THE GLOBAL OFFERING

This prospectus is published in connection with the Hong Kong Public Offer as part of the Global Offering. The Global Offering comprises:

- the Hong Kong Public Offer of 6,000,000 new Shares (subject to adjustment as mentioned below) in Hong Kong as described below in the paragraph headed "The Hong Kong Public Offer"; and
- (ii) the International Placing of an aggregate of 54,000,000 new Shares (subject to adjustment as mentioned below).

ICEA is the Global Coordinator, Bookrunner and Sponsor of the Global Offering. ICEA Securities Limited is the Lead Manager of the Global Offering.

Investors may apply for Shares under the Hong Kong Public Offer or apply for or indicate an interest for Shares under the International Placing, but may not do both.

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

THE HONG KONG PUBLIC OFFER

Number of Shares initially offered

We are initially offering 6,000,000 new Shares for subscription by the public in Hong Kong at the Offer Price, representing approximately 10% of the total number of Shares initially available under the Global Offering. Subject to the reallocation of Shares between (i) the International Placing and (ii) the Hong Kong Public Offer, the Hong Kong Public Offer Shares will represent approximately 1.4% of our Company's enlarged issued share capital immediately upon completion of the Global Offering.

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

Completion of the Hong Kong Public Offer is subject to the conditions as set out in the paragraph headed "Conditions of the Hong Kong Public Offer" below.

Allocation

Allocation of Shares to investors under the Hong Kong Public Offer will be based solely on the level of valid applications received under the Hong Kong Public Offer. The basis of allocation may vary, depending on the number of Hong Kong Public Offer Shares validly applied for by applicants. Such allocation could, where appropriate, consist of balloting, which would mean that some applicants may receive a higher allocation than

others who have applied for the same number of Hong Kong Public Offer Shares, and those applicants who are not successful in the ballot may not receive any Hong Kong Public Offer Shares.

Reallocation

The allocation of the Offer Shares between (i) the Hong Kong Public Offer and (ii) the International Placing is subject to adjustment. If the number of Offer Shares validly applied for under the Hong Kong Public Offer represents (i) 15 times or more but less than 50 times, (ii) 50 times or more but less than 100 times, and (iii) 100 times or more, of the number of Offer Shares initially available under the Hong Kong Public Offer, then Offer Shares will be reallocated to the Hong Kong Public Offer from the International Placing. As a result of such reallocation, the total number of Offer Shares (in the case of (i)), 24,000,000 Offer Shares (in the case of (ii)) and 30,000,000 Offer Shares (in the case of (iii)), representing approximately 30%, 40% and 50% of the Offer Shares initially available under the Hong Kong Public Offer to satisfy valid applications under the Hong Kong Public Offer.

If the Hong Kong Public Offer is not fully subscribed, the Global Coordinator has the authority to reallocate all or any unsubscribed Hong Kong Public Offer Shares to the International Placing, in such proportions as the Global Coordinator deems appropriate.

Applications

Each applicant under the Hong Kong Public Offer will also be required to give an undertaking and confirmation in the Application Form submitted by him that he and any person(s) for whose benefit he is making the application have not applied for or taken up, or indicated an interest for, and will not apply for or take up, or indicate an interest for, any Offer Shares under the International Placing, and such applicant's application is liable to be rejected if the said undertaking and/or confirmation is breached and/or untrue (as the case may be) or it has been or will be placed or allocated Offer Shares under the International Placing.

Applicants under the Hong Kong Public Offer are required to pay, on application, the maximum price of HK\$1.20 per Offer Share in addition to the brokerage, SFC transaction levy and the Stock Exchange trading fee payable on each Offer Share. If the Offer Price, as finally determined in the manner described in the paragraph headed 'Pricing and Allocation' below, is less than the maximum price of HK\$1.20 per Offer Share, appropriate refund payments (including the brokerage, SFC transaction levy and the Stock Exchange trading fee attributable to the surplus application monies) will be made to successful applicants, without interest. Further details are set out below in the section headed 'How to Apply for Hong Kong Public Offer Shares' in this prospectus.

THE INTERNATIONAL PLACING

Number of Offer Shares offered

Our Company is offering initially 54,000,000 new Shares (subject to re-allocation) for subscription under the International Placing. The number of International Placing Shares represents 90% of the total number of Offer Shares initially available under the Global Offering.

Allocation

The International Placing will include selective marketing of Offer Shares to institutional and professional investors and other investors anticipated to have a sizeable demand for such Offer Shares. Professional investors generally include brokers, dealers, companies (including fund managers) whose ordinary business involves dealing in shares and other securities and corporate entities which regularly invest in shares and other securities. Allocation of Offer Shares pursuant to the International Placing will be effected in accordance with the 'book-building' process described in the paragraph headed 'Pricing and Allocation' below and based on a number of factors, including the level and timing of demand, the total size of the relevant investor's invested assets or equity assets in the relevant sector and whether or not it is expected that the relevant investor is likely to buy further Shares, and/or hold or sell its Shares, after the Listing. Such allocation is intended to result in a distribution of the Shares on a basis which would lead to the establishment of a solid professional and institutional shareholder base to the benefit of our Company and its Shareholders as a whole.

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

PRICING AND ALLOCATION

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

Pricing for the Offer Shares for the purpose of the various offerings under the Global Offering will be fixed on the Price Determination Date, which is expected to be on Tuesday, 6 January 2009 and in any event not later than Friday, 9 January 2009, by agreement

between the Global Coordinator, on behalf of the Underwriters, and our Company and the number of Offer Shares to be allocated under the various offerings will be determined shortly thereafter.

The Offer Price per Offer Share under the Hong Kong Public Offer will be identical to the offer price per Offer Share under the International Placing based on the Hong Kong dollar price per Offer Share under the International Placing, as determined by the Global Coordinator, on behalf of the Underwriters, and our Company. The Offer Price per Offer Share under the Hong Kong Public Offer will be fixed at the Hong Kong dollar amount which, when increased by the 1% brokerage, 0.004% SFC transaction levy and 0.005% Stock Exchange trading fee payable thereon, is (subject to any necessary rounding) effectively equivalent to the Hong Kong dollar price per Offer Share under the International Placing. The SFC transaction levy and the Stock Exchange trading fee otherwise payable by investors in the International Placing on Offer Shares purchased by them will be paid by us.

The Offer Price will not be more than HK\$1.20 per Offer Share and is expected to be not less than HK\$1.00 per Offer Share unless otherwise announced, as further explained below, not later than the morning of the last day for lodging applications under the Hong Kong Public Offer. Prospective investors should be aware that the Offer Price to be determined on the Price Determination Date may be, but is not expected to be, lower than the indicative offer price range stated in this prospectus.

The Global Coordinator, on behalf of the Underwriters, may, where considered appropriate, based on the level of interest expressed by prospective professional and institutional investors during the book-building process, and with the consent of our Company, reduce the number of Offer Shares and/or the indicative offer price range below that stated in this prospectus at any time on or prior to the morning of the last day for lodging applications under the Hong Kong Public Offer. In such case, we will, as soon as practicable following the decision to make such reduction, and in any event not later than the morning of the day which is the last day for lodging applications under the Hong Kong Public Offer, cause there to be published in the South China Morning Post (in English) and the Hong Kong Economic Times (in Chinese) notices of such reduction. Upon issue of such a notice, the revised offer price range will be final and conclusive and the Offer Price, if agreed upon by the Global Coordinator, on behalf of the Underwriters, and our Company, will be fixed within such revised offer price range. Applicants should have regard to the possibility that any announcement of a reduction in the number of Offer Shares and/or the indicative offer price range may not be made until the day which is the last day for lodging applications under the Hong Kong Public Offer. Such notice will also include confirmation or revision, as appropriate, of the working capital statement and the Global Offering statistics as currently set out in this prospectus, and any other financial information which may change as a result of any such reduction. Applicants under the Hong Kong Public Offer should note that in no circumstances can applications be withdrawn once submitted, even if the number of Offer Shares and/or the offer price range is so reduced. In the absence of any such notice so published, the number of Offer Shares will not be reduced and/or the Offer Price, if agreed upon with our Company and the Global Coordinator, will under no circumstances be set outside the offer price range as stated in this prospectus.

The final Offer Price, the indications of interest in the Global Offering, the results of applications and the basis of allotment of Offer Shares available under the Hong Kong Public Offer are expected to be announced on, Monday, 12 January 2009 in the South China Morning Post (in English) and the Hong Kong Economic Times (in Chinese).

HONG KONG PUBLIC OFFER UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

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

We expect to enter into the International Placing Underwriting Agreement relating to the International Placing on or around the Price Determination Date.

These underwriting arrangements, and the Hong Kong Public Offer Underwriting Agreement and the International Placing Underwriting Agreement, are summarised in the section headed "Underwriting" in this prospectus.

CONDITIONS OF THE HONG KONG PUBLIC OFFER

Acceptance of all applications for Offer Shares pursuant to the Hong Kong Public Offer will be conditional on, among other things:

- (i) the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting approval for the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Shares in issue (including Shares that may be issued upon exercise of options issued under our Share Option Scheme) and the Shares being offered pursuant to the Global Offering (subject only to allotment);
- (ii) the execution and delivery of the International Placing Underwriting Agreement and the Price Determination Agreement on or around the Price Determination Date; and
- (iii) the obligations of the Hong Kong Public Offer Underwriters under the Hong Kong Public Offer Underwriting Agreement and the obligations of the International Placing Underwriters under the International Placing Underwriting Agreement becoming and remaining unconditional and not having been terminated in accordance with the terms of the respective agreements,

in each case on or before the dates and times specified in the Hong Kong Public Offer Underwriting Agreement or the International Placing Underwriting Agreement (unless and to the extent such conditions are validly waived on or before such dates and times) and in any event not later than 8:00 a.m. (Hong Kong time) on the Listing Date.

If, for any reason, the Offer Price is not agreed between our Company and the Global Coordinator (on behalf of the Underwriters) on or before Friday, 9 January 2009, the Global Offering will not proceed and will lapse.

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

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

Share certificates for the Offer Shares will only become valid certificates of title at 8:00 a.m. on the Listing Date provided that (i) the Global Offering has become unconditional in all respects and (ii) the right of termination as described in the paragraph headed "Grounds for termination" in the section headed "Underwriting" has not been exercised.

APPLICATION FOR LISTING ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE

We have applied to the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange for the granting of the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Shares in issue (including Shares that may be issued upon exercise of options issued under our Share Option Scheme) and to be issued pursuant to the Global Offering.

No part of the share capital of our Company is listed on or dealt in on any other stock exchange and no such listing or permission to list is being or proposed to be sought in the near future.

DEALING

Assuming that the Hong Kong Public Offer becomes unconditional at around 8:00 a.m. in Hong Kong on Tuesday, 13 January 2009, it is expected that dealings in the Shares on the Stock Exchange will commence at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 13 January 2009.