
EXPECTED TIMETABLE

Latest time ⁽¹⁾ to lodge white and yellow application forms . . .	12:00 noon on Wednesday, September 13, 2006
Latest time to give electronic application instructions to HKSCC ⁽²⁾	12:00 noon on Wednesday, September 13, 2006
Application lists open ⁽³⁾	11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 2006
Application lists close	12:00 noon on Wednesday, September 13, 2006
Expected Price Determination Date ⁽⁴⁾	Friday, September 15, 2006
Announcement of the Offer Price	Monday, September 18, 2006
Announcement of	
• the indication of level of interest in the International Offering;	
• the results of applications in the Hong Kong Public Offering (with successful applicants’ identification document numbers, where appropriate); and	
• the basis of allotment of the Hong Kong Offer Shares,	
to be published in South China Morning Post (in English), and Hong Kong Economic Times (in Chinese), on or before	Thursday, September 21, 2006
Dispatch of H Share certificates ⁽⁵⁾ and refund checks on or before	Thursday, September 21, 2006
Dealings in H Shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange expected to commence on	Friday, September 22, 2006

(1) All times refer to Hong Kong local time.

(2) Applicants who apply for Hong Kong Offer Shares by giving electronic application instructions to HKSCC should refer to the section headed “How to Apply for Hong Kong Offer Shares — 5. Applying by Giving Electronic Application Instructions to HKSCC.”

(3) If there is a tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above, or a “black” rainstorm warning on Wednesday, September 13, 2006, the application lists will not open on that day. See “How to Apply for Hong Kong Offer Shares — 6. When May Applications Be Made — (d) Effect of Bad Weather Conditions on the Opening of the Application Lists.”

(4) The Price Determination Date is expected to be on or about Friday, September 15, 2006 and in any event no later than Tuesday, September 19, 2006. If, for any reason, the Offer Price is not agreed on or before Tuesday, September 19, 2006 between us and the Joint Bookrunners (on behalf of the Underwriters), the Global Offering (including the Hong Kong Public Offering) will not proceed.

(5) H Share certificates will only become valid certificates of title if the Hong Kong Public Offering has become unconditional and neither of the underwriting agreements has been terminated in accordance with its terms, which will be at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, September 22, 2006. Investors who trade H Shares on the basis of publicly available allocation details prior to the receipt of share certificates or prior to the share certificates becoming valid certificates of title do so entirely at their own risk.

For details of the structure of the Global Offering, including its conditions, see the section headed “Structure of the Global Offering.”