THE GLOBAL OFFERING

This prospectus is published in connection with the Hong Kong Public Offer as part of the Global Offering. We intend to initially make available up to 900,000,000 Shares under the Global Offering, of which 810,000,000 Shares outside the United States (including such offering to professional, institutional and other investors within Hong Kong) in reliance on Regulation S and in the United States to QIBs as defined in Rule 144A, will be conditionally placed pursuant to the International Placing and the remaining 90,000,000 Shares will be offered to the public in Hong Kong at the Offer Price under the Hong Kong Public Offer (subject, in each case, to reallocation on the basis described in "— The Hong Kong Public Offer").

The 900,000,000 Offer Shares initially being offered in the Global Offering will represent approximately 15% of our enlarged registered share capital immediately after completion of the Global Offering. Deutsche Bank is the Sole Global Coordinator of the Global Offering. Deutsche Bank, Merrill Lynch International and BOCOM International are the Joint Bookrunners of the Global Offering. Deutsche Bank, Merrill Lynch and BOCOM International are the Joint Lead Managers Deutsche Bank and Merrill Lynch are the Joint Sponsors of the Global Offering. The underwriting arrangements, and the respective Underwriting Agreements, are summarized in "Underwriting".

Investors may apply for the Shares under the Hong Kong Public Offer or apply for or indicate an interest for the Shares under the International Placing, but may not apply under both of these methods for the Offer Shares. In other words, you may only receive Offer Shares under either the Hong Kong Public Offer or the International Placing, but not under both of these methods.

THE HONG KONG PUBLIC OFFER

The Hong Kong Public Offer is fully underwritten by the Hong Kong Underwriters on a joint basis under the terms of the Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement made on November 3, 2009 and is subject to the Company and the Joint Bookrunners on behalf of the Underwriters, agreeing on the Offer Price. The Hong Kong Public Offer and the International Placing are subject to the conditions set forth in "Conditions of the Global Offering". The Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement and the International Underwriting Agreement are expected to be conditional upon each other.

Number of Shares initially offered

The Hong Kong Public Offer is a fully underwritten public offer (subject to agreement as to pricing and satisfaction or waiver of the other conditions set forth in the Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement and described in "Conditions of the Global Offering") for the subscription in Hong Kong of, initially 90,000,000 Shares at the Offer Price (representing approximately 10% of the total number of the Offer Shares).

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.

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.

Subject to any adjustment in the number of Offer Shares allocated between the International Placing and the Hong Kong Public Offer, the total number of Shares available under the Hong Kong Public Offer will represent approximately 1.5% of the Company's enlarged issued share capital immediately after completion of the Global Offering. It is to be divided into two pools for allocation purposes (subject to any adjustment in the number of Offer Shares allocated between the International Placing and the Hong Kong Public Offer): 45,000,000 Shares for pool A and 45,000,000 Shares for pool B. The Shares in pool A will be allocated on an equitable basis to applicants who have applied for Shares with an aggregate subscription price of HK\$5 million or less (excluding the brokerage fee, SFC transaction levy and Stock Exchange trading fee payable). The Shares in pool B will be allocated on an equitable basis to applicants who have applied for our Shares with an aggregate subscription price of more than HK\$5 million (excluding the brokerage fee, SFC transaction levy and Stock Exchange trading fee payable) and up to the value of pool B. Investors should be aware that applications in pool A and applications in pool B may receive different allocation ratios. If Shares in one (but not both) of the pools are undersubscribed, the surplus Shares will be transferred to the other pool to satisfy demand in this other pool and be allocated accordingly. For the purpose of this paragraph only, the "price" for Shares means the price payable on application therefor (without regard to the Offer Price as finally determined). Applicants can only receive an allocation of Shares from either pool A or pool B but not from both pools. Multiple or suspected multiple applications within pool A or pool B, and between the two pools, and any application for more than 45,000,000 Hong Kong Public Offer Shares will be rejected.

Reallocation

The allocation of the Shares between the Hong Kong Public Offer and the International Placing is subject to adjustment. If the number of 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, or (iii) 100 times or more of the number of Shares initially available under the Hong Kong Public Offer, then Shares will be reallocated to the Hong Kong Public Offer from the International Placing, such that the total number of Shares available under the Hong Kong Public Offer will be increased to 270,000,000 Shares (in the case of (i)), 360,000,000 Shares (in the case of (ii)) and 450,000,000 Shares (in the case of (iii)) representing approximately 30%, 40% and 50% of the Shares initially available under the Global Offering, respectively. In each case, the additional Shares reallocated to the Hong Kong Public Offer will be allocated equally between pool A and pool B (with any odd board lots being allocated to pool A) and the number of Shares allocated to the International Placing will be correspondingly reduced in such manner as the Joint Bookrunners deem appropriate. In addition, the

Joint Bookrunners may, in their sole discretion, allocate Shares from the International Placing to 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 for, the Joint Lead Managers have the authority to reallocate all or any unsubscribed Hong Kong Public Offer Shares to the International Placing, in such proportions as the Joint Lead Managers deem 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 or her that he or she and any person(s) for whose benefit he or she 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 Shares under the International Placing, and such applicant's application may be rejected if the said undertaking and/or confirmation is breached and/or untrue (as the case may be) or he or she has been or will be placed or allocated Shares under the International Placing. The Application Forms have tables showing the exact amount payable for certain numbers of Shares up to 45,000,000 Hong Kong Public Offer Shares.

The listing of the Shares on the Stock Exchange is sponsored by the Joint Sponsors. Applicants under the Hong Kong Public Offer are required to pay, on application, the maximum price of HK\$2.89 per Share in addition to any brokerage fee, SFC transaction levy and Stock Exchange trading fee payable on each Share. If the Offer Price, as finally determined in the manner described in "Pricing of the Global Offering", is less than the maximum price of HK\$2.89 per Share, appropriate refund payments (including the brokerage fee, SFC transaction levy and Stock Exchange trading fee attributable to the surplus application monies) will be made to successful applicants, without interest. Please refer to the section headed "How to Apply for Hong Kong Public Offer Shares" of this prospectus.

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

THE INTERNATIONAL PLACING

The International Placing is expected to be fully underwritten by the International Underwriters on a several basis. The Company expects to enter into the International Underwriting Agreement relating to the International Placing on the Price Determination Date.

Number of Shares offered

Subject to reallocation as described above, the International Placing will consist of an initial offering of 810,000,000 Offer Shares, representing approximately 90% of the Offer Shares under the Global Offering and approximately 13.5% of the Company's enlarged issued share capital immediately after completion of the Global Offering assuming the Over-allotment Option is not exercised, and 135,000,000 Sale Shares to be offered by the Selling Shareholder if the Over-allotment Option is exercised in full.

Allocation

The International Placing will involve selective marketing of the Shares to institutional and professional investors and other investors anticipated to have a sizeable demand for such Shares in Hong Kong, Europe and other jurisdictions outside the United States (other than the PRC) in offshore transactions in reliance on Regulation S and to QIBs in the United States, as defined in Rule 144A, in reliance on an exemption from registration under the Securities Act. 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 International Offer Shares will be determined by the Joint Bookrunners and will be effected in accordance with the "book-building" process described in "— Pricing of the Global Offering" 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 of the Shares on the Stock Exchange. 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 Company's benefit and that of the Shareholders as a whole.

The Directors, the Joint Bookrunners (on behalf of the Underwriters) and the Company will take reasonable steps to identify and reject applicants under the Hong Kong Public Offer from investors who have received Offer Shares in the International Placing, and to identify and reject indications of interest in the International Placing from investors who have received Offer Shares in the Hong Kong Public Offer. As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Over-allotment Option had not been granted and we cannot assure you that it will be granted.

OVER-ALLOTMENT OPTION AND STOCK BORROWING ARRANGEMENT

In connection with the Global Offering, the Selling Shareholder intends to grant an Overallotment Option to the International Underwriters exercisable by the Sole Global Coordinator, in consultation with the Joint Bookrunners, on behalf of the International Underwriters. As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Over-allotment Option had not been granted and we cannot assure you that it will be granted.

If the Over-allotment Option is granted, the Sole Global Coordinator, in consultation with the Joint Bookrunners, would have the right, exercisable at any time from the date of the International Underwriting Agreement up to the 30th day after the last day for lodging of applications under the Hong Kong Public Offer, to require the Selling Shareholder to sell up to 135,000,000 additional Shares, representing approximately 15% of the initial Offer Shares, at the same price per Share at which Shares were initially offered under the International Placing, to cover over-allocations in the International Placing, if any, on the same terms and conditions as the Offer Shares that are subject to the Global Offering. The terms of the Over-allotment Option, if granted, would enable the Sole Global Coordinator, in consultation with the Joint Bookrunners, to cover such over-allocations by purchasing the Offer Shares in the secondary market or by a combination of purchases in the secondary market and a partial exercise of the Over-allotment Option. If the Over-allotment Option is granted, and the Sole Global Coordinator, in consultation with the Joint Bookrunners, exercise the Over-allotment Option in full, the additional Shares will represent approximately 2.25% of the Company's enlarged

share capital immediately following the completion of the Global Offering. In the event that the Overallotment Option is exercised, a press announcement will be made.

In order to facilitate settlement of over-allocations in connection with the International Placing, a Stock Borrowing Agreement has been entered into between the Selling Shareholder and Deutsche Bank in compliance with Rule 10.07(3) of the Listing Rules. Under the Stock Borrowing Agreement, the Selling Shareholder has agreed with Deutsche Bank that if requested by Deutsche Bank, it will, subject to the terms of the Stock Borrowing Agreement, make available to Deutsche Bank up to 135,000,000 Shares, representing approximately 15% of the initial Offer Shares, held by it by way of stock lending, in order to cover over-allocations in connection with the International Placing on the conditions that:

- (i) such stock borrowing arrangement will only be effected by Deutsche Bank for the sole purpose of covering any short position in connection with the International Placing;
- (ii) the same number of Shares so borrowed must be returned to the Selling Shareholder or its nominees, as the case may be, on or before the fifth business day following the earlier of:
 - (a) the last day on which the Over-allotment Option may be exercised; or
 - (b) the day on which the Over-allotment Option is exercised in full; and
- (iii) the stock borrowing arrangement under the Stock Borrowing Agreement will be effected in compliance with all applicable listing rules, laws and regulatory requirements.

PUBLIC FLOAT REQUIREMENTS

Rules 8.08(1)(a) and (b) of the Listing Rules require there to be an open market in the securities for which listing is sought and for a sufficient public float of an issuer's listed securities to be maintained. This normally means that (i) at least 25% of the issuer's total issued share capital must at all times be held by the public; and (ii) where an issuer has more than one class of securities apart from the class of securities for which listing is sought, the total securities of the issuer held by the public (on all regulated market(s) including the Stock Exchange) at the time of listing must be at least 25% of the issuer's total issued share capital. However, the class of securities for which listing is sought must not be less than 15% of the issuer's total issued share capital, and must have an expected market capitalization at the time of listing of not less than HK\$10,000 million.

We have applied to the Stock Exchange to request the Stock Exchange to exercise, and the Stock Exchange has confirmed that it will exercise, its discretion under Rule 8.08(1)(d) of the Listing Rules to accept a lower public float percentage of our Company of 15% (assuming the Over-allotment Option is not exercised) or such higher percentage of our issued share capital as will be held by the public in the event that the whole or a part of the Over-allotment Option is exercised (which discretion may be exercised in respect of issuers with an expected market capitalization at the time of listing of over HK\$10,000 million) on the basis that the Stock Exchange is satisfied that the number of our Shares concerned and the extent of their distribution will enable the market to operate properly with the lower percentage, and on the condition that we will make appropriate disclosure of the lower prescribed percentage of public float in this prospectus and confirm sufficiency of public float in our successive annual reports after listing. The corporate governance manual of the Company provides that

the directors, chief executives and substantial shareholders of the Company and its subsidiaries shall not, and shall procure that their respective associates shall not deal in any securities of the Company without obtaining the prior written approval of the chairman of the Board or a Director designated by the Board for such purpose. In addition, the Company shall maintain a list of the directors, chief executive and substantial shareholders of the Group and their respective associates and their respective shareholdings in the Company, which shall be updated on a regular basis. The office of the Company Secretary shall review the list regularly to ensure that the percentage of total issued Shares held in public hands will be no less than the minimum percentage of public float prescribed by the Stock Exchange. In the event that the public float percentage falls below the minimum percentage prescribed by the Stock Exchange, the Directors and the Controlling Shareholders will take appropriate steps which include a further issue of equity and/or the substantial shareholders of the Company placing some of their Shares to independent third parties, to ensure the minimum percentage of public float prescribed by the Stock Exchange is complied with. If we fail to restore the lower prescribed percentage of the public float, the Stock Exchange may pursuant to Rule 8.08 of the Listing Rules suspend trading of the Shares until appropriate steps have been taken.

PRICING OF THE GLOBAL OFFERING

The International Underwriters will be soliciting from prospective investors indications of interest in acquiring International Placing Shares. Prospective professional, institutional and other investors will be required to specify the number of International Placing Shares 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 the Price Determination Date.

Pricing for the Shares for the purpose of the various offerings under the Global Offering will be fixed on the Price Determination Date, when market demand for the Shares will be determined, which is expected to be on or around November 9, 2009, and in any event on or before November 11, 2009, by agreement between the Joint Bookrunners, on behalf of the Underwriters and the Company and the number of Shares to be allocated under various offerings will be determined shortly thereafter.

The Offer Price will not be more than HK\$2.89 per Share and is expected to be not less than HK\$2.00 per 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. Applicants under the Global Offering must pay, on application, the maximum price of HK\$2.89 per Share plus 1% brokerage fee, 0.004% SFC transaction levy and 0.005% Stock Exchange trading fee amounting to a total of HK\$2,919.16 per board lot of 1,000 Shares. 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. If the Offer Price, as finally determined in the manner described below, is lower than HK\$2.89 per Share, being the maximum price, we will refund the respective difference (including the brokerage fee, the SFC transaction levy and the Stock Exchange trading fee attributable to the surplus monies) to successful applicants, without interest. Please refer to the section headed "How to Apply for the Hong Kong Public Offer Shares" of this prospectus.

The Joint Bookrunners, on behalf of the Underwriters, may, where considered appropriate, based on the level of interest expressed by prospective professional, institutional and other investors during the book-building process, and with the Company's consent, reduce the number of Hong Kong Public 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 case of such a reduction, the Company will, as soon as practicable following the decision to make the reduction, and in any event not later than the morning of 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 the reduction in the number of Hong Kong Public Offer Shares and/or the indicative Offer Price range. Upon issue of these notices, the revised Offer Price range will be final and conclusive and the Offer Price, if agreed upon by the Joint Bookrunners, on behalf of the Underwriters, and us, will be fixed within this revised Offer Price range. Applicants should have regard to the possibility that any announcement of a reduction in the number of Hong Kong Public Offer Shares and/or the indicative Offer Price range may not be made until the last day for lodging applications under the Hong Kong Public Offer. The notices will also include confirmation or revision, as appropriate, of the working capital statement and the Global Offering statistics as currently set forth in this prospectus, and any other financial information which may change as a result of such reduction. Applicants under the Hong Kong Public Offer should note that in no circumstances can applications be withdrawn once they are submitted, even if the number of Hong Kong Public Offer Shares and/or the Offer Price range is reduced as described in this paragraph. In the absence of any notice of reduction published as described in this paragraph, the Offer Price, if agreed upon among the Company, and the Joint Bookrunners, on behalf of the Underwriters, will be within the Offer Price range as stated in the prospectus.

The net proceeds of the Global Offering accruing to the Company (after deduction of underwriting fees and estimated expenses payable by the Company in relation to the Global Offering, are estimated to be approximately HK\$2,076 million, assuming an Offer Price of HK\$2.45 per Share).

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

STABILIZATION

Stabilization is a practice used by underwriters in some markets to facilitate the distribution of securities. To stabilize, the underwriters may bid for, or purchase, the newly issued securities in the secondary market, during a specified period of time, to minimize and, if possible, prevent a decline in the initial public offer prices of the securities below the offer price. In Hong Kong and certain other jurisdictions, activity aimed at reducing the market price is prohibited, and the price at which stabilization is effected is not permitted to exceed the Offer Price.

In connection with the Global Offering, Deutsche Bank, as stabilizing manager, its affiliates or any person acting for it, on behalf of the Underwriters, may over-allocate or effect transactions with a view to stabilizing or maintaining the market price of the Shares at a level higher than that which might

otherwise prevail for a limited period after the Listing Date. Deutsche Bank has been appointed as stabilizing manager for the purposes of the Global Offering in accordance with the Securities and Futures (Price Stabilizing) Rules made under the SFO.

Any such stabilizing activity will be made in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations in place in Hong Kong on stabilization including the Securities and Futures (Price Stabilizing) Rules made under the SFO. However, there is no obligation on the Stabilizing Manager, its affiliates or any person acting for it to do this. Such stabilization, if commenced, will be conducted at the absolute discretion of Deutsche Bank, its affiliates or any person acting for it and may be discontinued at any time, and must be brought to an end after a limited period. The number of Shares that may be over-allocated will not be greater than the number of Shares which may be sold upon exercise of the Over-allotment Option, being 135,000,000 Shares, which is approximately 15% of the Shares initially available under the Global Offering.

Following any over-allotment of Shares in connection with the Global Offering, Deutsche Bank, its affiliates or any person acting for it may take all or any of the following stabilizing actions in Hong Kong during the stabilization period to cover such over-allotment by (among other methods) making purchases in the secondary market, selling Shares to liquidate a position held as a result of those purchases, exercising the Over-allotment Option in full or in part, stock borrowing or by any combination of any of the foregoing.

The possible stabilizing action which may be taken by the Stabilizing Manager, its affiliates or any person acting for it in connection with the Global Offering may involve (among other things) (i) over-allotment of Shares, (ii) purchases of Shares, (iii) establishing, hedging and liquidating positions in Shares, (iv) exercising the Over-allotment Option in whole or in part, (v) stock borrowing and/or (vi) offering or attempting to do any of (ii), (iii), (iv) or (v) above.

Specifically, prospective applicants for and investors in Offer Shares should note that:

- the Stabilizing Manager, its affiliates or any person acting for it may, in connection with the stabilizing action, maintain a long position in the Shares;
- there is no certainty regarding the extent to which and the time period for which the Stabilizing Manager, its affiliates or any person acting for it will maintain such a position;
- liquidation of any such long position by the Stabilizing Manager its affiliates or any person acting for it may have a material adverse impact on the market price of the Shares;
- no stabilizing action can be taken to support the price of the Shares for longer than the stabilizing period which will begin on the Listing Date following announcement of the Offer Price, and is expected to expire on December 9, 2009, being the 30th day after the date expected to be the last date for lodging applications under the Hong Kong Public Offer. After this date, when no further action may be taken to support the price of the Shares, demand for the Shares, and therefore the price of the Shares, could fall;

- the price of any security (including the Shares) cannot be assured to stay at or above its offer price by the taking of any stabilizing action; and
- stabilizing bids may be made or transactions effected in the course of the stabilizing action at any price at or below the Offer Price, which means that stabilizing bids may be made or transactions effected at a price below the price paid by applicants for, or investors in, the Shares.

A public announcement, as required by the Securities and Futures (Price Stabilizing) Rules made under the SFO, will be made seven days of the expiration of the stabilizing period.

DEALING

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

CONDITIONS OF THE GLOBAL OFFERING

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

- (i) the Listing Committee granting listing of, and permission to deal in, the Shares being offered pursuant to the Global Offering (including the additional Shares which may be made available pursuant to the exercise of the Over-allotment Option) (subject only to allotment), and such listing and permission not having been revoked prior to the commencement of dealings in Shares on the Stock Exchange;
- (ii) the Offer Price having been duly determined and the execution and delivery of the International Underwriting Agreement on or around the Price Determination Date;
- (iii) the obligations of the Underwriters under each of the respective Underwriting Agreements becoming and remaining unconditional (including, if relevant, as a result of the waiver of any conditions by the Joint Bookrunners on behalf of the Underwriters) and not having been terminated in accordance with the terms of the respective agreements; and
- (iv) in each case on or before the dates and times specified in the respective Underwriting Agreements (unless and to the extent such conditions are validly waived on or before such dates and times) and in any event not later than December 4, 2009 which is 30 days after the date of this prospectus.

If, for any reason, the Offer Price is not agreed between the Company and the Joint Bookrunners (on behalf of the Underwriters) by November 11, 2009, the Global Offering 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. We will publish a notice of the lapse of the Hong Kong Public Offer in the South China Morning Post (in English) and the Hong Kong Economic Times (in Chinese) on the next day following such lapse. In such eventuality, all application monies will be returned, without interest, on the terms set forth in the section headed "How to apply for the Hong Kong Public Offer Shares" of this prospectus. In the meantime, all application monies will be held in (a) separate bank account(s) with the receiving bankers or other licensed bank(s) in Hong Kong licensed under the Banking Ordinance (Chapter 155 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (as amended).

We expect to issue share certificates for the Offer Shares on November 12, 2009. Share certificates for the Offer Shares will only become valid certificates of title at 8:00 a.m. on November 13, 2009 provided that (i) the Global Offering has become unconditional in all respects and (ii) the right of termination as described in the section headed "Underwriting — Underwriting Arrangements and Expenses — Hong Kong Public Offer — Grounds for termination" of this prospectus has not been exercised.