
EXPECTED TIMETABLE⁽¹⁾

Latest time to lodge white and yellow application forms	12:00 noon on Thursday, October 19, 2006
Latest time to complete electronic applications under the White Form eIPO service through the designated website www.eipo.com.hk ⁽²⁾	12:00 noon on Thursday, October 19, 2006
Latest time to give electronic application instructions to HKSCC ⁽³⁾	12:00 noon on Thursday, October 19, 2006
Application lists open ⁽⁴⁾	11:45 a.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2006
Application lists close	12:00 noon on Thursday, October 19, 2006
Expected price determination date	Friday, October 20, 2006
Announcement of the offer price for H shares under the Global Offering and the offer price for A shares under the A Share Offering expected to be published in South China Morning Post (in English) and Hong Kong Economic Times (in Chinese)	Monday, October 23, 2006
Announcement of	
• the level of applications in the Hong Kong Public Offering;	
• the level of indications of interest in the International Offering; 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)	Thursday, October 26, 2006
Results of allocations in the Hong Kong Public Offering (with successful applicants' identification document numbers, where appropriate) to be available through a variety of channels (see "How To Apply For Hong Kong Offer Shares—10. Results of Allocations") from	Thursday, October 26, 2006
Despatch of H share certificates ⁽⁵⁾ on or before	Thursday, October 26, 2006
Despatch of refund cheques on or before	Friday, October 27, 2006
Dealings in H shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange expected to commence on	Friday, October 27, 2006

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

(2) You will not be permitted to submit your application to the eIPO Service Provider through the designated website www.eipo.com.hk after 11:30 a.m. on the last day for submitting applications. If you have already submitted your application and obtained a payment reference number from the designated website prior to 11:30 a.m., you will be permitted to continue the application process (by completing payment of application monies) until 12:00 noon on the last day for submitting applications, when the application lists close.

(3) 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—6. Applying by giving electronic application instructions to HKSCC."

(4) If there is a tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above, or a "black" rainstorm warning on Thursday, October 19, 2006, the application lists will not open on that day. See "How to Apply for Hong Kong Offer Shares—7. When may applications be made—(e) Effects of bad weather conditions on the opening of the application lists."

(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, October 27, 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."