judgements or rulings of the second instance of the intermediate people's courts, the higher people's courts and the Supreme People's Court are final. Judgements or rulings of the first instance of the Supreme People's Court are also final. If, however, the Supreme People's Court or a people's court at a higher level finds an error in a final and binding judgement which has taken effect in any people's court at a lower level, or the presiding judge of a people's court finds an error in a final and binding judgement which has taken effect in the court over which he presides, a retrial of the case may be conducted according to the judicial supervision procedures.

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the Civil Procedure Law of the PRC (the “Civil Procedure Law”) adopted on 9th April, 1991 prescribes the provisions for instituting a civil action, the jurisdiction of the people’s courts, the procedures to be followed for conducting a civil action, the judicial procedures, and the procedures for enforcement of a civil judgement or ruling. All parties to a civil action conducted within the PRC must comply with the Civil Procedure Law. A civil case is generally heard by a court located in the defendant’s place of domicile. The jurisdiction may also be selected by express agreement amongst the parties to a contract provided that the people’s court having the jurisdiction is located at the plaintiff’s or the defendant’s place of domicile, the place of performing the contract or the place of executing the contract or the object of the action.

A foreign national or foreign enterprise is generally given the same litigation rights and obligations as a citizen or legal person of the PRC. Should a court of a foreign country limit the litigation rights of PRC citizens and enterprises, the PRC courts shall apply the same limitations to the citizens and enterprises of that foreign country. If any party to a civil action refuses to comply with a judgement or ruling made by a people’s court or an award made by an arbitration tribunal in the PRC, the other party may apply to the people’s court for the enforcement of the same within a stipulated period. Specific time limits are imposed on the right to apply for such enforcement. If at least one of the parties to the dispute or arbitration is an individual, the time limit is one year. If both parties to the dispute or arbitration are legal persons or other entities, the time limit is six months. If a party fails to satisfy a judgement which the court has granted approval to enforce within the stipulated time, the court will, upon application of the other party, mandatorily enforce the judgement.

A party seeking to enforce a judgement or ruling of a people’s court against a party who is not personally or whose property is not within the PRC may apply to a foreign court with jurisdiction over the case for recognition and enforcement of such judgement or ruling. Similarly, if the PRC has entered into a treaty relating to judicial enforcement with the relevant foreign country or a relevant international treaty, a foreign judgement or ruling may also be recognised and enforced according to PRC enforcement procedures by a PRC court based on the equity principle unless the people’s court considers that the recognition or enforcement of a judgement or ruling will violate the basic legal principles of the PRC or its sovereignty or national security, or social and public interest.

C. The Company Law

The Company Law was adopted by the Standing Committee of the Eighth NPC at its Fifth Meeting on 29th December, 1993 and came into effect on 1st July, 1994. It was amended on 25th December, 1999 and on 28th August, 2004 and revised on 27th October, 2005. The revised Company Law came into effect on 1st January, 2006.

The Special Regulations of the State Council on the Overseas Offering and Listing of Shares by Joint Stock Limited Companies (“Special Regulations”) were passed at the 22nd Standing Committee Meeting of the State Council on 4th July, 1994 and promulgated and implemented on 4th August, 1994. The Special Regulations are formulated in respect of the overseas share subscription and listing of joint stock limited companies. The Mandatory Provisions for the Articles of Association of Companies Listed Overseas (“Mandatory Provisions”) promulgated by Securities Commission and the State Restructuring Commission on 27th August, 1994 prescribe provisions which must be incorporated in the articles of association of joint stock limited companies to be listed on overseas stock exchanges. Accordingly, the Mandatory Provisions have been incorporated in the Articles of Association. References to a “company” made in this Appendix are to a joint stock limited company established under the Company Law with H shares.

Set out below is a summary of the major provisions of the Company Law, the Special Regulations and the Mandatory Provisions.

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General

A “joint stock limited company” is a corporate legal person incorporated under PRC Company Law with independent legal person properties and entitlements to such legal person properties. The liability of the company is limited to the full amount of its assets and the liability of its shareholders is limited to the extent of the shares held by them.

Incorporation

A company may be incorporated by promotion or public subscription. A company may be incorporated by a minimum of 2 but not more than 200 promoters, but at least half of the promoters must reside within the PRC.

Companies incorporated by promotion are companies the entire registered capital of which is subscribed for by the promoters. The initial capital contribution by all promoters of the Company shall not be less than 20% of the registered capital. The remainder shall be paid up within two years from the date of incorporation of the company by the promoters. For investment companies, the remainder may be paid up within five years. Share in the company shall not be offered to other persons unless the registered capital has been paid up. For companies incorporated by public subscription, the registered capital of a company is the amount of its total paid up capital as registered with the relevant registration authorities. The minimum registered capital of a joint stock limited company is RMB5 million or as required by the laws or administrative regulations, whichever is higher.

For companies incorporated by way of promotion, the promoters shall subscribe in full in writing for shares required to be subscribed by them by the articles of association. The full amount of capital contribution shall be paid up if payments are made in one lump sum and the first installment shall be paid forthwith if payments are made in installments. Procedures relating to the transfer of titles for nonmonetary assets shall be duly completed if such assets are to be contributed as capital. Promoters who fail to pay up their capital contributions in accordance with the foregoing provision shall assume liabilities for breach of contract in accordance with the covenants laid down in the promoters’ agreement. After the promoters have completed the initial capital contribution, a board of directors and a supervisory committee shall be elected and the board of directors shall apply for registration of incorporation by filing the articles of association with the company registration authorities, together with capital verification certificate issued by a capital verification institution established by law and other documents required by the law or administrative regulations.

Where companies are incorporated by public subscription, not less than 35% of their total shares must be subscribed for by the promoters, unless otherwise provided for by the law or administrative regulations. A promoter who offer shares to the public must publish a share offer Prospectus and draft a share subscription form to be signed and sealed by subscribers, specifying the number and amount of shares to be subscribed for and their addresses. The subscribers shall pay up the amounts for the number of shares they have subscribed for. Where a promoter is offering shares to the public, such offer shall be underwritten by securities houses established by law, in relation to which underwriting agreements shall be signed. A promoter offering shares to the public shall also sign an agreement with a bank in relation to the receipt of subscription amounts. The receiving bank shall receive and keep in custody the subscription amounts, issue receipts to subscribers who have paid the subscription amounts and furnish evidence of receipt of subscription amounts to relevant authorities. After the subscription amounts for the share issuance have been paid in full, a capital verification institution established by law must be engaged to conduct capital verification and furnish a report thereon. The promoters shall convene an inaugural meeting within 30 days. The inauguration meeting shall be formed by the subscribers. Where shares issued remain undersubscribed by the cut-off date stipulated in the share

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offering Prospectus, or where the promoter fails to convene an inauguration meeting within 30 days after subscription amounts for the shares issued have been fully paid up, the subscribers may demand the promoter to return the subscription amounts so paid up together with interests at bank rates for a deposit for the same term. Within 30 days after the conclusion of the inaugural meeting, the board of directors shall apply to the registration authority for registration of the establishment of the company.

A company is formally established and has the status of a legal person after the approval of registration has been given by the relevant administration bureau for industry and commerce and a business license has been issued.

A company's promoter shall individually and collectively be liable for:

- (i) the payment of all expenses and liabilities incurred in the incorporation process if the company cannot be incorporated;
- (ii) the repayment of subscription moneys to the subscribers together with interest at bank rates for a deposit for the same term if the company cannot be incorporated; and
- (iii) damages suffered by the company as a result of the default of the promoters in the course of incorporation of the company.

According to the Provisional Regulations Concerning the Issue and Trading of Shares promulgated by the State Council on 22nd April, 1993 (which is only applicable to issue and trading of shares in the PRC and their related activities), if a company is established by means of subscription, the promoters of such company are required to assume joint responsibility for the accuracy of the contents of the Prospectus and to ensure that the Prospectus does not contain any misleading statement or omit any material information.

Share capital

The promoter may make capital contribution in currencies, or in kind or by way of injection of assets, intellectual property rights or land use rights based on their appraised value, and may also convert lawfully transferred non-monetary assets into capital contribution with a monetary value, save for assets prohibited to be contributed as capital by the law or administrative regulations. If a capital contribution is made other than in cash, a valuation and verification of the asset contributed must be carried out without any over-valuation or under-valuation, subject to any provisions of the law or administrative regulations on valuation. The amount of monetary contribution by all shareholders shall not be less than 30% of the registered capital of the company.

A company may issue registered or bearer share certificates. The Special Regulations and the Mandatory Provisions provide that shares issued to foreign investors and listed overseas be issued in registered form and shall be denominated in Renminbi and subscribed for in foreign currency. Shares issued to foreign investors and investors from the territories of Hong Kong, Macau and China Taiwan and listed in Hong Kong are classified as H shares, and those shares issued to investors within the PRC other than the territories specified above are known as domestic shares. Under the Special Regulations, upon approval of the CSRC, a company may agree, in the underwriting agreement in respect of an issue of H shares, to retain not more than 15% of the aggregate number of overseas listed foreign invested shares proposed to be issued after accounting for the number of underwritten shares. The share offering price may be equal to or greater than the par value, but may not be less than the par value.

Increase in share capital

According to the PRC Company Law, the issuance of shares shall be conducted in a fair and equitable manner. Shares in the same class shall rank pari passu with one another. Shares of the same class in the same

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offer shall be issued on the same terms and at the same price. The same price per share shall be paid by any units or individuals subscribing for shares.

Where a company is issuing new shares, resolutions shall be passed by the shareholders' general meeting or the board of directors in accordance with the articles of association in respect of the class and amount of the new shares, the issue price of the new shares, the commencement and end of the new share issue and the class and amount of new shares to be issued to existing shareholders. When a company launches a public issue of new shares with the approval of the securities regulatory authorities under the State Council, a new share offering Prospectus and financial accounting report must be published and a subscription form must be prepared. After the new share issue of the Company has been paid up, the change must be registered with the company registration authorities and an announcement must be made. Where a company is issuing new shares to increase its registered capital, the subscription of new shares by shareholders shall be conducted in accordance with provisions on the payment of subscription amounts in relation to the incorporation of the company.

Reduction of share capital

Subject to the minimum registered capital requirements, a company may reduce its registered capital in accordance with the following procedures prescribed by the PRC Company Law:

- (i) the company shall prepare a balance sheet and financial statement;
- (ii) the reduction of registered capital must be approved by shareholders in a shareholders' general meeting;
- (iii) the company shall inform its creditors of the reduction in capital within 10 days and publish an announcement of the reduction in the newspaper within 30 days after the resolution approving the reduction has been passed;
- (iv) the creditors of the company may within the statutory prescribed time limit require the company to pay its debts or provide guarantees covering the debts; and
- (v) the company must apply to the relevant administration bureau for industry and commerce for registration of the reduction in registered capital.

Repurchase of shares

A Company may not purchase its own shares other than for one of the following purposes:

- (i) to reduce its registered share capital;
- (ii) to merge with another company that holds its shares;
- (iii) to grant shares to its employees as incentives; and
- (iv) to purchase its own shares from its shareholders who vote against the resolution regarding the merger and demerger with other company in a shareholders' general meeting.

The company's acquisition of its own shares on the grounds set out in (i) to (iii) above shall require approval by way of a resolution of the shareholders' general meeting. Following the company's acquisition of its shares in accordance with the foregoing, such shares shall be canceled within 10 days from the date of acquisition in the case of (i) and transferred or canceled within six months in the case of (ii) or (iv).

Shares acquired by the company in accordance with (iii) under paragraph one shall not exceed 5% of the total number of issued shares of the company. Such acquisition shall be financed by funds appropriated

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from the company's profit after taxation, and the shares so acquired shall be transferred to the employees within one year.

Transfer of shares

Shares held by shareholders may be transferred in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations. A shareholder may only effect a transfer of its shares on a stock exchange established in accordance with law or by other way as required by the State Council. Registered shares may be transferred after the shareholders endorse their signatures on the back of the share certificates or in any other manner specified by the law or administrative regulations. Following the transfer, the company shall enter the name of the transferee and its address into the share register. No changes of registration in the share register provided in the foregoing shall be effected during a period of 20 days prior to the convening of the shareholders' general meeting or 5 days prior to the record day for the purpose of determining entitlements to dividend distributions, subject to any legal provisions on the registration of changes in the share register of listed companies. The transfer of bearer's share certificate shall become effective upon the delivery of such share certificate to the transferee by the shareholder.

Shares held by a promoter may not be transferred within 1 year after the company's establishment. Shares of the company issued prior to the public issue of shares shall not be transferred within 1 year from the date of the company's listing on a stock exchange.

Directors, supervisors and the senior management of a company shall declare to the company his shareholdings in the company and any changes of such shareholdings. During their term of office, they shall transfer no more than 25% of the shares they hold in the company. They shall not transfer the shares they hold within 1 year from the date of the company's listing on a stock exchange, nor within six months after they have resigned from their positions with the company. The articles of association may lay down other restrictive provisions in respect of the transfer of shares in the company held by the Directors, supervisors and the senior management of the company.

Shareholders

Under the Company Law, the rights of a shareholder include:

- (i) to receive return on capital, participate in significant decision-making and be able to choose the management;
- (ii) to petition the people's court to revoke any resolution passed at a shareholders' general meeting or a meeting of board of directors that has been convened or whose voting has been conducted in a manner violating the law, or any resolution that is in violation of the articles of association, provided that such petition is submitted within 60 days from the passing of such resolution;
- (iii) to appoint a proxy to attend shareholders' general meetings;
- (iv) to inspect the articles of association, share register, counterfoil of company debentures, minutes of shareholders' general meetings, board resolutions, resolutions of the supervisory committee and financial and accounting reports and to make proposals or enquiries in respect of the company's operations;
- (v) to receive dividends in respect of the number of shares held;
- (vi) to receive residual properties of the company in proportion to their shareholdings upon the liquidation of the company; and
- (vii) any other shareholders' rights provided for in the articles of association.

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The obligations of a shareholder include the obligation to abide by the company's articles of association, to pay the subscription moneys in respect of the shares subscribed for, to be liable for the company's debts and liabilities to the extent of the amount of subscription moneys agreed to be paid in respect of the shares taken up by him and any other shareholders' obligation specified in the company's articles of association.

Shareholders' general meetings

The shareholders' general meeting is the organ of authority of the company, which exercises its powers in accordance with the Company Law.

The shareholders' general meeting exercises the following powers:

- (i) to decide on the company's operational policies and investment plans;
- (ii) to elect or remove the directors and supervisors (not being staff representative) and to decide on matters relating to the remuneration of directors and supervisors;
- (iii) to examine and approve reports of the board of directors;
- (iv) to examine and approve reports of the supervisory committee or supervisor;
- (v) to examine and approve the company's proposed annual financial budget and final accounts;
- (vi) to examine and approve the company's proposals for profit distribution plans and recovery of losses;
- (vii) to decide on any increase or reduction of the company's registered capital;
- (viii) to decide on the issue of bonds by the company;
- (ix) to decide on issues such as merger, division, dissolution and liquidation of the company and other matters;
- (x) to amend the company's articles of association; and
- (xi) other authorities as provided for in the articles of association.

Shareholders' general meetings are required to be held once every year. An extraordinary shareholders' general meeting is required to be held within 2 months after the occurrence of any of the following:

- (i) the number of directors is less than the number stipulated by the law or less than two-thirds of the number specified in the articles of association;
- (ii) the aggregate losses of the company which are not made up reach one third of the company's total share capital;
- (iii) when shareholders holding 10% or more of the company's shares request the convening of an extraordinary general meeting;
- (iv) whenever the board of directors deems necessary; or
- (v) when the supervisory committee so requests.
- (vi) other circumstances as provided for in the articles of associations.

Shareholders' general meetings shall be convened by the board of directors, and presided over by the chairman of the board of directors. In the event that the chairman is incapable of performing or not performing his duties, the meeting shall be presided over by the vice chairman. In the event that the vice chairman is incapable of performing or not performing his duties, a director nominated by the majority of directors shall preside over the meeting. Where the board of directors is incapable of performing or not

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performing its duties of convening the shareholders' general meeting, the supervisory committee shall convene and preside over such meeting in a timely manner. In case the supervisory committee fails to convene and preside over such meeting, shareholders alone or in aggregate holding more than 10% of the company's shares for 90 days consecutively may unilaterally convene and preside over such meeting.

Notice of the shareholders' general meeting stating the time and venue of and matters to be considered at the meeting shall be given to all shareholders 20 days before the meeting. Notice of extraordinary general meetings shall be given to all shareholders 15 days prior to the meeting. For the issuance of bearer's share certificates, the time and venue of and matters to be considered at the meeting shall be announced 30 days before the meeting. Shareholders alone or in aggregate holding more than 3% of the company's shares may submit interim proposals to the board of directors in writing 10 days before the shareholders' general meeting. The board of directors shall notify other shareholders within 2 days after receiving such proposal and table such interim proposal for review by the shareholders' general meeting. Interim proposals shall be within the powers of the shareholders' general meeting and shall carry specific subjects and matters for resolution. A shareholders' general meeting shall not make any resolution in respect of any matters not set out in the two types of notices mentioned above. Holders of bearer's share certificate who wish to attend the shareholders' general meeting shall deposit his share certificates with the company 5 days before the meeting, which share certificates shall remain in the custody of the company until the close of the shareholders' general meeting.

Shareholders present at a shareholders' general meeting have one vote for each share they hold, save that shares held by the company are not entitled to any voting rights. Resolutions of the shareholders' general meeting must be adopted by more than half of the voting rights held by shareholders present at the meeting, with the exception of matters relating to merger, division, dissolution of a company or amendments to the articles of association, which must be adopted by more than two-thirds of the voting rights held by the shareholders present at the meeting. Where the PRC Company Law and the articles of association provide that the transfer or acquisition of significant assets or the provision of external guarantees by a company must be approved by way of resolution of the shareholders' general meeting, the directors shall convene a shareholders' general meeting promptly to vote on the above matters. The accumulative voting system may be adopted pursuant to the provisions of the articles of association or a resolution of the shareholders' general meeting for the election of directors and supervisors at the shareholders' general meeting. Under the accumulative voting system, each share shall be entitled to votes equivalent to the number of directors or supervisors to be elected meeting for the election of directors and supervisors at the shareholders' general meeting, and shareholders may consolidate their voting rights when casting a vote.

Minutes shall be prepared in respect of matters considered at the shareholders' general meeting and the president of the meeting and directors attending the meeting shall sign to endorse such minutes. The minutes shall be kept together with the shareholders' attendance register and the proxy forms.

According to the Mandatory Provisions, the increase or reduction of share capital, the issue of shares of any class, warrants or other similar securities, and bonds or debentures, the liquidation of the company and any other matters in respect of which the shareholders by ordinary resolution so decide, must be approved through special resolutions by more than two-thirds of the voting rights held by shareholders present at the meeting.

There is no specific provision in the Company Law regarding the number of shareholders constituting a quorum in a shareholders' meeting, although the Special Regulations and the Mandatory Provisions provide that a company's annual general meeting may be convened when replies to the notice of that meeting from shareholders holding shares representing 50% of the voting rights in the company have been received 20 days before the proposed date, or if that 50% level is not achieved, the company shall within 5 days of the last day for receipt of the replies notify shareholders again by public announcement of the matters to be considered at

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the meeting and the date and place of the meeting and the annual general meeting may be held thereafter. The Mandatory Provisions require class meetings to be held in the event of a variation or derogation of the class rights of a class. Holders of domestic invested shares and holder of H shares are deemed to be different classes of shareholders for this purpose.

Directors

A company shall have a board of directors, which shall consist of 5 to 19 members. Members of the board of directors may include staff representatives, who shall be democratically elected by the company's staff at the staff representative assembly, general staff meeting or otherwise. The term of a director shall be stipulated in the articles of association, provided that no term of office shall last for more than 3 years. A director may serve consecutive terms if re-elected. A director shall continue to perform his duties in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations and articles of association until a duly re-elected director takes office, if re-election is not conducted in a timely manner upon the expiry of his term of office or if the resignation of directors results in the number of directors being less than the quorum.

Under the Company Law, the board of directors exercises the following powers:

- (i) to convene the shareholders' general meetings and report on its work to the shareholders' general meetings;
- (ii) to implement the resolutions passed by the shareholders in general meetings;
- (iii) to decide on the company's business plans and investment proposals;
- (iv) to formulate the company's proposed annual financial budget and final accounts;
- (v) to formulate the company's profit distribution proposals and for recovery of losses;
- (vi) to formulate proposals for the increase or reduction of the company's registered capital and the issuance of the corporate bonds;
- (vii) to prepare plans for the merger, division or dissolution of the company;
- (viii) to decide on the company's internal management structure;
- (ix) to appoint or dismiss the company's general manager and based on the general manager's recommendation, to appoint or dismiss the deputy general managers and financial officers of the company and to decide on their remuneration;
- (x) to formulate the company's basic management system; and
- (xi) to exercise other powers under the articles of association.

Meetings of the board of directors shall be convened at least twice a year. Notice of meeting shall be given to all directors and supervisors 10 days before the meeting. Interim board meetings may be convened by shareholders representing more than 10% of voting rights, more than one third of the directors or the supervisory committee. The chairman shall convene and preside over such meeting within 10 days after receiving such proposal. The board of directors may provide for a different method of giving notice and notice period for convening an extraordinary meeting of the board of directors. Meetings of the board of directors shall be held only if half or more of the directors are present. Resolutions of the board of directors require the approval of more than half of all directors. Each director shall have one vote for resolutions to be approved by the board of directors. Directors shall attend board meetings in person. If a director is unable to attend a board meeting, he may appoint another director by a written power of attorney specifying the scope of the authorization to attend the meeting on his behalf.

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If a resolution of the board of directors violates the law, administrative regulations or the company's articles of association, and as a result of which the company sustains serious losses, the directors participating in the resolution are liable to compensate the company. However, if it can be proved that a director expressly objected to the resolution when the resolution was voted on, and that such objections were recorded in the minutes of the meeting, such director may be relieved from that liability.

Under the Company Law, the following persons may not serve as a director of a company:

- (i) persons without civil capacity or with restricted civil capacity;
- (ii) persons who have committed the offence of corruption, bribery, taking of property, misappropriation of property or destruction of the social economic order, and have been sentenced to criminal punishment, where less than 5 years have elapsed since the date of completion of the sentence; or persons who have been deprived of their political rights due to criminal offence, where less than 5 years have elapsed since the date of the completion of implementation of this deprivation;
- (iii) persons who are former directors, factory managers or managers of a company or enterprise which has become bankrupt and been liquidated and who are personally liable for the bankruptcy of such company or enterprise, where less than 3 years have elapsed since the date of the completion of the bankruptcy and liquidation of the company or enterprise;
- (iv) persons who were legal representatives of a company or enterprise which had its business license revoked due to violation of the law and who are personally liable, where less than 3 years have elapsed since the date of the revocation of the business license;
- (v) persons who have a relatively large amount of debts due and outstanding.

The election, appointment or engagement of directors elected or appointed by the company in violation of the aforesaid provisions shall be null and void. Directors committing the above during his term of office shall be released of his duties by the company.

Other circumstances under which a person is disqualified from acting as a director of a company are set out in the Mandatory Provisions.

The board of directors shall appoint a chairman and may appoint a vice chairman. The chairman and the vice chairman are elected with approval of more than half of all the directors. The chairman shall convene and preside over board meetings and examine the implementation of board resolutions. The vice chairman shall assist in the work of the chairman. In the event that the chairman is incapable of performing or not performing his duties, the duties shall be performed by the vice chairman. In the event that the vice chairman is incapable of performing or not performing his duties, a director nominated by the majority of directors shall perform his duties.

Supervisors

A company shall have a supervisory committee composed of not less than 3 members. The supervisory committee is made up of representatives of the shareholders and an appropriate proportion of representatives of the company's staff and workers. The actual proportion shall be stipulated in the articles of association, provided that the proportion of representatives of the company's staff and workers shall not be less than one third. Representatives of the company's staff and workers at the supervisory committee shall be democratically elected by the company's staff at the staff representative assembly, general staff meeting or otherwise. The supervisory committee shall appoint a chairman and may appoint a vice chairman. The chairman and the vice chairman of the supervisory committee are elected with approval of more than half of all the supervisors.

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The chairman of the supervisory committee shall convene and preside over supervisory committee meetings. In the event that the chairman of the supervisory committee is incapable of performing or not performing his duties, the vice chairman of the supervisory committee shall convene and preside over supervisory committee meetings. In the event that the vice chairman of the supervisory committee is incapable of performing or not performing his duties, a supervisor nominated by the majority of supervisors shall convene and preside over supervisory committee meetings. Directors and members of the officers may not act concurrently as supervisors.

Each term of office of a supervisor is 3 years and he or she may serve consecutive terms if reelected. A supervisor shall continue to perform his duties in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations and articles of association until a duly re-elected supervisor takes office, if re-election is not conducted in a timely manner upon the expiry of his term of office or if the resignation of supervisors results in the number of supervisor being less than the quorum.

The supervisory committee exercises the following powers:

- (i) to review the company's financial position;
- (ii) to supervise the directors and officers in their performance of their duties and to propose the removal of directors and officers who have violated laws, regulations, the articles of association or shareholders' resolution;
- (iii) when the acts of a directors and managers are in a harm to the company's interests, to require correction of these acts;
- (iv) to propose the convening of extraordinary shareholders' general meetings and to convene and preside over shareholders' meetings when the board of directors fails to perform the duty of convening and presiding over shareholders' meeting under this law;
- (v) to propose resolution in a general meeting;
- (vi) to initiate proceedings against directors and officers;
- (vii) other powers specified in the articles of association.

Supervisors may be in attendance at board meetings and make enquiries or proposals in respect of board resolutions. The supervisory committee or (where there is no supervisory committee) the supervisors of a company may initiate investigations into any irregularities identified in the operation of the company and, where necessary, may engage an accountant to assist in his work at the company's expense.

Managers and officers

A company shall have a manager who shall be appointed or removed by the board of directors. The manager may exercise the following powers:

- (i) supervise the production, business and administration of the company and arrange for the implementation of resolutions of the board of directors;
- (ii) arrange for the implementation of the company's annual business and investment plans;
- (iii) formulate plans for the establishment of the company's internal management structure;
- (iv) formulate the basic administration system of the company;
- (v) formulate the company's internal rules;
- (vi) recommend the appointment and dismissal of deputy managers and any financial controller;

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- (vii) appoint or dismiss other administration officers (other than those required to be appointed or dismissed by the board of directors);
- (viii) other powers conferred by the board of directors.

Other provisions of the articles of association on the general manager's powers shall also be complied with. The general manager shall be in attendance at board meetings.

According to the PRC Company Law, officers shall mean the general manager, deputy general manager(s), financial controller, board secretaries (in case of a listed company) of a company and other personnel as stipulated in the articles of association.

Duties of the directors, supervisors, general managers and other officers

Directors, supervisors, managers and officers of a company are required under the PRC Company Law to comply with the relevant laws, regulations and the articles of association, carry out their duties honestly and diligently. Directors, supervisors, managers and officers are prohibited from making of their powers to accept bribes or other unlawful income and from appropriating the company's properties. Directors and officers are prohibited from:

- (i) Misappropriation of company funds;
- (ii) Deposit of company funds into accounts under his own name or the name of other individuals;
- (iii) Loaning company funds to others or providing guarantees in favour of others on the back of the company properties in violation of the articles of association or without prior approval of the shareholders' meeting, shareholders' general meeting or board of directors;
- (iv) Entering into contracts or deals with the company in violation of the articles of association or without prior approval of the shareholders' meeting, shareholders' general meeting or board of directors;
- (v) using one's position and powers to procure business opportunities for oneself or others that should have otherwise been available to the company or operating for one's own benefit or managing on behalf of others businesses similar to that of the company without prior approval of the shareholders' meeting or the shareholders' general meeting;
- (vi) Accepting for one's own benefit commission from a third party dealing with the company;
- (vii) Unauthorized divulgence of confidential information of company;
- (viii) Other acts in violation of the fiduciary duty to the company.

Income generated by directors or officers in violation of the foregoing provisions shall be reverted to the company.

A director, supervisor or officer who contravenes any law, regulation or the company's articles of association in the performance of his duties resulting in any loss to the company shall be personally liable to the company.

Where the attendance of a director, supervisor or officer is requested by the shareholders' general meeting, such director, supervisor or officer shall attend the meeting as requested and answer enquiries of shareholders. Directors and officers should furnish with all truthfulness facts and information to the supervisory committee or the supervisor (for companies with limited liability that do not have supervisory committees) without obstructing the discharge of duties by the supervisory committee or the supervisors.

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Where a director or officer who contravenes any law, regulation or the company's articles of association in the performance of his duties resulting in any loss to the company, shareholders holding alone or in aggregate more than 1% of the company's shares consecutively for 180 days may request in writing the supervisory committee to institute litigation at the people's court on his behalf. Where a supervisor violates the law or administrative regulations or the articles of association in the discharge of his duties resulting in losses to the company, the aforesaid shareholders may request in writing the board of directors to institute litigation at the people's court on his behalf. In the event that the supervisory committee or board of directors refuses to institute litigation after receiving the written request of shareholders as provided in the foregoing, or fails to institute litigation within 30 days after receiving the request, or in case of emergency where failure to institute litigation immediately will result in irrecoverable damage to the company's interest, shareholders mentioned in the foregoing shall have the power to institute litigation directly at the people's court in his own name for the company's benefit. For other parties who infringe the lawful interests of the company resulting in losses to the company, shareholders may institute litigation at the people's court in accordance with provisions in the two foregoing sentences. Where a director or officer who contravenes any law, administrative regulation or the articles of association in infringement of shareholders' interests, shareholders may also institute litigation at the people's court.

The Special Regulations and the Mandatory Provisions provide that a company's directors, supervisors, general managers and other officers shall have fiduciary duties towards the company. They are required to faithfully perform their duties, protect the interests of the company and not to use their positions for their own benefit. The Mandatory Provisions contains detailed stipulations on these duties.

Finance and accounting

A company shall establish its financial and accounting systems according to laws, administrative regulations and the regulations of the responsible financial department of the State Council and at the end of each financial year prepare a financial report which shall be audited by an accountant as provided by law. The financial and accounting report shall be prepared in accordance with provisions of the laws, administrative regulations and the regulations of financial department of the State Council.

A company shall deposit its financial statements at the company for the inspection by the shareholders at least 20 days before the convening of an annual general meeting of shareholders. A company established by the public subscription method must publish its financial statements. When distributing each year's after-tax profits, the company shall set aside 10% of its after-tax profits for the company's statutory common reserve fund (except where the fund has reached 50% of the company's registered capital). When the company's statutory common reserve fund is not sufficient to make up for the company's losses of the previous year, current year profits shall be used to make good the losses before allocations are set aside for the statutory common reserve fund. After the company has made appropriations to the statutory common reserve fund from its after-tax profit, it may, with the approval of the shareholders' meeting or the shareholders' general meeting by way of resolution, make further appropriations from its after-tax profit to the discretionary common reserve fund. After the company has made good its losses and made allocations to its common reserve fund, the remaining profits are distributed in proportion to the number of shares held by the shareholders, or otherwise where distributions are stipulated by the articles of association not to be made in a proportionate manner. Profit distributed to shareholders by the shareholders' general meeting or the board of directors before losses have been made good and appropriations have been made to the statutory commons reserve fund in violation of the foregoing provisions must be returned to the company. Shares held by the company shall not be entitled to any distribution of profit.

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The premium over the nominal value of the shares of the company on issue and other amounts required by the relevant governmental authority to be treated as the capital common reserve shall be accounted for as capital common reserve. The capital common reserve of a company shall be applied to make up the company's losses, expand the business operations of the company or increase the company's capital, the capital common reserve shall not be used to make good the company's losses. Upon the conversion of statutory common reserve into capital, the balance of the statutory common reserve shall not be less than 25% of the registered capital of the company before such conversion.

The company shall have no other accounting books except the statutory accounting books. The company's assets shall not be deposited in any accounts opened in the name of an individual.

Appointment and retirement of auditors

Pursuant to the PRC Company Law, the appointment or dismissal of accountants responsible for the company's auditing shall be determined by the shareholders' general meeting or the board of directors in accordance with the articles of association. The accountant should be allowed to make representations when the shareholders' general meeting or board of directors is going to conduct a vote on the dismissal of the accountant. The company should 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.

The Special Regulations require a company to employ an independent qualified firm of accountants to audit the company's annual report and review and check other financial reports.

Distribution of profits

The Special Regulations provide that the dividends and other distributions to be paid to holders of H shares shall be declared and calculated in Renminbi and paid in foreign currency. Under the Mandatory Provisions, the payment of foreign currency to shareholders shall be made through a receiving agent.

Amendment of articles of association

Any amendments to the articles of association must be made in accordance with the procedures set forth in applicable laws, regulations and the articles of association. Any amendment of provisions incorporated in the articles of association in accordance with the Mandatory Provisions will only be effective after approval by the companies approval department authorized by the CSRC and the State Council and filed with the State Administration of Industry and Commerce or any of its local bureau fo registration. If the amendment to the articles of association falls to be registered and filed and has bee adopted, the company must process registration of changes in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Termination and liquidation

A company shall be dissolved by reason of the following:

- (i) the term of its operations set down in the company's articles of association has expired or other events of dissolution specified in the company's articles of association have occurred;
- (ii) the shareholders in general meeting have resolved to dissolve the company;
- (iii) the company is dissolved by reason of its merger or demerger;
- (iv) the business licence is invalidated; the operation is suspended, or the company is dissolved by order of the court;

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- (v) the company is dissolved by the people's court in response to the request of shareholders holding shares that represent more than 10% of the voting rights of all shareholders of the company, on the grounds that the operation of the company experiences serious difficulties that cannot be resolved through other means, rendering ongoing existence of the company a cause for significant losses for shareholders'.

In the event of (i) above, the company may carry on its existence by amending its articles of association. The amendment of the articles of association in accordance with provisions set out in the previous paragraph shall require approval of shareholders holding more than two thirds of voting rights in the case of companies with limited liability and more than two thirds of voting rights of shareholders attending a shareholders' general meeting in the case of a joint stock limited company.

Where the company is dissolved in the circumstances described in (i), (ii), (iv) or (v) above, liquidation must commence with the establishment of a liquidation committee within 15 days. Members of the liquidation committee shall be appointed by the directors or the shareholders in a general meeting. If a liquidation committee is not established within the stipulated period, the company's creditors can apply to the people's court, requesting the court to appoint relevant personnel to form the liquidation committee. The people's court should accept such application and form a liquidation committee to conduct liquidation in a timely manner.

The liquidation committee shall exercise the following powers during the liquidation period:

- (i) to handle the company's assets and to prepare a balance sheet and an inventory of the assets;
- (ii) to notify creditors or issue public notices;
- (iii) to deal with and settle any outstanding businesses of the company;
- (iv) to pay any tax overdue as well as tax amounts arising from the process of liquidation;
- (v) to settle the company's financial claims and liabilities;
- (vi) to handle the surplus assets of the company after its debts have been paid off; and
- (vii) to represent the company in civil lawsuits.

The liquidation committee shall notify the company's creditors within 10 days after its establishment, and issue public notices in the newspapers within 60 days. A creditor shall lodge his claim with the liquidation committee within 30 days after receiving notification, or within 45 days of the public notice if he did not receive any notification. A creditor shall state all matters relevant to his creditor rights in making his claim and furnish evidence. The liquidation committee shall register such creditor rights. The liquidation committee shall not make any debt settlement to creditors during the period of claim.

Upon liquidation of the company's properties and the preparation of the balance sheet and inventory of assets, the liquidation committee shall draw up a liquidation plan to be submitted to the shareholders' meeting, shareholders' general meeting or people's court for endorsement.

The remaining assets of the company after payment of liquidation expenses, wages, social insurance expenses and statutory compensation, outstanding taxes and the company's debt shall be distributed to shareholders according to their proportion of capital contribution in the case of companies with limited liability and according to shareholding proportion in the case of joint stock limited companies. The company shall continue to exist during the liquidation period, although it cannot be engaged in any operating activities that are not related to the liquidation. The company's properties shall not be distributed to the shareholders before repayment are made in accordance to the foregoing provisions.

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Upon liquidation of the company's properties and the preparation of the balance sheet and inventory of assets, if the liquidation committee becomes aware that the company does not have sufficient assets to meet its liabilities, it must immediately apply to the people's court for a declaration for bankruptcy.

Following such declaration, the liquidation committee shall hand over all affairs of the liquidation to the people's court.

Upon completion of the liquidation, the liquidation committee shall submit a liquidation report to the shareholders' meeting, shareholders' general meeting or the people's court for verification. Thereafter, the report shall be submitted to the companies registration authority in order to cancel the company's registration, and a public notice of its termination shall be issued. Members of the liquidation committee are required to discharge their duties honestly and in compliance with the relevant laws. Members of the liquidation committee shall be prohibited from making of their powers to accept bribes or other unlawful income and from appropriating the company's properties. A member of the liquidation committee is liable to indemnify the company and its creditors in respect of any loss arising from his willful or material default.

Liquidation of a company declared bankrupt according to the law shall be processed in accordance with laws on corporate bankruptcy.

Overseas listing

The shares of a company shall only be listed overseas after obtaining approval from CSRC and the listing must be arranged in accordance with procedures specified by the State Council.

According to the Special Regulations, a company's plan to issue H shares and domestic invested shares which has been approved by CSRC may be implemented by the board of directors of the company by way of separate issues, within 15 months after approval is obtained from the CSRC.

Loss of share certificates

A shareholder may apply, in accordance with the announcement and notice procedures set out in the PRC Civil Procedure Law, to a people's court in the event that share certificates in registered form are either stolen, lost or destroyed, for a declaration that such certificates will no longer be valid. After such a declaration has been obtained, the shareholder may apply to the company for the issuance of replacement certificates.

Merger and demerger

A merger agreement must be signed in the case of a merging of companies and the relevant companies shall draw up their respective balance sheets and inventory of property. The companies should within 10 days of the resolution of the merger inform their respective creditors and publish a notice to the creditors in newspapers. The creditors may, within 30 days for those who have received written notice or within 45 days for those who have not, request the company to satisfy any unpaid debts or provide equivalent guarantees.

When companies merge, the creditor rights and debts of the merging parties shall be assumed by the surviving company or the new company. When a company demerges, its assets must be divided accordingly and a balance sheet and inventory of assets must be drawn up. When a resolution is passed approving the demerger of the company, the company should notify all its creditors within 10 days of such resolution being passed and advertise the same in newspapers within 30 days. Unless otherwise agreed with a creditor, obligations in respect of the liabilities before the demerger of the company shall be jointly and severally borne by the demerged companies.

Changes in registrable particulars of the companies caused by merger or demerger must be registered with companies registration authorities. Cancellation of a company should be registered in accordance with

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the law when a company is dissolved. Incorporation of a company shall be registered when a new company is incorporated.

D. Securities Law and Regulations and Regulatory Regimes

Since 1992, the PRC has promulgated a number of regulations in relation to the issue and trading of shares and disclosure of information. In early 1993, the Securities Commission and the CSRC were established under the State Council. The Securities Commission is responsible for coordinating the drafting of the securities, formulating policies on securities affairs, planning the development of securities markets and guiding, coordinating and regulating all PRC institutions involved in securities affairs and supervising the CSRC. The CSRC is the regulatory arm of the Securities Commission and is responsible for drafting regulations governing the securities market, supervising securities companies, regulating the domestic and overseas public issue of securities by PRC companies, supervising securities trading, compiling securities related statistics and conducted research and analysis.

In early 1998, the State Council dissolved the Securities Commission and the functions of the Securities Commission was assumed by the CSRC. On 22 April, 1993, the State Council promulgated the Provisional Regulations Concerning the Issue and Trading of Shares (the "Securities Provisional Regulations"). The Securities Provisional Regulations deal with the application and approval procedures for public offerings of equity securities, trading in equity securities, the acquisition of listed companies, deposit, settlement, clearing and transfer of listed equity securities, disclosure of information, investigation and penalties and dispute settlement with respect to a listed company. The Securities Provisional Regulations specifically provide that the offer of shares by a PRC company directly and indirectly outside the PRC require the approval of the Securities Commission (or the CSRC at present). Provisions of the Securities Provisional Regulations in relation to acquisitions of listed companies and disclosure of information are expressed to apply to companies listed on a stock exchange in general without being confined to companies listed on any particular stock exchange. Such provisions may, therefore, be applicable to joint stock limited companies with shares listed on a stock exchange outside the PRC including, for instance, joint stock limited companies with shares listed on the Stock Exchange such as the Company.

On 12 June, 1993, the CSRC promulgated the Implementation Measures (Provisional) on Disclosure of Information by Companies issuing Public Offerings of Shares pursuant to the Securities Provisional Regulations. Under these measures, the CSRC is responsible for supervising the disclosure of information by companies which have offered shares to the public in the PRC. These measures contain provisions regarding Prospectuses and listing reports to be issued in connection with a public offering of shares in the PRC, publication of interim and final reports and announcement of material transactions or matters by companies which have offered shares to the public. Material transactions or matters are those the occurrence of which may have a material effect on the share price of a company. They include changes to a company's articles of association or registered capital, removal of auditors, mortgage or disposal of major operating assets or writing down the value of such assets where the amount being written down exceeds 30% of the total value of such assets, revocation by a court of any resolution passed by the shareholders or the supervisors of a company and the merger or demerger of a company. These measures also contain disclosure provisions in relation to acquisition of listed companies which supplement the requirements contained in the Securities Provisional Regulations.

On 2 September, 1993, the Securities Commission promulgated the Provisional Measures Prohibiting Fraudulent Conduct Relating to Securities. The prohibitions imposed by these measures include the use of insider information in connection with the issue of or trading in securities (insider information being defined to include undisclosed material information known to any insider, which may affect the market price of

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securities); the use of funds or information or through an abuse of power in creating a false or disorderly market or influencing the market price of securities or inducing investors to make investment decisions without knowledge of actual circumstances; and the making of any statement in connection with the issue of and trading in securities which is false or materially misleading or in respect of which there is any material omission. Penalties imposed for contravening any of the provisions of the measures include fines, confiscation of profits and suspension of trading. In serious cases, criminal liability may be imposed.

On 4 August 1994, the State Council promulgated the Special Regulations. These provisions deal mainly with the issue, subscription, trading, declaration of dividends and other distributions of foreign capital stock listed abroad and the disclosure of information of articles of association of joint stock limited companies having foreign capital stock listed abroad.

On 25 December 1995, the State Council promulgated the Regulations of the State Council Concerning Domestic Listed Foreign Shares of Joint Stock Limited Companies. These regulations deal mainly with the issue, subscription, trading, declaration of dividends and other distributions of domestic listed foreign shares and the disclosure of information of joint stock limited companies having domestic listed foreign shares.

On 29 December 1998, the Standing Committee of the NPC promulgated the Securities Law of the PRC which came into effect on 1 July 1999. This is the first national securities law in the PRC and is the fundamental law comprehensively regulating activities in the PRC securities market. On 27 October 2005, the Securities Law was revised. The Securities Law is applicable to the issuance and trading in the PRC of shares, company bonds and other securities designated by the State Council according to law. Where the Securities Law does not apply, the provisions of the PRC Company Law and other applicable laws and administrative regulations will apply.

On 29 March 1999, SETC and the CSRC promulgated the Opinion on the Further Promotion of the Regular Operation and In-Depth Reform of Companies Listed Overseas (the “Opinion”), which is aimed at regulating the internal operation and management of PRC companies listed overseas. The Opinion regulates, amongst others, the appointments and functions of external directors and independent directors in the board of directors; and the appointment and functions of external supervisors in the supervisory committee.

E. Arbitration Laws

The Arbitration Law of the People’s Republic of China (the “Arbitration Law”) was passed by the Standing Committee of the NPC on 31 August 1994 and came into effect on 1 September 1995. It is applicable to, among other matters, economic disputes involving foreign parties where the parties have entered into a written agreement to refer the matter to arbitration before an arbitration committee constituted in accordance with the Arbitration Law. Under the Arbitration Law, an arbitration committee may, before the promulgation by the PRC Arbitration Association of arbitration regulations, formulate interim arbitration rules in accordance with the Arbitration Law and the PRC Civil Procedure Law. Where the parties have by an agreement provided arbitration as a method for dispute resolution, the people’s court will refuse to handle the case if one party institutes legal proceedings in a people’s court, unless the arbitration agreement has lapsed.

The Listing Rules and the Mandatory Provisions require an arbitration clause to be included in the articles of association of a company listed in Hong Kong and, in the case of the Listing Rules, also in a contract between the company and each director or supervisor, to the effect that whenever any dispute or claim arises from any rights or obligations provided in the articles of association, the PRC Company Law or other relevant laws and administrative regulations concerning the affairs of a company between (i) a holder of overseas listed foreign shares and the company; (ii) a holder of overseas listed foreign shares and a holder of

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domestic shares; or (iii) a holder of H shares and the directors, supervisors or other officers of the company; such parties shall submit that dispute or claim for arbitration before either the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (“CIETAC”) or the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (“HKIAC”) for arbitration. If the party seeking arbitration elects to arbitrate the dispute or claim at the HKIAC, then either party may apply to have such arbitration conducted in Shenzhen according to the securities arbitration rules of the HKIAC.

CIETAC is a economic and trade arbitration organ in the PRC. In accordance with CIETAC Arbitration Rules as amended on 11 January, 2005 (which amendment became effective on 1 May, 2005), the jurisdiction of CIETAC covers disputes involving Hong Kong. CIETAC is located in Beijing with branch offices in Shenzhen and Shanghai. Under the Arbitration Law, an arbitral award is final and binding on the parties. If a party fails to comply with an award, the other party to the award may apply to the people’s court for enforcement. A people’s court may refuse to enforce an arbitral award made by an arbitration commission if there is any procedural irregularity (including irregularity in the composition of the arbitration committee or the giving of an award beyond the scope of the arbitration agreement or the jurisdiction of the arbitration commission).

A party seeking to enforce an arbitral award of a foreign affairs arbitration organ of the PRC against a party who or whose property is not within the PRC may apply to a foreign court with jurisdiction over the case for enforcement. Similarly, an arbitral award made by a foreign arbitration body may be recognised and enforced by the PRC courts in accordance with the principles of reciprocity or any international treaty concluded or acceded to by the PRC. The PRC acceded to the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (“New York Convention”) adopted on 10 June, 1958 pursuant to a resolution of the Standing Committee of the NPC passed on 2 December, 1986. The New York Convention provides that all arbitral awards made in a state which is a party to the New York Convention shall be recognised and enforced by other parties to the New York Convention subject to their right to refuse enforcement under certain circumstances including where the enforcement of the arbitral award is against the public policy of the state to which the application for enforcement is made. It was declared by the Standing Committee of the NPC simultaneously with the accession of the PRC that (1) the PRC will only recognise and enforce foreign arbitral awards on the principle of reciprocity; and (2) the PRC will only apply the New York Convention to disputes considered under PRC laws to be arising from contractual and non-contractual mercantile legal relations. Arrangements for reciprocal enforcement of arbitral awards between Hong Kong and China was signed on 18 June, 1999. This new arrangement has been approved by the Supreme People’s Court of the PRC and the Hong Kong Legislative Council and became effective on 1 February, 2000. The new arrangement is made in accordance with the spirit of the New York Convention, allowing awards made by PRC arbitral authorities to be enforceable in Hong Kong and awards by Hong Kong arbitral authorities to be enforceable in the PRC.

F. Foreign Exchange Control

Foreign exchange control is implemented through three major regulatory regimes. On 28 December, 1993, the PBOC, with the authorisation of the State Council, issued the Notice on Further Reform of the Foreign Exchange Control System which came into effect on 1 January, 1994. Other major regulations and implementation measures include the Foreign Exchange Control Regulations promulgated by the State Council on 29 January, 1996 and came into effect on 1 April, 1996 (as amended on 14 January, 1997) and the Regulations on the Foreign Exchange Settlement, Sale and Payments which were promulgated on 20 June, 1996 by PBOC and took effect on 1 July, 1996 and which contain detailed provisions regulating the holding, sale and purchase of foreign exchange by enterprises, individuals, economic organizations and social

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institutions in the PRC. The PBOC publishes the Renminbi exchange rate against other major currencies. Such rate is to be set by reference to the Renminbi trading price against major currencies on the previous day on the inter-bank foreign exchange market. Generally, the foreign exchange earnings of all PRC enterprises, other than those allowed to be retained by foreign enterprises as recurrent exchange income or specifically exempted under the relevant regulations, are to be sold to designated banks. Retained foreign exchange earnings may need to be kept in foreign exchange bank accounts of designated banks. Capital foreign exchange capital must be deposited in foreign exchange bank accounts maintained at designated banks, and may generally be retained in such account.

At present, control of purchase of foreign exchange is relaxed. Enterprises within the PRC which require foreign exchange for their ordinary trading and non-trading activities, import activities and repayment of foreign debts may purchase foreign exchange from designated banks if the application is supported by relevant documents. Furthermore, foreign investment enterprises that require foreign exchange for dividend payments, such as profit distribution to foreign investors, may draw funds in their foreign exchange bank accounts kept with designated banks after paying due dividend taxes. Should such foreign exchange be insufficient, foreign investment enterprises may purchase foreign exchange from designated banks. While foreign exchange control on current account transactions has been relaxed, the drawdown of foreign currency loans by companies, the provision of foreign exchange guarantees, overseas investments and any other types of capital account transactions that involve the purchase of foreign exchange remain subject to the approval of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange Control. When conducting foreign exchange transactions, the designated banks may, based on the exchange rate published by the POBC and subject to certain limits, freely determine the applicable exchange rate.

2. HONG KONG LAWS AND REGULATIONS

(a) Company Law

The Hong Kong law applicable to a company having share capital incorporated in Hong Kong is based on the Companies Ordinance and is supplemented by common law. The Company, which is a joint stock limited company established in the PRC seeking a listing of H Shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, is governed by the PRC Company Law which came into effect on 1 July 1994 and was amended on 25 December 1999, on 28 August 2004 and on 27 October 2005 and all other rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to the PRC Company Law applicable to a joint stock limited company established in the PRC issuing overseas listed foreign shares to be listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

Set out below is a summary of the material differences between the Hong Kong company law applicable to a company incorporated in Hong Kong and the PRC Company Law applicable to a joint stock limited company incorporated and existing under the PRC Company Law. This summary is, however, not intended to be an exhaustive comparison:

(i) Corporate existence

Under Hong Kong company law, a company having share capital is incorporated by the Registrar of Companies in Hong Kong issuing a certificate of incorporation and upon its incorporation, a company will acquire an independent corporate existence. A company may be incorporated as a public company or a private company. The articles of association of a private company incorporated in Hong Kong are required by the Companies Ordinance to contain certain pre-emptive provisions. A public company does not contain such pre-emptive provisions in its articles of association.

Under the PRC Company Law, a company may be incorporated by either the promotion method or the public subscription method. A company must have a minimum registered capital of RMB5 million, or

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higher as may otherwise be required by the laws and regulations. Hong Kong law does not prescribe any minimum capital requirements for a Hong Kong company. Under the PRC Company Law, the monetary contributions by all the shareholders must not be less than 30% of the registered capital. There is no such restriction on a Hong Kong company under Hong Kong law.

(ii) Share capital

Under Hong Kong law, the authorized share capital of a Hong Kong company is the amount of share capital which the company is authorized to issue and a company is not bound to issue the entire amount of its authorized share capital. For a Hong Kong company, the authorized share capital may be larger than the issued share capital. Hence, the directors of a Hong Kong company may, with the prior approval of the shareholders, if required, cause the company to issue new shares. The PRC Company Law does not recognize the concept of authorized share capital. The registered capital of a joint stock limited company is the amount of the issued share capital. Any increase in registered capital must be approved by the shareholders in general meeting and by the relevant PRC Governmental and regulatory authorities.

(iii) Restrictions on shareholding and transfer of shares

Under PRC law, the domestic shares (“domestic shares”) in the share capital of a joint stock limited company which are denominated and subscribed for in Renminbi may only be subscribed or traded by the State, PRC legal and natural persons. The overseas listed foreign shares (“foreign shares”) issued by a joint stock limited company which are denominated in Renminbi and subscribed for in a currency other than Renminbi may only be subscribed and traded by investors from Hong Kong, Macau and China Taiwan or any country and territory outside the PRC. Under the PRC Company Law, shares in a joint stock limited company held by its promoters cannot be transferred within one year after the date of establishment of the company. Shares in issue prior to the company’s public offering cannot be transferred within one year from the listing date of the shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. Shares in a joint stock limited company held by its directors, supervisors and managers and transferred each year during their term of office shall not exceed 25% of the total shares they held in the company, and the shares they held in the company cannot be transferred within one year from the listing date of the shares, and also cannot be transferred within half a year after the said personnel has left office. The articles of association may set other restrictive requirements on the transfer of the company’s shares held by its directors, supervisors and officers. There are no such restrictions on shareholdings and transfers of shares under Hong Kong law.

(iv) Financial assistance for acquisition of shares

The PRC Company Law does not contain any provision prohibiting or restricting a joint stock limited company or its subsidiaries from providing financial assistance for the purpose of an acquisition of its own or its holding company’s shares. The Mandatory Provisions contain certain restrictions on a company and its subsidiaries providing such financial assistance similar to those under Hong Kong company law.

(v) Variation of class rights

Under Hong Kong company law, if the share capital of a company is divided into different classes of shares, special rights attaching to any class of shares may only be varied if approved by a specified proportion of the holders of the relevant class. The PRC Company Law does not contain any specific provision relating to variation of class rights. The Mandatory Provisions contain detailed provisions relating to circumstances which are deemed to constitute a variation of class rights. Under the Mandatory Provisions, class rights may not be varied or abrogated unless approved by a special resolution of shareholders in general meeting and by two-thirds or more of the votes cast by shareholders of the affected class present in person or by proxy at a separate

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class meeting. For the purpose of a variation of class rights, domestic shares and foreign shares are treated as separate classes of shares except in the case of (i) an issue of shares by the joint stock limited company in any 12 month period either separately or concurrently following the approval by a special resolution of shareholders in general meeting not exceeding 20% of each of the existing domestic shares and foreign shares existing as of the date of such special resolution; and (ii) an issue of domestic shares and foreign shares in accordance with the plan of the company approved by the securities authority and which are completed within 15 months from the date of such approval. See “Appendix IX — Summary of Articles of Association — Variation of Rights of Existing Shares or Classes of Shares.”

(vi) Directors

The PRC Company Law, unlike Hong Kong company law, does not contain any requirements relating to the declaration of interests in material contracts, restrictions on interested directors being counted towards the quorum of and voting at a meeting of the board of directors at which a transaction in which a director is interested is being considered, restrictions on directors’ authority in making major dispositions, restrictions on companies providing certain benefits such as loans to directors and guarantees in respect of directors liability and prohibition against compensation for loss of office without shareholders’ approval. The Mandatory Provisions, however, contain requirements and restrictions in relation to the foregoing matters similar to those applicable under Hong Kong law.

(vii) Supervisory committee

Under the PRC Company Law, the board of directors of a joint stock limited company is subject to the supervision and inspection of a supervisory committee but there is no mandatory requirement for the establishment of a supervisory committee for a company incorporated in Hong Kong. The Mandatory Provisions provide that each supervisor owes a duty, in the exercise of his powers, to act in good faith and honestly in what he considers to be in the best interests of the company and to exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise under comparable circumstances.

(viii) Derivative action by minority shareholders

Hong Kong law permits minority shareholders to start a derivative action on behalf of a company against directors who have been guilty of a breach of their fiduciary duties to the company, if such directors control a majority of votes at a general meeting thereby effectively preventing a company from suing the directors in breach of their duties in its own name. The PRC Company Law gives shareholders of a joint stock limited company the right that in the event that the directors and senior managers violate their fiduciary obligations to a company, shareholders individually or jointly holding over 1% of the shares in the company for more than 180 days consecutively may request in writing the supervisory committee to initiate proceedings in the people’s court. In the event that the supervisory committee violates their fiduciary obligations to a company, the above said shareholders may request in writing the board of directors to initiate proceedings in the people’s court. Upon receipt of such request in writing from the shareholders, if the supervisory committee or the board of directors refuse to initiate such proceedings, or has not initiated proceedings within 30 days upon receipt of the request, or if under urgent situations, failure of initiating immediate proceeding may cause irreparable damages to the company, the above said shareholders shall for the benefit of the company’s interests, have the right to initiate proceedings directly to the court in its own name. The Mandatory Provisions further provide remedies to the company against directors, supervisors and officers in breach of their duties to the company. In addition, every director and supervisor of a joint stock limited company applying for a listing of its foreign shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange is required to give an undertaking

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in favor of the company to comply with the company's articles of association. This allows minority shareholders to act against directors and supervisors in default.

(ix) Protection of minorities

Under Hong Kong law, a shareholder who complains that the affairs of a company incorporated in Hong Kong are conducted in a manner unfairly prejudicial to his interests may petition to court to either wind up the company or make an appropriate order regulating the affairs of the company. In addition, on the application of a specified number of members, the Financial Secretary may appoint inspectors who are given extensive statutory powers to investigate the affairs of a company incorporated in Hong Kong. The PRC law does not contain similar safeguards. The Mandatory Provisions, however, contain provisions to the effect that a controlling shareholder may not exercise its voting rights in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the shareholders generally or of some part of the shareholders of a company to relieve a director or supervisor of his duty to act honestly in the best interests of the company or to approve the expropriation by a director or supervisor of the company's assets or the individual rights of other shareholders.

(x) Notice of shareholders' meetings

Under the PRC Company Law, notice of a shareholders' general meeting must be given 20 days before the meeting, while notice of an extraordinary meeting must be given 15 days before the meeting or, in the case of a company having bearer shares, a public announcement of a shareholders' general meeting must be made 30 days prior to it being held. Under the Special Regulations and the Mandatory Provisions, 45 days' written notice must be given to all shareholders and shareholders who wish to attend the meeting must reply in writing 20 days before the date of the meeting. For a company incorporated in Hong Kong, the minimum notice periods of a general meeting convened for passing an ordinary resolution and a special resolution are 14 days and 21 days, respectively; and the notice period for an annual general meeting is 21 days.

(xi) Quorum for shareholders' meetings

Under Hong Kong law, the quorum for a general meeting is two members unless the articles of association of the company otherwise provide. For one member companies, one member will be a quorum. The PRC Company Law does not specify any quorum requirement for shareholders' general meeting but the Special Regulations and the Mandatory Provisions provide that a company's general meeting can be convened when replies to the notice of that meeting have been received from shareholders whose shares represent 50% of the voting rights in the company at least 20 days before the proposed date of the meeting. If that 50% level is not achieved, the company shall within five days notify shareholders by public announcement and the shareholders' general meeting may be held thereafter.

(xii) Voting

Under Hong Kong law, an ordinary resolution is passed by a simple majority of votes cast by members present in person or by proxy at a general meeting and a special resolution is passed by a majority of not less than three-fourths of votes cast by members present in person or by proxy at a general meeting. Under the PRC Company Law, the passing of any resolution requires more than one half of the votes cast by shareholders present in person or by proxy at a shareholders' general meeting except in cases of proposed amendment to the articles of association, increase or reduction of share capital, and merger, demerger or dissolution of a joint stock limited company or changes to the company status, which require two-thirds or more of votes cast by shareholders present at a shareholders' general meeting.

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(xiii) Financial disclosure

A joint stock limited company is required under the PRC Company Law to make available at its office for inspection by shareholders its annual balance sheet, profit and loss account, changes in financial position and other relevant annexures 20 days before the annual general meeting of shareholders. In addition, a company established by the public subscription method under the PRC Company Law must publish its financial situation. The annual balance sheet has to be verified by registered accountants. The Companies Ordinance requires a company to send to every shareholder a copy of its balance sheet, auditors' report and directors' report which are to be laid before the company in its annual general meeting not less than 21 days before such meeting.

A joint stock limited company is required under the PRC law to prepare its financial statements in accordance with the PRC accounting standards. The Mandatory Provisions require that the company must, in addition to preparing accounts according to the PRC standards, have its accounts prepared and audited in accordance with International Accounting Standards or Hong Kong accounting standards and its financial statements must also contain a statement of the financial effect of the material differences (if any) from the financial statements prepared in accordance with the PRC accounting standards.

The Special Regulations require that there should not be any inconsistency between the information disclosed within and outside the PRC and that, to the extent that there are differences in the information disclosed in accordance with the relevant PRC and overseas laws, regulations and requirements of the relevant stock exchanges, such differences should also be disclosed simultaneously.

(xiv) Information on directors and shareholders

Under the PRC Company Law, neither the public nor the shareholders of a joint stock limited company have access to information on its directors and shareholders. Under the Mandatory Provisions, shareholders have the right to inspect and copy (at reasonable charges) certain information about shareholders and directors similar to that available under Hong Kong law to shareholders of a company incorporated in Hong Kong.

(xv) Receiving agent

Under both the PRC and Hong Kong law, dividends once declared become debts payable to shareholders. The limitation period for debt recovery action under Hong Kong law is six years while that under the PRC law is two years. The Mandatory Provisions require the appointment of a trust company registered under the Hong Kong Trustee Ordinance (Chapter 29 of the Laws of Hong Kong) as receiving agent to receive on behalf of holders of foreign shares dividends declared and all other monies owed by a joint stock limited company in respect of such foreign shares.

(xvi) Corporate reorganization

Corporate reorganization involving a company incorporated in Hong Kong may be effected in a number of ways, such as a transfer of the whole or part of the business or property of the company in the course of being wound up voluntarily to another company pursuant to section 237 of the Companies Ordinance or a compromise or arrangement between the company and its creditors or between the company and its members pursuant to section 166 of the Companies Ordinance which requires the sanction of the court. Under PRC law, the merger, demerger, dissolution or change to the status of a joint stock limited company has to be approved by shareholders in general meeting.

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(xvii) Arbitration of disputes

In Hong Kong, disputes between shareholders and a company incorporated in Hong Kong or its directors may be resolved through the courts. The Mandatory Provisions provide that such disputes should be submitted to arbitration at either the HKIAC or the CIETAC at the claimant's choice.

(xviii) Mandatory transfers

Under the PRC Company Law, a joint stock limited company is required to make transfers equivalent to certain prescribed percentages of its after tax profit to the statutory common reserve fund. There are no such requirements under Hong Kong law.

(b) Hong Kong Listing Rules

The Hong Kong Listing Rules provide additional requirements which apply to an issuer which is incorporated in the PRC as a joint stock limited company and seeks a primary listing or whose primary listing is on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. Set out below is a summary of such principal additional requirements which apply to the Company:

(i) Accountants' report

An accountants' report for a PRC issuer will not normally be regarded as acceptable by the Hong Kong Stock Exchange unless the relevant accounts have been audited to a standard comparable to that required in Hong Kong. Such report will normally be required to conform to either Hong Kong or international accounting standards.

(ii) Process agent

The Company is required to appoint and maintain a person authorized to accept service of process and notices on its behalf in Hong Kong throughout the period during which its securities are listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and must notify the Hong Kong Stock Exchange of his appointment, the termination of his appointment and his contact particulars.

(iii) Public shareholdings

If at any time there are existing issued securities of a PRC issuer other than foreign shares ("H shares") which are listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, the Hong Kong Listing Rules require that all H shares must be held by the public, the H shares must represent not less than 10% of the PRC issuer's issued share capital and the aggregate amount of H shares and other securities held by the public must constitute not less than 25% of the PRC issuer's issued share capital. If the PRC issuers do not have existing issued securities other than H shares, the H shares must constitute not less than 25% of the issuer's issued share capital unless the expected market value of the H shares at the time of listing is over HK\$10,000 million in which case, the Hong Kong Stock Exchange will normally accept a prescribed percentage of between 15% and 25%.

(iv) Independent non-executive directors and supervisors

The independent non-executive directors of a PRC issuer are required to demonstrate an acceptable standard of competence and adequate commercial or professional expertise to ensure that the interests of the general body of shareholders will be adequately represented. The supervisors of a PRC issuer must have the character, expertise and integrity and be able to demonstrate a standard of competence commensurate with their position as supervisors.

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(v) Restrictions on purchase and subscription of its own securities

Subject to governmental approvals and the provisions of the Articles of Association, the Company may repurchase its own H shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in accordance with the provisions of the Hong Kong Listing Rules. Approval by way of special resolution of the holders of domestic shares and the holders of H shares at separate class meetings conducted in accordance with the Articles of Association is required for share repurchases. In seeking approvals, the Company is required to provide information on any proposed or actual purchases of all or any of its equity securities, whether or not listed or traded on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. The Directors must also state the consequences of any purchases which will arise under either or both of the Code on Takeovers and Mergers and any similar PRC law of which the directors are aware, if any. Any general mandate given to the directors to repurchase H shares must not exceed 10% of the total amount of existing issued H shares of the Company.

(vi) Mandatory Provisions

With a view to increasing the level of protection afforded to investors, the Hong Kong Stock Exchange requires the incorporation, in the articles of association of a PRC company whose primary listing is on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, of the Mandatory Provisions and provisions relating to the change, removal and resignation of auditors, class meetings and the conduct of the supervisory committee of the Company. Such provisions have been incorporated into the Articles of Association, a summary of which is set out in Appendix IX to this Prospectus.

(vii) Redeemable Shares

The Company must not issue any redeemable shares unless the Hong Kong Stock Exchange is satisfied that the relative rights of the holders of the H shares are adequately protected.

(viii) Pre-emptive rights

Except in the circumstances mentioned below, the Directors are required to obtain the approval by a special resolution of shareholders in general meeting, and the approvals by special resolutions of the holders of domestic shares and H shares (each being otherwise entitled to vote at general meetings) at separate class meetings conducted in accordance with the Articles of Association, prior to (1) authorizing, allotting, issuing or granting shares or securities convertible into shares, or options, warrants or similar rights to subscribe for any shares or such convertible securities; or (2) any major subsidiary of the Company making any such authorization, allotment, issue or grant so as materially to dilute the percentage equity interest of the Company and its shareholders in such subsidiary.

No such approval will be required, but only to the extent that, the existing shareholders of the Company have by special resolution in general meeting given a mandate to the Directors, either unconditionally or subject to such terms and conditions as may be specified in the resolution, to authorize, allot or issue, either separately or concurrently once every 12 months, not more than 20% of the existing Domestic Shares and H Shares as of the date of the passing of the relevant special resolution or of such shares that are part of the Company's plan at the time of its establishment to issue Domestic Shares and H Shares and which plan is implemented within 15 months from the date of approval by the CSRC.

(ix) Supervisors

The Company is required to adopt rules governing dealings by its Supervisors in securities of the Company in terms no less exacting than those of the model code (set out in Appendix 10 to the Hong Kong Listing Rules) issued by the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

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The Company is required to obtain the approval of its shareholders in a general meeting (at which the relevant Supervisor and his associates shall not vote on the matter) prior to the Company or any of its subsidiaries entering into a service contract of the following nature with a Supervisor or proposed Supervisor of the Company or its subsidiary: (i) the contract is for a duration that may exceed three years; or (ii) the contract expressly requires the Company to give more than one year's notice or to pay compensation or make other payments equivalent to more than one year's emoluments.

The remuneration committee of the Company or an independent board committee must form a view in respect of service contracts that require shareholders' approval and advise shareholders (other than shareholders with a material interest in the service contracts and their associates) as to whether the terms are fair and reasonable, advise whether such contracts are in the interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole and advise shareholders on how to vote.

(x) Amendment to the Articles of Association

The Company is required not to permit or cause any amendment to be made to its Articles of Association which would cause the same to cease to comply with the mandatory provisions of the Hong Kong Listing Rules relating to such Articles of Association.

(xi) Documents for inspection

The Company is required to make available at a place in Hong Kong for inspection by the public and shareholders free of charge, and for copying by shareholders at reasonable charges the following:

- a complete duplicate register of shareholders;
- a report showing the state of the issued share capital of the Company;
- the Company's latest audited financial statements and the reports of the Directors, auditors and Supervisors (if any) thereon;
- special resolutions of the Company;
- reports showing the number and nominal value of securities repurchased by the Company since the end of the last financial year, the aggregate amount paid for such securities and the maximum and minimum prices paid in respect of each class of securities repurchased (with a breakdown between Domestic Shares and H Shares);
- a copy of the latest annual return filed with the State Administration of Industry and Commerce of the PRC; and
- for shareholders only, copies of minutes of meetings of shareholders.

(xii) Receiving agents

The Company is required to appoint one or more receiving agents in Hong Kong and pay to such agent(s) dividends declared and other monies owing in respect of the H Shares to be held, pending payment, in trust for the holders of such H Shares.

(xiii) Statements in share certificates

The Company is required to ensure that all its listing documents and share certificates include the statements stipulated below and to instruct and cause each of its share registrars not to register the subscription, purchase or transfer of any of its shares in the name of any particular holder unless and until such

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holder delivers to such share registrar a signed form in respect of such shares bearing statements to the following effect that the acquirer of shares:

- agrees with the Company and each shareholder of the Company, and the Company agrees with each shareholder of the Company, to observe and comply with the PRC Company Law, the Special Regulations, the Articles of Association and other relevant laws and administrative regulations;
- agrees with the Company, each shareholder, Director, Supervisor, manager and officer of the Company, and the Company acting for itself and for each Director, Supervisor, manager and officer of the Company agrees with each shareholder, to refer all differences and claims arising from the Articles of Association or any rights or obligations conferred or imposed by the PRC Company Law or other relevant laws and administrative regulations concerning the affairs of the Company to arbitration in accordance with the Articles of Association, and any reference to arbitration shall be deemed to authorize the arbitration tribunal to conduct hearings in open session and to publish its award. Such arbitration shall be final and conclusive;
- agrees with the Company and each shareholder of the Company that the H Shares are freely transferable by the holder thereof; and
- authorizes the Company to enter into a contract on his behalf with each Director and officer of the Company whereby each such Director and officer undertakes to observe and comply with his obligation to shareholders as stipulated in the Articles of Association.

(xiv) Compliance with the PRC Company Law, the Special Regulations and the Articles of Association

The Company is required to observe and comply with the PRC Company Law, the Special Regulations and the Articles of Association.

(xv) Contract between the Company and its Directors, officers and Supervisors

The Company is required to enter into a contract in writing with every Director and officer containing at least the following provisions:

- an undertaking by the Director or officer to the Company to observe and comply with the PRC Company law, the Special Regulations, the Articles of Association, the Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Repurchases and an agreement that the Company shall have the remedies provided in the Articles of Association and that neither the contract nor his office is capable of assignment;
- an undertaking by the Director or officer to the Company acting as agent for each shareholder to observe and comply with his obligations to shareholders as stipulated in the Articles of Association;
- an arbitration clause which provides that whenever any differences or claims arise from that contract, the Articles of Association or any rights or obligations conferred or imposed by the PRC Company Law or other relevant law and administrative regulations concerning the affairs of the Company between the Company and its Directors or officers and between a holder of H Shares and a Director or officer of the Company, such differences or claims will be referred to arbitration at either the CIETAC in accordance with its rules or the HKIAC in accordance with its Securities Arbitration Rules, at the election of the claimant and that once a claimant refers a dispute or claim to arbitration, the other party must submit to the arbitral body elected by the claimant. Such arbitration will be final and conclusive;

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- if the party seeking arbitration elects to arbitrate the dispute or claim at HKIAC, then either party may apply to have such arbitration conducted in Shenzhen according to the Securities Arbitration Rules of HKIAC;
- PRC laws shall govern the arbitration of disputes or claims referred to above, unless otherwise provided by law or administrative regulations;
- the award of the arbitral body is final and shall be binding on the parties thereto;
- the agreement to arbitrate is made by the Director or officer with the Company on its own behalf and on behalf of each shareholder; and
- any reference to arbitration shall be deemed to authorize the arbitral tribunal to conduct hearings in open session and to publish its award.

The Company is also required to enter into a contract in writing with every Supervisor containing statements in substantially the same terms.

(xvi) Subsequent listing

The Company must not apply for the listing of any of its foreign shares on a PRC stock exchange unless the Hong Kong Stock Exchange is satisfied that the relative rights of the holders of foreign shares are adequately protected.

(xvii) English translation

All notices or other documents required under the Hong Kong Listing Rules to be sent by the Company to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange or to holders of H Shares are required to be in the English language, or accompanied by a certified English translation.

(xviii) General

If any change in the PRC law or market practices materially alters the validity or accuracy of any of the basis upon which the additional requirements have been prepared, then the Hong Kong Stock Exchange may impose additional requirements or make listing of the equity securities of a PRC issuer, including the Company, subject to special conditions as the Hong Kong Stock Exchange considers appropriate. Whether or not any such changes in the PRC law or market practices occur, the Hong Kong Stock Exchange retains its general power under the Hong Kong Listing Rules to impose additional requirements and make special conditions in respect of the Listing.

(c) Other Legal and Regulatory Provisions

Upon listing, the provisions of the Securities and Futures Ordinance, the Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Repurchases and such other relevant ordinances and regulations as may be applicable to companies listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange will apply to the Company.

(d) Securities Arbitration Rules

The Articles of Association provide that certain claims arising from the Articles of Association or the PRC Company Law shall be arbitrated at either the CIETAC or the HKIAC in accordance with their respective rules. The Securities Arbitration Rules of the HKIAC contain provisions allowing an arbitral tribunal to conduct a hearing in Shenzhen for cases involving the affairs of companies incorporated in the PRC and listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange so that PRC parties and witnesses may attend. Where any party applies for a hearing to take place in Shenzhen, the tribunal shall, where satisfied that such application is based on bona fide grounds, order the hearing to take place in Shenzhen conditional upon all parties including

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witnesses and the arbitrators being permitted to enter Shenzhen for the purpose of the hearing. Where a party (other than a PRC party) or any of its witnesses or any arbitrator is not permitted to enter Shenzhen, then the tribunal shall order that the hearing be conducted in any practicable manner, including the use of electronic media. For the purpose of the Securities Arbitration Rules, a PRC party means a party domiciled in the PRC other than the territories of Hong Kong, Macau and China Taiwan.

PRC LEGAL MATTERS

Beijing Jia Yuan Law Firm, the Company's legal adviser on PRC law, has sent to the Company a letter dated 1 November 2006 confirming that it has reviewed the summaries of PRC company and securities regulations and the summaries of certain material differences between the Hong Kong company law and the PRC company law in so far as they relate to PRC law as contained in this Appendix and that, in its opinion, such summaries are correct summaries of relevant PRC laws and regulations. This letter is available for inspection as referred to in the section of this Prospectus headed "Documents Delivered to the Registrar of Companies and Available for Inspection" in Appendix XI.

Any person wishing to have detailed advice on PRC law and the laws of any jurisdiction with which he is more familiar is recommended to seek independent legal advice.