
EXPECTED TIMETABLE

2002

Application lists open (*Note 2*) 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, 30th May

Latest time for lodging **WHITE** and **YELLOW**

application forms 12:00 noon on Thursday, 30th May

Application lists close (*Note 2*) 12:00 noon on Thursday, 30th May

Announcement of the results of the applications and basis of allotment

of the New Issue to be published in the Hong Kong iMail (in English)

and the Hong Kong Economic Journal (in Chinese) on or before Tuesday, 4th June

Despatch of share certificates and/or refund cheques in respect of
wholly or partially unsuccessful applications on or before

(*Notes 3 and 4*) Wednesday, 5th June

Dealings in the Shares on the Stock Exchange commence on Friday, 7th June

Notes:

1. All times refer to Hong Kong local time.
2. If there is a “black” rainstorm warning signal or a tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above in force in Hong Kong at any time between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Thursday, 30th May, 2002 in Hong Kong, the application lists will not open or close on that day. See the paragraph headed “Effect of bad weather on the opening of the application lists” under the section headed “How to apply for the New Shares” on page 60 of this prospectus.
3. Refund cheques will be issued in respect of wholly or partially unsuccessful applications. Applicants who have applied for 1,000,000 New Shares or more on **WHITE** or **YELLOW** application forms and have indicated in their application forms that they wish to do so may collect refund cheques and, where applicable, share certificates in person from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 5th June, 2002. Further details of the collection procedure are set out in the paragraph headed “Collection/despatch of Share certificate(s)/refund cheque(s) and deposit of Share certificates into CCASS” under the section headed “How to apply for the New Shares” of this prospectus.
4. Uncollected share certificates and/or refund cheques will be despatched by ordinary post at the applicants’ own risk to the addresses specified in the relevant application forms. Further information is set out in the section headed “How to apply for the New Shares”.

For details of the structure of the New Issue, including its conditions, please see the section headed “Structure of the New Issue” on page 55 in this prospectus.