

**China Biotech Services Holdings Limited**  
**中國生物科技服務控股有限公司**  
*(incorporated in the Cayman Islands and continued in Bermuda  
with limited liability)*

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**SHARE OPTION SCHEME**

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## 1. **DEFINITIONS**

1.1 In this Scheme, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

“Actual Selling Price”	the proceeds from the sale of the Option Shares net of brokerage, Stock Exchange trading fee, SFC transaction levy and any other applicable costs;
“Adoption Date”	the date of adoption of this Scheme upon the fulfillment of the condition contained in paragraph 2;
“Allotment Date”	has the meaning as defined in paragraph 6.7;
“associate”	has the meaning as defined in the GEM Listing Rules;
“Auditors”	the auditors of the Company for the time being;
“Board”	the board of directors of the Company for the time being or a duly authorised committee thereof;
“Business Day”	any day on which the Stock Exchange is open for the business of dealing in securities listed thereon;
“Bye-laws”	the bye-laws of the Company as amended, supplemented or modified from time to time;
“close associate”	has the meaning as defined in the GEM Listing Rules;
“Company”	China Biotech Services Holdings Limited 中國生物科技服務控股有限公司, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands and continued in Bermuda with limited liability;
“connected person”	has the meaning as defined in the GEM Listing Rules;
“core connected person”	has the meaning as defined in the GEM Listing Rules;
“Directors”	the directors of the Company for the time being;
“Eligible Participant”	any person who is eligible to receive an Option under this Scheme, who could be (i) an Employee Participant; (ii) a Related Entity Participant; or (iii) a Service Provider, provided that no individual who is resident in a place where the grant, acceptance or vesting of an Option pursuant to this Scheme is not permitted under the laws and regulations of such place or where, in the view of the Board, compliance with applicable laws and regulations in such place makes it necessary or expedient to exclude such individual, shall be entitled to participate in this Scheme and such individual shall therefore be excluded from the term Eligible Participant
“Employee”	any director or employee (whether full time or part time) of

Participant(s)”	the Company or any of its subsidiaries (and including persons who are granted Option(s) under this Scheme as an inducement to enter into employment contracts with these companies)
“Exercise Period”	in respect of any Option, the period within which such Option may be exercised by the Grantee to be determined and notified by the Company to the Grantee at the time of making an Offer provided that such period shall not go beyond the day immediately prior to the tenth (10 <sup>th</sup> ) anniversary of the Offer Date with respect of the relevant Option;
“Exercise Price”	with respect to an Option, the price per Share at which the relevant Grantee may subscribe for the Shares on the exercise of such Option;
“GEM”	GEM operated by the Stock Exchange;
“GEM Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of the Stock Exchange as may be amended from time to time;
“Grantee”	any Eligible Participant who accepts the Offer in accordance with the terms of this Scheme or (where the context so permits and as referred in paragraph 6.6(1)) his Personal Representative;
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries from time to time;
“HK\$”	Hong Kong dollar, the lawful currency of Hong Kong for the time being;
“Hong Kong”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China;
“Minimum Period”	with respect to an Option, the period commencing on the Offer Date and ending on the day immediately prior to the expiry of the twelve (12)-month period;
“Offer”	an offer to an Eligible Participant for the grant of an Option;
“Offer Date”	the date on which an Offer is made to an Eligible Participant or the date as determined under paragraph 5.2;
“Offer Letter”	has the meaning as defined in paragraph 4.3;
“Option”	an Option which vests as a right to subscribe for Option Shares at the Exercise Price during the Exercise Period pursuant to this Scheme;
“Option Shares”	such number of new Shares as granted upon the exercise of an Option to a Grantee, to be determined by the Board and subject

		to the terms of the grant of the Options;
“Personal Representative”		with respect to an Eligible Participant or a Grantee, the person who has the authority to deal with the relevant Eligible Participant’s or Grantee’s estate in accordance with the laws of succession applicable in respect of the death of the relevant Eligible Participant or Grantee;
“Related Entity Participant(s)”		any director or employee (whether full time or part time) of the holding companies, fellow subsidiaries or associated companies of the Company;
“Remuneration Committee”		the remuneration committee of the Company;
“Scheme Mandate Limit”		has the meaning as defined in paragraph 10.1(1);
“Service Provider(s)”		any person (whether a natural person, a corporate entity or otherwise) who provides services to the Group on a continuing or recurring basis in its ordinary and usual course of business which are in the interests of the long-term growth of the Group (where the continuity and frequency of their services are akin to those of employees of the Group), and provided that placing agents or financial advisers providing advisory services for fundraising, mergers or acquisitions and professional service providers, such as auditors or valuers who provide assurance or are required to perform their services with impartiality and objectivity are excluded from such category;
“Service Provider Sublimit”	Provider	has the meaning as defined in paragraph 6.7
“SFC”		the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong;
“Share Registrar”		the branch share registrar and transfer office of the Company in Hong Kong for the time being;
“Shareholders”		holders of the Shares in issue from time to time;
“Shares”		ordinary shares in the capital of the Company, or, if there has been a sub-division, consolidation, re-classification or reconstruction of the share capital of the Company, shares forming part of the ordinary equity share capital of the Company of such other nominal amount as shall result from any such sub-division, consolidation, re-classification or reconstruction;
“Stock Exchange”		The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited;
“substantial		has the meaning as defined in the GEM Listing Rules;

shareholder”

“Termination Date” close of business of the Company on the date immediately preceding the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) anniversary of the Adoption Date, or such earlier date as this Scheme is terminated in accordance with paragraph 16;

“this Scheme” this share option scheme in its present form as set out in this document or as may be amended in accordance with paragraph 15; and

“Trust(s)” has the meaning as defined in paragraph 3.4;

“%” per cent.

1.2 In this Scheme, save where the context otherwise requires:

- (1) paragraph headings are for ease of reference only and shall be ignored in construing this Scheme;
- (2) references to paragraph or paragraphs are references to paragraph or paragraphs hereof;
- (3) words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- (4) words importing one gender include both genders and the neuter and vice versa;
- (5) references to persons include bodies corporate and unincorporated;
- (6) references to any statutory provisions or rules prescribed by any statutory bodies shall include the same as from time to time amended, consolidated and re-enacted; and
- (7) references to any statutory body shall include the successor thereof and anybody established to replace or assume the functions of the same.

## 2. **CONDITION**

The adoption of this Scheme is conditional upon the passing of an ordinary resolution to approve and adopt this Scheme by the Shareholders in a general meeting of the Company.

## 3. **PURPOSE, DURATION AND ADMINISTRATION**

3.1 The purpose of this Scheme is to provide incentive to the Eligible Participants in order to promote the development and success of the business of the Group. This Scheme will give the Eligible Participants an opportunity to have a personal stake in the Company and will help motivate the Eligible Participants in optimising their performance and efficiency and attract and retain the Eligible Participants whose contributions are important to the long-term growth of the Group. The Eligible Participants include Employee Participants, Related Entity Participants and Service Providers.

- 3.2 This Scheme shall be subject to the administration of the Board whose decision on all matters arising in relation to this Scheme or its interpretation or application or effect shall (save as otherwise provided herein and in the absence of manifest error) be final and binding. For the avoidance of doubt, subject to compliance with the requirements of the GEM Listing Rules and the provisions of this Scheme, the Board shall have the right to (1) interpret and construe the provisions of this Scheme; (2) determine the persons who will be offered Options under this Scheme, and the number of Shares and the Exercise Price in relation to such Options; (3) make such appropriate and equitable adjustments to the terms of Options granted under this Scheme as it may deem necessary; and (4) make such other decisions or determinations or regulations as it shall deem appropriate for the administration of this Scheme.
- 3.3 Subject to compliance with the GEM Listing Rules, the authority to administer this Scheme may be delegated by the Board to a committee of the Board or to any other person(s) deemed appropriate at the sole discretion of the Board.
- 3.4 The Company may establish one or more trusts (“**Trust(s)**”), which should be independent of the Company, and appoint one or more trustee(s) to hold Shares for the purposes of: (i) holding Option Shares allotted and issued by the Company and reserved for specified Eligible Participants; (ii) settling Options under paragraph 6.3(3); and (iii) taking other actions for the purposes of administering and implementing this Scheme. The trustee of the Trust shall be instructed by the Company. Any Shares issued to the Trust but not granted to Eligible Participants would be considered to have utilised the Scheme Mandate Limit.
- 3.5 In determining the basis of eligibility for the Employee Participants and Related Entity Participants, the factors in assessing whether any person is eligible to participate in this Scheme include: (1) the performance; (2) the skill, knowledge, experience, expertise and other personal qualities; (3) time commitment, responsibilities or employment conditions according to the prevailing market practice and industry standard; (4) the length of employment with the Group; and (5) the contribution or potential contribution to the development and growth of the Group. These may include (i) current employees with satisfactory performance, possess relevant experience and skills and/or have served the Group for a certain period of time, who have contributed and are expected to continue to contribute to the Group’s business and development; and (ii) new employees having the experience and skills that can potentially contribute to the Group’s business and development.
- 3.6 In making an assessment of eligibility for the Employee Participants and Related Entity Participants, the Board and the Remuneration Committee will consider qualitative factors and performance indicators which include (i) the responsibilities and contributions of the Employee Participants and Related Entity Participants in terms of quality of work and services, time management and client management abilities as well as team work; and (ii) the potential contributions of the Employee Participants and Related Entity Participants in terms of their abilities to bring in new connections or new businesses opportunities. Generally, the Company would also utilise its internal assessment system to appraise and evaluate whether the Employee Participants and Related Entity Participants will contribute to the long-term growth of the Group on a case-by-case basis. Specific weightings will be given to the factors set out above in order to provide a fair and objective appraisal of the Eligible Participants before Options will be granted, such that the grants will be on a fair and reasonable basis and in the interest of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole.

- 3.7 The Eligible Participants who are Service Providers may include, among others, consultants, advisors, suppliers, distributors, contractors and agents.
- 3.8 Consultants refer to those who apply their specialised skills and knowledge (i) to provide consultancy services and related professional services to any member of the Group on areas relating to the Group's principal business activities that are being carried out by the Group from time to time (including for example experts in immunotherapy, pharmaceuticals and the healthcare industry who support (a) the provision of tumor immune cell therapy services and boron neutron capture therapy, (b) research, development and the manufacture of health-related and pharmaceutical products and (c) provision of medical laboratory testing services and health check services); and (ii) to help maintain or enhance the competitiveness of the Group by for example introducing new business opportunities to any member of the Group, and management consultancy to upgrade the corporate image, digitization, and investor relations, which are desirable from a commercial or strategic perspective. Similar to consultants, advisors refer to those who apply their specialised skills and knowledge to provide advisory services in the two main areas set out in (i) and (ii) in the foregoing. They typically include experts who have stepped down from employment position. They may be veterans in their own fields or professionals with business connections which the Group may not be able to recruit them as employees.
- 3.9 In determining the basis of eligibility for the Service Providers who are consultants and advisors, the Board shall, in its absolute discretion, take into account
- (1) the performance of the Service Provider including its capability, expertise and technical know-how;
  - (2) its experience and network in the relevant industry;
  - (3) the frequency of collaboration and length of business relationship with the Group;
  - (4) the materiality and nature of the business relationship with the Group (such as whether they relate to the core business of the Group and whether such business dealings could be readily replaced by third parties and the relevant replacement costs);
  - (5) the background, reputation and track record of the Service Provider;
  - (6) the potential and/or actual contribution to the business affairs of the Group, and in particular, whether such Service Provider could bring positive impacts to the Group's business, such as an increase in revenue or profits or a reduction in costs attributable to or brought by services provided by such Service Provider;
  - (7) the business opportunities and external connections that the Service Provider has introduced or will potentially introduce to the Group; and
  - (8) other factors, including but not limited to the synergy between the Service Provider and the Group.
- 3.10 Suppliers refer to those who are engaged in businesses that supply the Group with goods and raw materials (including for example, (i) reagents, consumables and equipment for the provision of medical laboratory testing services and health check services, and (ii)



equipment and medical devices for immunotherapy) on a regular or recurring basis with which the Group would consider important to maintain a close business relationship on an ongoing basis. Distributors refer to those who are engaged in businesses that supply the Group with services in connection with distribution of its products (including for example health related and pharmaceutical products and equipment for immunotherapy) on a regular or recurring basis with which the Group would consider important to maintain a close business relationship on an ongoing basis. Contractor and agents refer to the same category of Service Providers that are engaged in businesses that contract with the Group, as principal or as agent, to provide important services to the Group on a regular or recurring in technology, logistics, procurement, marketing, manufacturing, research and development of products, human resources and public relations with which the Group would consider important to maintain a close business relationship on an ongoing basis.

- 3.11 In determining the basis of eligibility for the Service Providers who are suppliers, distributors, contractors and agents, the Board shall, in its absolute discretion, take into account:
- (1) the scale of the Service Provider's collaboration and business dealings with the Group;
  - (2) the ability of the Service Provider to maintain the quality of work and services;
  - (3) the performance of the Service Provider and track record, including whether the Service Provider has a proven track record of delivering quality services; and
  - (4) the length of business relationship between the Service Provider and the Group.
- 3.12 Subject to paragraph 2 and paragraph 16, this Scheme shall be valid and effective for the period commencing on the Adoption Date and expiring on the Termination Date, after which period no further Options will be granted but the provisions of this Scheme shall remain in force to the extent necessary to give effect to the exercise of any Options granted on or prior to the Termination Date or otherwise as may be required in accordance with the provisions of this Scheme.
- 3.13 A Grantee shall ensure that any exercise of his Option is valid and complies with all laws, legislations and regulations to which he is subject. The Board may, as a condition precedent of issuing Shares upon an exercise of an Option, require the relevant Grantee to produce such evidence as it may reasonably require for such purpose.
- 3.14 The Board may at its discretion determine and provide in the Offer Letter at the grant of the relevant Option any performance target(s) as the Board may then specify which must be achieved by the Grantee before any of the Options can be exercised, as well as the clawback mechanism for the Company to recover or withhold any Options granted to any Eligible Participants. Save as otherwise determined by the Board and provided in the Offer, there is no performance target which must be achieved before an Option can be exercised under the terms of this Scheme or any clawback mechanism for the Company to recover or withhold any Option granted to a Grantee.

#### **4. OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE**

- 4.1 Subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Scheme and the GEM Listing Rules, the Board shall be entitled (but shall not be bound), at any time and from time to time and within a period commencing on the Adoption Date and ending on the Termination Date (both dates inclusive), to make an Offer to such Eligible Participant as it may, in its absolute discretion, select, and subject to such conditions as the Board may think fit, provided that no such Offer shall be made if a prospectus is required to be issued under the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Chapter 32 of the Laws of Hong Kong) or any applicable laws or if such grant will result in the breach of any applicable securities laws and regulations in any jurisdiction by any member of the Group or any of the Directors.
- 4.2 No Offer shall be made by the Board:
- (1) after inside information (having the meaning as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong)) has come to its knowledge until (and including) the Business Day after such information has been announced by the Company pursuant to the requirements of the GEM Listing Rules;
  - (2) during the period commencing one (1) month immediately preceding the earlier of:
    - (i) the date of the meeting of the Board (as such date is first notified to the Stock Exchange in accordance with the GEM Listing Rules) for approving the Company's results for any year, half-year or quarter-year period or any other interim period (whether or not required under the GEM Listing Rules); and
    - (ii) the deadline for the Company to publish its results for any year, half-year or quarter-year period under the GEM Listing Rules, or any other interim period (whether or not required under the GEM Listing Rules),and ending on the date of the results announcements (or during any period of delay in publishing results announcements); and
  - (3) at a time when the relevant Eligible Participant would be prohibited from dealing in the Shares by the GEM Listing Rules (including the required standard of dealings in the securities as contained in Rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules).
- 4.3 An Offer shall be made to an Eligible Participant in writing (and unless so made shall be invalid) in such form as the Board may from time to time determine specifying the terms of the Option granted which may include number of Option Shares, the Exercise Price, the vesting criteria and conditions, the Exercise Period and, if any, the minimum performance targets that must be achieved and the clawback mechanism for the Company to recover or withhold any Options granted to any Eligible Participants, and any such other details as the Company may consider necessary (the "**Offer Letter**"), and requiring the Grantee to undertake to hold the Option on the terms of the Offer Letter and be bound by the provisions of this Scheme. An Offer shall remain open for acceptance by the Eligible Participant concerned (and by no other person, including the Eligible Participant's Personal Representative) for a period of twenty-one (21) days from the Offer Date. For the avoidance of doubt, the Board may at its discretion specify any condition in the Offer Letter, including conditions and/or performance target(s) that must be achieved before any of the Options can be exercised, as well the clawback mechanism for the Company to recover or withhold

any Options granted to any Eligible Participants.

- 4.4 An Offer shall be deemed to have been accepted by an Eligible Participant concerned in respect of all the Option Shares which are offered to such Eligible Participant when the duplicate letter comprising acceptance of the Offer duly signed by the Eligible Participant, together with a payment in favour of the Company of HK\$1.00 or such other amount (if any) that may be determined by the Board as consideration for the grant thereof, is received by the Company.
- 4.5 Any Offer may be accepted by an Eligible Participant in respect of less than the number of Option Shares which are offered provided that it is accepted in respect of a board lot for dealing in Shares on the Stock Exchange or an integral multiple thereof and such number is clearly stated in the duplicate letter comprising acceptance of the Offer duly signed by the Eligible Participant, and such letter, together with a payment (if any) in favour of the Company as consideration for the grant thereof, is received by the Company.
- 4.6 To the extent that the Offer is not accepted within the stated period in paragraph 4.3, it will be deemed to have been irrevocably declined and shall lapse.
- 4.7 Upon an Offer being accepted by an Eligible Participant in whole or in part in accordance with paragraph 4.4 or paragraph 4.5 (as the case may be), an Option in respect of the number of Shares in respect of which the Offer was so accepted will be deemed to have been granted by the Company to such Eligible Participant on the Offer Date.
- 4.8 The making of an Offer to any connected person of the Company or any of his associates must be approved by the independent non-executive Directors (excluding any independent non-executive Director who or whose associate is the proposed Grantee of an Option).

## **5. EXERCISE PRICE**

- 5.1 In respect of an Option, the Exercise Price shall, subject to any adjustments made pursuant to paragraph 11, be determined by the Board, in its absolute discretion, provided that it shall be not less than the highest of:
- (1) the closing price of the Shares as shown in the daily quotations sheet of the Stock Exchange on the Offer Date, which must be a Business Day;
  - (2) the average of the closing prices of the Shares as shown in the daily quotations sheets of the Stock Exchange for the five (5) consecutive days on which the Shares are traded on the Stock Exchange immediately preceding the Offer Date; and
  - (3) the nominal value of the Share on the Offer Date.
- 5.2 Where an Option is to be granted under paragraph 10.1(5), paragraph 10.1(6), paragraph 10.3 or paragraph 10.4, for the purposes of determining the Exercise Price in accordance with paragraph 5.1(1) above, the date of the meeting of the Board (or its authorised committee for the administration of this Scheme) or the Remuneration Committee (as the case may be) at which the Offer was proposed shall be taken to be the Offer Date for the relevant Option, and the provisions of paragraph 5.1 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

## **6. EXERCISE AND SETTLEMENT OF OPTIONS**

- 6.1 Subject to paragraph 6.2, an Option shall be personal to the Grantee and shall not be assignable or transferable and no Grantee shall in any way sell, transfer, charge, mortgage, encumber or create any interest whatsoever in favour of any third party over or in relation to any Option or enter into any agreement to do so. Any breach of the foregoing by a Grantee shall entitle the Company to cancel any Option or any part thereof granted to such Grantee to the extent not already exercised. For this purpose, a determination by the Board to the effect that a breach of this paragraph 6.1 has occurred shall be final and conclusive.
- 6.2 The Company may at its absolute discretion determine whether to apply to the Stock Exchange for a waiver to allow a transfer of an Option to a vehicle (such as trust or private company) for the benefit of the Grantee and any family members of such Grantee that would continue to meet purpose of this Scheme and comply with the requirements of Chapter 23 of the GEM Listing Rules. Where such waiver is granted, the Stock Exchange will require the Company to disclose the beneficiaries of the trust or the ultimate beneficial owners of the transferee vehicle.
- 6.3 (1) Subject to the terms of this Scheme and the fulfillment of all terms and conditions as set out in the Offer Letter, including the attainment of the performance targets (if any) stated therein, an Option shall be exercisable in whole or in part in the circumstances and in the manner as set out in this paragraph 6.3 by the Grantee (or, as the case may be, the Grantee's Personal Representative) giving notice in writing to the Company stating that the Option is thereby exercised and the number of Option Shares in respect of which it is so exercised.
- (2) Each of such notice must be accompanied by a remittance for the full amount of the Exercise Price for the Option Shares in respect of which the notice is given.
- (3) Within twenty-one (21) days (or such longer period if the Company in its sole discretion considers it appropriate due to applicable legal or regulatory restrictions) after receipt of the notice and the remittance and, where appropriate, receipt of the Auditors' or independent financial adviser's certificate pursuant to paragraph 11, the Company shall, at its discretion, arrange for the Option Shares exercised to be satisfied in the following methods:
- (i) allot and issue the relevant number of Shares to the Grantee (or the Grantee's estate in the event of an exercise by the Grantee's Personal Representative) credited as fully paid and instruct the Share Registrar to issue to the Grantee (or the Grantee's estate in the event of an exercise by the Grantee's Personal Representative) a share certificate for the Shares so allotted and issued;
- (ii) arrange for the Option Shares exercised to be transferred to the Grantee (or the Grantee's estate in the event of an exercise by the Grantee's Personal Representative) credited as fully paid and issue to the Grantee (or the Grantee's estate in the event of an exercise by the Grantee's Personal Representative) a share certificate in respect of the Shares so transferred;
- (iii) pay to the Grantee (or the Grantee's estate in the event of an exercise by the Grantee's Personal Representative) by remittance to the bank account designated and provided by the Grantee (or the Grantee's Personal

Representative), the Actual Selling Price from on-market sale of the Option Shares exercised through the facilities of the Stock Exchange at prevailing market prices; and

- (iv) arrange for the Option Shares exercised to be issued or designated as vested shares held for the economic benefit of the Grantee (or the Grantee's estate in the event of an exercise by the Grantee's Personal Representative), following which, the Grantee (or the Grantee's estate in the event of an exercise by the Grantee's Personal Representative) shall be entitled to future dividends paid or payable on the Option Shares exercised and the Grantee (or the Grantee's Personal Representative) will have a one-time option to request the Company to cause payment to the Grantee (or the Grantee's estate in the event of an exercise by the Grantee's Personal Representative) by remittance to the bank account designated and provided by the Grantee, the difference in the prevailing market prices of the Option Shares exercised between the vesting date and the date that the Grantee notifies the Company of exercising the one-time option.

6.4 Save for the circumstances prescribed in paragraph 6.5 and paragraph 6.6(5)(a), an Option must be held by the Grantee for a period that is not shorter than the Minimum Period before the Option can be exercised.

6.5 For the grant of Options to the Employee Participants (and for the avoidance of doubt, Eligible Participants who are Related Entity Participants and Service Providers are excluded), the Board may at its absolute discretion determine a vesting period shorter than the Minimum Period in the following specific circumstances:

- (a) grants of "make-whole" Options to new joiners to replace the option and/or award shares they forfeited when leaving the previous employers;
- (b) grants to an Employee Participant whose employment is terminated due to death or disability or occurrence of any out of control event;
- (c) grants that are made in batches during a year for administrative and compliance reasons, which include Options that should have been granted earlier if not for such administrative or compliance reasons but had to wait for subsequent batch;
- (d) grants of Options with a mixed or accelerated vesting schedule such as where the Options may vest evenly over a period of twelve (12) months; or
- (e) grants with performance-based vesting conditions in lieu of time-based vesting criteria,

each of which is considered appropriate to provide flexibility to grant Options (1) as part of competitive terms and conditions to induce valuable talent to join the Group (sub-paragraphs (a) and (d)); (2) to reward past contribution which may otherwise be neglected due to administrative or technical reasons (sub-paragraphs (b) and (c)); (3) to reward exceptional performers with accelerated vesting (sub-paragraph (d)); (4) to motivate exceptional performers based on performance metrics rather than time (sub-paragraph (e)); and (5) in exceptional circumstances where justified (sub-paragraphs (a) to (e)), which is consistent with the purpose of this Scheme.

- 6.6 Subject as hereinafter provided, an Option may be exercised by the Grantee at any time during the Exercise Period provided that:

*Death*

- (1) in the event that the Grantee ceases to be an Eligible Participant by reason of the person's death before exercising the Option in full, and provided that none of the events which would be a ground for termination of the person's employment or directorship under paragraph 6.6(3) arises, the Grantee's Personal Representative may exercise the Options (to the extent vested but not already exercised) in whole or in part in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6.3 within one hundred and eighty (180) days following the date of death, or such longer period as the Board may determine, and any Options not exercised shall lapse upon the expiration of the abovementioned period.

*Injury, disability, ill-health, retirement or termination of the Grantee's employment*

- (2) in the event that the Grantee, by reason of the Grantee's employment with any member of the Group, ceases to be an Eligible Participant by reason of injury, disability, ill-health, retirement as an employee in accordance with the Grantee's contract of employment (all evidenced to the satisfaction of the Board), or the termination of the Grantee's employment with the Company provided that none of the events which would be a ground for termination of the Grantee's employment or directorship under paragraph 6.6(3) arises, before exercising the Option in full, the Grantee may exercise the Option (to the extent vested but not already exercised) in whole or in part in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6.3 within (a) three (3) months in the case of voluntary termination by the Grantee, or (b) six (6) months in the case of termination by reason of injury, disability, ill health or retirement, following the date of such cessation, or such longer period as the Board may determine, and any Option not exercised shall lapse upon the expiration of the abovementioned period, or, if any of the events referred to in paragraph 6.6(5), occurs during such period, exercise the Option pursuant to paragraph 6.6(5). The date of cessation as aforesaid shall be the last day on which the Grantee is actually at work with the relevant member of the Group whether salary is paid in lieu of notice or not;

*Termination of employment for misconduct, bankruptcy, etc*

- (3) in the event that the Grantee ceases to be an Eligible Participant by reason of termination of his employment with any member of the Group on any one or more of the following grounds:
- (a) that the Grantee has been guilty of serious misconduct;
  - (b) that the Grantee has been convicted of any criminal offence involving the person's integrity or honesty or in relation to any member of the Group (if so determined by the Board);
  - (c) that the Grantee has become insolvent, bankrupt or has made arrangements or compositions with the Grantee's creditors generally; or

- (d) on any other ground as determined by the Board that would warrant the termination of the Grantee's employment at common law or pursuant to any applicable laws or under the Grantee's service contract with any member of the Group,

before exercising the Option in full, the Grantee's Option (to the extent not already exercised) shall lapse automatically on the date of cessation and shall no longer be exercisable, or such other date as the Board may determine;

*Other reasons*

- (4) in the event that the Grantee ceases to be an Eligible Participant for any reason other than the reasons specified in paragraphs 6.6(1) to 6.6(3), the Grantee's Option (to the extent vested but not already exercised) shall lapse and shall not be exercisable on the date of cessation provided that in each case, the Board may, in its absolute discretion, decide that such Option or any part thereof shall not so lapse or determine such conditions or limitations to which the exercise of such Option will be subject to;

*Corporate transactions*

- (5) (a) If there is an event of change in control of the Company as the result of a merger, scheme of arrangement or general offer, or in the event of a dissolution or liquidation of the Company, the Company shall at its sole discretion determine whether the vesting dates of any Options to the Employee Participants (and for the avoidance of doubt, Eligible Participants who are Related Entity Participants and Service Providers are excluded) will be accelerated and/or determine such conditions or limitations to which the exercise of such Option will be subject.
- (b) For the purpose of paragraph 6.6(5)(1), "control" shall have the meaning as specified in the Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs issued by the SFC from time to time.

6.7 Options do not carry any right to vote at any general meeting of the Company, nor any right to dividends, transfer or other rights, including those arising on the liquidation of the Company. No Grantee shall enjoy any of the rights of a Shareholder by virtue of the grant of an Option unless and until the Shares underlying an Option are issued and delivered to the Grantee pursuant to the vesting and exercise of such Option. Shares allotted and issued upon the exercise of an Option will be subject to all the provisions of the Bye-laws and will rank *pari passu* in all respects with the other existing Shares in issue on the date of allotment and issue of the relevant Shares (the "**Allotment Date**") other than any dividend or other distribution previously declared or recommended or resolved to be paid or made if the record date therefor shall be before the Allotment Date. The Shares allotted and issued upon the exercise of an Option shall not carry any right of a Shareholder (including voting rights) until registration of the Grantee as the holder thereof on the register of members of the Company.

7. **PERFORMANCE TARGET(S)**

- 7.1 The Board may at its discretion determine and provide in the Offer Letter at the grant of the relevant Option any performance target(s) as the Board may then specify which must be achieved by the Grantee before any of the Options can be exercised, as well as the clawback mechanism for the Company to recover or withhold any Options granted to any Eligible Participants.
- 7.2 Specifically, if performance targets are imposed on a Grantee at the grant of the relevant Option, the Board will have regard to the purpose of this Scheme in assessing the reasonableness and suitability of such performance targets, with reference to factors including but not limited to, as and when appropriate:
- (a) sales performance (e.g. revenue) of the Group;
  - (b) operating performance (e.g. operation efficiency) of the Group;
  - (c) financial performance (e.g. profits, cash flow, earnings, market capitalisation and return on equity) of the Group;
  - (d) corporate sustainability parameters (e.g. adherence to corporate culture); and
  - (e) personal qualities (e.g. discipline, punctuality, integrity and compliance with internal procedures and controls) of the Grantee,
- the satisfaction of which shall be assessed and determined by the Board at its discretion.
- 7.3 The Company will also utilise its internal assessment system to appraise and evaluate whether the Eligible Participants will contribute to the long-term growth of the Group on a case-by-case basis. Specifically, the Eligible Participants' expected contribution will be considered with reference to factors including but not limited to their past contributions to the Group, the nature of job duties or services, position within or related to the Group and other features including geographical location, business strategy focus and corporate culture. Specific weightings will be given to the factors above in order to provide a fair and objective appraisal of the Eligible Participants before Options will be granted, such that the grants will be on a fair and reasonable basis and in the interest of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole.

## **8. CLAWBACK MECHANISM**

- 8.1 If the clawback mechanism is prescribed, at the Board's discretion, on a Grantee at the grant of the relevant Option, in the event that:
- (a) a Grantee's employment has been terminated summarily;
  - (b) a Grantee has been convicted of any criminal offence involving his or her integrity or honesty; or
  - (c) a Grantee has been involved in any wrongdoing that brings the Group into disrepute or causes damages to the Group (including but not limited to causing a material misstatement in the Company's financial statements),

any outstanding Options not yet vested shall be immediately forfeited, unless the Board determines otherwise at its discretion. If the Board exercises such discretion, it may give



(but is not obliged to) the relevant Grantee written notice and the Board's interpretation of and determination shall be final, conclusive and binding.

- 8.2 The Options that are clawed back pursuant to paragraph 8.1 will be regarded as cancelled and as utilised for the purpose of calculating the Scheme Mandate Limit and Service Provider Sublimit.

## **9. EARLY TERMINATION OF EXERCISE PERIOD**

- 9.1 The Exercise Period in respect of any Option shall automatically terminate and that Option (to the extent vested but not already exercised) shall automatically lapse on the earliest of:

- (1) subject to paragraph 6.6, the expiry of the Exercise Period;
- (2) the date on which the Grantee commits a breach of paragraph 6.1;
- (3) the expiry of any of the periods referred to in paragraph 6.6; and
- (4) the date of the commencement of the winding-up of the Company.

- 9.2 A resolution of the Board to the effect that the employment or directorship of a Grantee has or has not been terminated on one or more of the grounds specified in paragraph 6.6(3) shall be conclusive and binding on the Grantee.

## **10. SCHEME LIMITS AND ADDITIONAL APPROVALS**

- 10.1 Subject to the GEM Listing Rules:

### *The Scheme Mandate Limit*

- (1) the total number of Shares which may be issued in respect of all Options which may be granted at any time under this Scheme together with options which may be granted under any other schemes of the Company shall not exceed such number of Shares representing 10% of the Shares in issue (excluding treasury shares) as at the Adoption Date (the "**Scheme Mandate Limit**"). Options lapsed in accordance with the terms of this Scheme (and other schemes of the Company) will not be regarded as utilised for the purpose of calculating the Scheme Mandate Limit;
- (2) if the Company conducts a share consolidation or sub-division after the Scheme Mandate Limit has been approved in general meeting, the maximum number of Shares that may be issued in respect of all options and awards to be granted under all of the schemes of the Company under the Scheme Mandate Limit as a percentage of the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares) at the date immediately before and after such consolidation or sub-division shall be the same, rounded to the nearest whole share;

### *The Service Provider Sublimit*

- (3) subject to paragraphs (1) and (2) above, the total number of Shares which may be issued in respect of all Options which may be granted at any time under the Scheme together with options and awards which may be granted under any other share

schemes for the time being of the Company to Service Providers shall not exceed such number of Shares as equals to 1% of the Shares in issue (excluding treasury shares) as at the Adoption Date (the “**Service Provider Sublimit**”) within the Scheme Mandate Limit. Options lapsed in accordance with the terms of this Scheme will not be regarded as utilised for the purpose of calculating the Service Provider Sublimit;

*Refreshment*

- (4) (a) the Company may seek approval of the Shareholders in a general meeting of the Company to refresh the Scheme Mandate Limit and/or the Service Provider Sublimit under this Scheme on or after the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) anniversary of the date of the Shareholders’ approval for the last refreshment or the Adoption Date (the “**3-year Period**”). The total number of Shares which may be issued upon exercise of all (i) the Options under this Scheme and (ii) the options and awards to be granted under any other schemes of the Company as “refreshed” must not exceed 10% of the Shares in issue (excluding treasury shares) as at the date of approval of the refreshment. For the purpose of seeking approval of the Shareholders under this paragraph 10.1(4), the Company must send a circular to the Shareholders containing the number of options and awards that were already granted under the existing Scheme Mandate Limit, the reason for the refreshment, and any other the information required under the GEM Listing Rules; and
- (b) any refreshment within any 3-year Period shall be subject to independent Shareholders’ approval pursuant to Rule 23.03C(1)(b) and (c) of the GEM Listing Rules;

*Grant in excess of the Scheme Mandate Limit*

- (5) the Company may seek separate approval of the Shareholders in a general meeting of the Company for granting Options exceeding the Scheme Mandate Limit provided that the Options in excess of the Scheme Mandate Limit are granted only to Eligible Participants specifically identified by the Company before such approval is sought. For the purpose of seeking approval of the Shareholders under this paragraph 10.1(5), the Company must send a circular to the Shareholders containing the name of each Eligible Participant who may be granted such Option, the number and terms of such Option to be granted to each Eligible Participant, the purpose of granting such Option to the Eligible Participant with an explanation as to how the terms of such Option serve such purpose and such information as required under Rule 23.03C(3) of the GEM Listing Rules. The number and terms (including the Exercise Price) of the Options to be granted to such Eligible Participant must be fixed before the Shareholders’ approval. For the grant of Options, the date of Board meeting for proposing such grant should be taken as the date of grant for the purpose of calculating the Exercise Price;

*The 1% individual limit*

- (6) (a) where any grant of an Option to an Eligible Participant would result in the Shares issued and to be issued in respect of all options granted to such Eligible Participant under this Scheme and any other schemes of the

Company (excluding any options and awards lapsed in accordance with the terms of the relevant schemes) in the twelve (12)-month period up to and including the date of such grant representing in aggregate over 1% of the Shares in issue (excluding treasury shares), such grant must be separately approved by the Shareholders in a general meeting of the Company with such Eligible Participant and his close associates (or associates if the Eligible Participant is a connected person) abstaining from voting; and

- (b) the Company must send a circular to the Shareholders and the circular must disclose the identity of the Eligible Participant, the number and terms of the Options to be granted (and Options previously granted to such Eligible Participant during the twelve (12)-month period), the purpose of granting the Options to the Eligible Participant, an explanation as to how the terms of the Options serve such purpose and such information as may be required by the Stock Exchange from time to time. The number and terms (including the Exercise Price) of the Option to be granted to such Eligible Participant must be fixed before the Shareholders' approval. For the grant of Options, the date of the meeting of the Board for proposing such grant should be taken as the Offer Date for the purpose of calculating the Exercise Price.

*Offer to a Director, chief executive or substantial shareholder of the Company, or any of their respective associates*

10.2 Any grant of an Option to any of the Directors, chief executive or substantial shareholder of the Company, or any of their respective associates must be approved by the independent non-executive Directors (excluding any independent non-executive Director who or whose associate is the proposed Grantee of the Option).

10.3 (a) Where any grant of an Option to an independent non-executive Director or a substantial shareholder of the Company, or any of their respective associates, would result in the Shares issued and to be issued in respect of all options granted under this Scheme or any other schemes of the Company (excluding any options lapsed in accordance with the terms of the relevant schemes) to such person in the twelve (12)-month period up to and including the date of such grant representing in aggregate over 0.1% of the Shares in issue (excluding treasury shares), such grant of Option must be approved by the Shareholders in a general meeting of the Company.

- (b) In the circumstances described in paragraph 10.3(a), above, the Company must send a circular to the Shareholders which must contain (i) details of the number and terms of the Options to be granted to each Eligible Participant, which must be fixed before the Shareholders' meeting, and in respect of any Options to be granted, the date of the Board meeting for proposing such further grant is to be taken as the date of grant for the purpose of calculating the exercise price under Rule 23.03E of the GEM Listing Rules; (ii) the views of the independent non-executive Directors (excluding any independent non-executive Director who is the Grantee) as to whether the terms of the grant are fair and reasonable and whether such grant is in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole, and their recommendation to the independent Shareholders as to voting; (iii) information relating to any Directors who are trustees of the Share Scheme or have a direct or indirect interest in the trustees; (iv) particulars of shareholding of any Shareholder who is required to

abstain from voting as required under Rule 2.28 of the GEM Listing Rules; and (v) such other information as required under the GEM Listing Rules.

- (c) The Grantee, his associates and all core connected persons of the Company must abstain from voting in favour of the proposed grant at such general meeting. Parties that are required to abstain from voting in favour of the proposed grant at the general meeting of the Company pursuant to the GEM Listing Rules may vote against the resolution at the general meeting of the Company, provided that their intention to do so has been stated in the relevant circular to the Shareholders.
- (d) Any vote taken at the general meeting of the Company to approve the grant of such Option must be taken on a poll and comply with the requirements under the GEM Listing Rules.

10.4 Any change in the terms of Options granted to an Eligible Participant who is a director, chief executive or substantial shareholder of the Company, or any of their respective associates must be approved by the Shareholders in the manner as set out in the GEM Listing Rules if the initial grant of the Options requires such approval (except where the changes take effect automatically under the existing terms of this Scheme).

10.5 Applications shall be made by the Company to the Listing Committee (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) for the listing of and the permission to deal in any Shares that may fall to be allotted and issued under this Scheme.

## **11. REORGANISATION OF CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

11.1 In the event of any alteration in the capital structure of the Company whilst any Option remains exercisable or this Scheme remains in effect, and such event arises from a capitalisation issue, rights issue, consolidation, sub-division or reduction of the share capital of the Company (other than an issue of Shares as consideration in respect of a transaction), then, in respect of any such adjustments (other than an adjustment made due to capitalisation issue) the Company shall instruct the Auditors or independent financial adviser to certify in writing to the Board the adjustment, if any, that ought in their opinion fairly and reasonably to be made either generally or as regards any particular Grantee, to:

- (1) the number or nominal amount of Shares to which this Scheme or any Options relates (insofar as it is/they are unexercised); and/or
- (2) the Exercise Price of any unexercised Option,

and an adjustment as so certified by the Auditors or the independent financial adviser shall be made, provided that:

- (a) no such adjustment shall be made the effect of which would be to enable a Share to be issued at less than its nominal value;
- (b) any such adjustment shall be made on the basis that a Grantee shall be given the same proportion of the issued share capital of the Company for which such Grantee would have been entitled to subscribe had the person exercised all the Options held by him immediately prior to such event (as interpreted in accordance with FAQ No. 072-2020 or any further or updated guidance or interpretation of the GEM

Listing Rules issued by the Stock Exchange from time to time);

- (c) the issue of securities of the Company or as consideration in a transaction shall not be regarded as a circumstance requiring any such adjustment; and
- (d) in respect of any such adjustments, the Auditors or the independent financial adviser must confirm to the Board in writing that the adjustments satisfy the requirements set out above, the requirements of the note to Rule 23.03(13) of the GEM Listing Rules, FAQ 072-2020, any relevant provisions of the GEM Listing Rules and any guidance or interpretation of the GEM Listing Rules issued by the Stock Exchange and the notes thereto from time to time.

Subject to the above principles and certification procedures and any further or updated guidance or interpretation of the GEM Listing Rules issued by the Stock Exchange from time to time, the default method of adjustment is set out below:

- (1) In the case of a capitalisation issue or rights issue, the Company would calculate the adjusted number of Options and adjusted exercise price by applying the formula prescribed (and as updated from time to time) by the Stock Exchange in section A(a) and A(b), respectively, of the “Appendix to Supplementary Guidance on GEM Listing Rule 23.03(13) and the Note Immediately After the Rule” (the “**Supplemental Guidance**”) to FAQ No. 072-2020 published by the Stock Exchange, set out below:

New number of Options = Existing Options x F

New Exercise Price = Existing exercise Price x  $\frac{1}{F}$

Where

F = CUM / TEEP

CUM = Closing price as shown in the daily quotation sheet of the Stock Exchange on the last day of trading before going ex-entitlement

TEEP (Theoretical ex entitlement price) =  $\frac{CUM + [M \times R]}{1 + M}$

M = Entitlement per existing Share

R = Subscription price

- (2) In the case of a consolidation, subdivision or reduction of share capital, the Company would calculate the adjusted number of Options and exercise price by applying the formula prescribed (and as updated from time to time) by the Stock Exchange in section B of the Supplemental Guidance, set out below:

New number of Options = Existing Options x F

New Exercise Price = Existing exercise Price x  $\frac{1}{F}$

## F

Where  $F$  = Subdivision or consolidation or reduction factor

Any dispute arising in connection with the number of Shares of an Option and any of the matters referred to this section shall be referred to the decision of the Auditors or the independent financial advisers of the Company who shall act as experts and not as arbitrators and whose decision, in the absence of manifest error, shall be final, conclusive and binding on all persons who may be affected thereby.

- 11.2 If there has been any alteration in the capital structure of the Company as referred in paragraph 11.1, the Company shall, upon receipt of a notice from a Grantee exercising his Option in accordance with paragraph 6.3, inform the Grantee of such alteration and shall either inform the Grantee of the adjustment to be made in accordance with the certificate of the Auditors or the independent financial adviser obtained by the Company for such purpose, or if no such certificate has yet been obtained, inform the Grantee of such fact and instruct the Auditors or an independent financial adviser as soon as practicable thereafter to issue a certificate in that regard in accordance with paragraph 11.1.
- 11.3 In giving any certificate under this paragraph 11, the Auditors and independent financial adviser shall be deemed to be acting as experts and not as arbitrators and their certificate shall, in the absence of manifest error, be final, conclusive and binding on the Company and all persons who may be affected thereby.

## 12. VOTING OF UNVESTED SHARES

- 12.1 The trustee of the Trust holding unvested Option Shares, whether directly or indirectly, shall abstain from voting on matters that require Shareholders' approval under the GEM Listing Rules.

## 13. CANCELLATION OF OPTIONS

- 13.1 Subject to paragraphs 6.1 and 6.6, the Board may cancel any Option granted but unexercised (whether or not vested), on such terms and conditions and with the consent of the relevant Grantee, as the Board may in its absolute discretion see fit and in a manner that complies with all applicable legal requirements for such cancellation.
- 13.2 Where the Company cancels any Options granted but unexercised (whether or not vested) or any Options granted but not vested, and makes a new grant to the same Grantee, such new grant may only be made under this Scheme with the available limit approved by the Shareholders as set out in paragraph 10.1. The Options cancelled will be regarded as utilised for the purpose of calculating the Scheme Mandate Limit and Service Provider Sublimit.

## 14. SHARE CAPITAL

The exercise of any Option shall be subject to the Company having sufficient share capital for the allotment and issuance of the Share that may fall to be allotted and issued upon exercise of the Option.

## 15. ALTERATION OF THIS SCHEME

This Scheme may be altered in any respect by a resolution of the Board provided that:

- (a) any alteration to the terms and conditions of this Scheme which is of a material nature or any alteration in relation to any matter contained in Rule 23.03 of the GEM Listing Rules to the advantage of the Eligible Participants must be approved by the Shareholders in a general meeting of the Company;
- (b) any change to the terms of Options granted to a Grantee must be approved by the Board, the Remuneration Committee, the independent non-executive Directors and/or the Shareholders (as the case may be) if the initial grant of the Options was approved by the Board, the Remuneration Committee, the independent non-executive Directors and/or the Shareholders (as the case may be) (except any changes which take effect automatically under the terms of this Scheme);
- (c) any change to the authority of the Directors or the administrator of this Scheme to alter the terms of this Scheme must be approved by the Shareholders in a general meeting of the Company;
- (d) the amended terms of this Scheme or the Options shall remain in compliance with Chapter 23 of the GEM Listing Rules; and
- (e) no such alteration shall operate to affect adversely the terms of issue of any Option granted or agreed to be granted prior to such alteration except with the consent or sanction of such majority of the Grantees as would be required of the Shareholders under the memorandum of association of the Company and the Bye-laws being for a variation of the rights attached to Shares.

## **16. TERMINATION**

The Company may at any time terminate the operation of this Scheme by an ordinary resolution in a general meeting of the Company. In such event, no further Options will be offered but in all other respects, the provisions of this Scheme shall remain in force to the extent necessary to give effect to the exercise of any Options granted prior thereto or otherwise as may be required in accordance with the provisions of this Scheme and the Options granted prior to such termination shall continue to be valid and exercisable in accordance with this Scheme.

## **17. MISCELLANEOUS**

- 17.1 This Scheme shall not form part of any contract of employment or services between any member of the Group and any Eligible Participant. The rights and obligations of any such Eligible Participant under the terms of his office or employment or provision of services shall not be affected by his participation in this Scheme or any right which the person may have to participate in it and this Scheme shall afford such an Eligible Participant no additional rights to compensation or damages in consequence of the termination of such office or employment or provision of services for any reason.
- 17.2 This Scheme shall not confer on any person any legal or equitable rights (other than those constituting the Options themselves) against any member of the Group directly or indirectly or give rise to any cause of action at law or in equity against any member of the Group.

- 17.3 The Company shall bear the costs of establishing and administering this Scheme, including any costs of the Auditors and the independent financial advisers in relation to the preparation of any certificate by them or providing any other service in relation to this Scheme.
- 17.4 Any direct costs and expenses arising on the vesting and issue of the Option Shares to or for the benefit of a Grantee shall be borne by the Company.
- 17.5 Any duty or other costs and expenses arising on the sale of the Option Shares and payment of the Actual Selling Price or economic benefits as contemplated by paragraph 6.3(3)(iii) or paragraph 6.3(3)(iv) shall be borne by the Grantee and deducted from the amount payable to the Grantee pursuant to paragraph 6.3(3)(iii) or paragraph 6.3(3)(iv).
- 17.6 A Grantee shall pay all tax and discharge all other liabilities to which he may become subject as a result of his participation in this Scheme or the exercise of any Option. The Company will not be responsible for any tax or other liability to which a Grantee may become subject as a result thereof.
- 17.7 The Group may withhold such amount and make such arrangements as it considers necessary to meet any liability to taxation or social security contributions in respect of Options or Option Shares.
- 17.8 Any notice or other communication between the Company and the Grantee in connection with this Scheme may be given by sending the same:
- (1) to the Company, by prepaid post or personal delivery to its principal place of business in Hong Kong at the time or such other address as notified to the Eligible Participants from time to time; and
  - (2) to the Grantee, by prepaid post, personal delivery or email to postal address, home address or work e-mail address to the records of the Company or such other address as the Company considers appropriate.

Any notice or other communication if sent by the Grantee shall be irrevocable and shall not be effective until actually received by the Company. Any notice or other communication if sent to the Grantee shall be deemed to be given or made:

- (a) one (1) day after the date of posting, if sent by mail;
  - (b) seven (7) days after the date of posting to an address in a different territory;
  - (c) upon completion of transmission if sent by facsimile or other form of electric transmissions; and
  - (d) when delivered, if delivered by hand.
- 17.9 A Grantee shall, before accepting an Offer or exercising his Option, obtain all necessary consents and approvals that may be required to enable him to accept the Offer or to exercise the Option or to be allotted and issued the Shares falling to be allotted and issued upon the exercise of his Option in accordance with the provisions of this Scheme. By accepting an Offer or exercising his Option, such Grantee is deemed to have represented to the Company



that he has obtained all necessary consents and approvals. Compliance with this paragraph 17.9 shall be a condition precedent to an acceptance of an Offer by a Grantee and an exercise by a Grantee of his Option. The Company will not grant any Option or vest any Option Shares or allot and issue any Option Share to a Grantee unless, if so requested by the Company, the Grantee proves to the satisfaction of the Company that all necessary consents or registrations have been obtained or duly made. Each Grantee undertakes to indemnify and holds harmless each and every member of the Group against any action, claim, demand, investigation, loss, liability, damages or fine made or brought and all costs, fees and expenses relating thereto against any member of the Group which results or may have resulted, directly or indirectly, from his/her failure to obtain the necessary consents and file or complete the necessary registrations.

17.10 By accepting an Offer a Grantee shall be deemed irrevocably to have waived any entitlement, by way of compensation for loss of office or otherwise howsoever to any sum or other benefit to compensate him for loss of any rights under this Scheme.

**18. GOVERNING LAW**

This Scheme and all the Options granted hereunder are governed by and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of Hong Kong.