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FUTURE PLANS

Please see the section headed “Business — Our Business Strategies” in this prospectus for a detailed description of our future plans.

USE OF PROCEEDS

The net proceeds from the Global Offering, after deducting underwriting fees and estimated total expenses paid and payable by us in connection with the Global Offering, are estimated to be approximately HK\$2,010.7 million (equivalent to approximately US\$257.8 million) before any exercise of the Over-allotment Option, assuming an Offer Price of HK\$2.45 per Share, being the mid-point of the proposed Offer Price range of HK\$2.10 to HK\$2.80 per Share. We intend to use such net proceeds as follows:

- approximately HK\$603.2 million (equivalent to approximately US\$77.3 million, or approximately 30% of our total estimated net proceeds) for financing the exploration and development of the Chambishi Southeast Mine;
- approximately HK\$402.1 million (equivalent to approximately US\$51.6 million, or approximately 20% of our total estimated net proceeds) for financing the expansion of the Chambishi Copper Smelter;
- approximately HK\$100.5 million (equivalent to approximately US\$12.9 million, or approximately 5% of our total estimated net proceeds) for financing the Muliashi Project;
- approximately HK\$100.5 million (equivalent to approximately US\$12.9 million, or approximately 5% of our total estimated net proceeds) for financing the development of the Mwambashi Project;
- approximately HK\$301.6 million (equivalent to approximately US\$38.7 million, or approximately 15% of our total estimated net proceeds) for acquisitions of companies with existing exploration rights and additional mining assets. As of the Latest Practicable Date, we had not identified any acquisition targets;
- approximately HK\$301.6 million (equivalent to approximately US\$38.7 million, or approximately 15% of our total estimated net proceeds) for the repayment of certain existing loans; and
- the balance of the net proceeds to be used for working capital and other general corporate purposes.

If the Offer Price is set at the highest or lowest point of the indicative Offer Price range, the net proceeds of the Global Offering, assuming that the Over-allotment Option is not exercised, will increase to approximately HK\$2,305.7 million or decrease to approximately HK\$1,715.6 million, respectively. In such event, we will increase or decrease the intended use of the net proceeds for the above purposes on a pro-rata basis.

If the Over-allotment Option is exercised in full, the net proceeds from the Global Offering will increase to approximately HK\$2,320.5 million, assuming an Offer Price of HK\$2.45 per Share, being the mid-point of the proposed Offer Price range. If the Offer Price is set at the high-end or low-end of the proposed Offer Price range, the net proceeds of the Global Offering, including the

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proceeds from the exercise of the Over-allotment Option, will increase or decrease by approximately HK\$339.3 million or HK\$339.3 million, respectively. In such event, we will increase or decrease the allocation of the net proceeds to the above purposes on a pro-rata basis.

To the extent that the net proceeds of the Global Offering are not immediately used for the above purposes and to the extent permitted by the relevant laws and regulations, we intend to invest such net proceeds into short-term, interest-bearing and investment grade securities with licensed banks and/or financial institutions.