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# HashKey Holdings Limited (Company No.: 346551)

## 1 Request for opinion

- 1.1 You have asked us to provide you with a summary of certain aspects of the constitution of the Company and Cayman Islands company law in connection with the proposed listing of the Company's shares (the **Shares**) on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the **Stock Exchange**) pursuant to a prospectus (the **Prospectus**) to be issued by the Company.
- 1.2 The following is a summary of certain provisions of the constitution of the Company and the Cayman Islands company law and general policy. The summary does not purport to contain all applicable qualifications and exemptions and does not purport to be a complete review of matters of Cayman Islands company law or a comparison of provisions that may differ from the laws of other jurisdictions with which interested parties may be more familiar.

# 2 Summary of the constitution of the Company

### Introduction

2.1 The fourth amended and restated memorandum and articles of association of the Company (the **Memorandum** and the **Articles**, respectively) as conditionally adopted by a special resolution passed on 4 December 2025 with effect from the date on which the shares of the Company are listed on the Stock Exchange comprise the Company's constitution. Set out below is a summary of certain provisions of the Memorandum and Articles.

### Memorandum of association

2.2 The Memorandum states, *inter alia*, that the liability of members of the Company is limited to the amount from time to time unpaid on such member's shares and that the objects for which the Company is established are unrestricted (including acting as an investment company), and that the Company shall have and be capable of exercising any and all of the powers exercisable by a natural person or body corporate in any part of the world whether as principal, agent, contractor or otherwise and in view of the fact that the Company is an exempted company that the Company will not trade in the Cayman Islands with any person, firm or corporation except in furtherance of the business of the Company carried on outside the Cayman Islands.

### **Articles of association**

### 2.3 Shares

(a) Classes of shares

The share capital of the Company consists of ordinary shares.

(b) Variation of rights of existing shares or classes of shares

Subject to the Companies Act (As Revised) of the Cayman Islands (the **Cayman Companies Act**), if at any time the share capital of the Company is divided into different classes of shares, all or any of the special rights attached to the shares or any class of shares may (unless otherwise provided for by the terms of issue of that class) be varied, modified or abrogated either with the consent in writing of the holders of not less than three-fourths of the voting rights of the issued shares of that class or with the sanction of a special resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of the shares of that class. To every such separate general

meeting the provisions of the Articles relating to general meetings will *mutatis mutandis* apply, but so that the necessary quorum (including at an adjourned meeting) shall be two persons holding or representing by proxy not less than one-third of the issued shares of that class. Every holder of shares of the class shall be entitled to one vote for every such share held by him.

Any special rights conferred upon the holders of any shares or class of shares shall not, unless otherwise expressly provided in the rights attaching to the terms of issue of such shares, be deemed to be varied by the creation or issue of further shares ranking *pari passu* therewith.

## (c) Alteration of capital

The Company may by ordinary resolution of its members:

- (i) increase its share capital as provided in the Articles;
- (ii) consolidate and divide all or any of its share capital into shares of larger amount than its existing shares;
- (iii) divide its shares into several classes and attach to such shares any preferential, deferred, qualified or special rights, privileges, conditions or restrictions as the Company in general meeting or as the board (the **Board**) of the directors of the Company (the **Directors**, and each a **Director**) may determine;
- (iv) subdivide its shares or any of them into shares of smaller amount than is fixed by the Memorandum;
- (v) cancel any shares, which at the date of passing of the resolution, have not been taken and diminish the amount of its share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled;
- (vi) make provision for the issue and allotment of shares which do not carry any voting rights;
- (vii) change the currency of denomination of its share capital; and
- (viii) reduce its share premium account in any manner authorised and subject to any conditions prescribed by law.

The Company may by special resolution reduce its share capital or any capital redemption reserve or other undistributable reserve in any way and subject to any conditions prescribed by law.

### (d) Transfer of shares

All transfers of shares shall be effected by an instrument of transfer in the usual or common form or in such other form as the Board may approve and which may be under hand or, if the transferor or transferee is a clearing house or its nominee(s), under hand or by machine imprinted signature or by such other manner of execution as the Board may approve from time to time.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, for so long as any shares are listed on the Stock Exchange, titles to such listed shares may be evidenced and transferred in accordance with the laws applicable to and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (as amended from time to time) (the **Listing Rules**) that are or shall be applicable to such listed shares. The register of members

of the Company in respect of its listed shares (whether the principal register or a branch register) may be kept by recording the particulars required by Section 40 of the Cayman Companies Act in a form otherwise than legible if such recording otherwise complies with the laws applicable to and the Listing Rules that are or shall be applicable to such listed shares.

The instrument of transfer shall be executed by or on behalf of the transferor and the transferee provided that the Board may dispense with the execution of the instrument of transfer by the transferee or accept mechanically executed transfers. The transferor shall be deemed to remain the holder of the share until the name of the transferee is entered in the register of members in respect of that share.

The Board may, in its absolute discretion, at any time and from time to time transfer any share upon the principal register to any branch register or any share on any branch register to the principal register or any other branch register.

Unless the Board otherwise agrees, no shares on the principal register shall be removed to any branch register nor shall shares on any branch register be removed to the principal register or any other branch register. All removals and other documents of title shall be lodged for registration, and be registered, in the case of any shares on a branch register, at the relevant registration office, and, in the case of any shares on the principal register, at the transfer office.

The Board may decline to recognise any instrument of transfer unless a fee (not exceeding the maximum sum as the Stock Exchange may determine to be payable) determined by the Board is paid to the Company, the instrument of transfer is properly stamped (if applicable), it is in respect of only one class of share, is lodged at the relevant registration office, the registered office or the transfer office accompanied by the relevant share certificate(s) and such other evidence as the Board may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer (and if the instrument of transfer is executed by some other person on his behalf, the authority of that person so to do), and the shares are free of any lien in favour of the Company.

The registration of transfers may be suspended and the register may be closed on giving notice by advertisement in any newspaper or by any other means in accordance with the requirements of the Stock Exchange to that effect be suspended at such times and for such periods (not exceeding in the whole 30 days in any year) as the Board may determine. The period of 30 days may be extended for a further period or periods not exceeding 30 days in respect of any year if approved by members by ordinary resolution.

Fully paid shares are free from any restriction on transfer (except when permitted by the Stock Exchange) and free of all liens.

# (e) Power of the Company to purchase its own shares

The Company is empowered by the Cayman Companies Act and the Articles to purchase its own shares subject to certain restrictions and the Board may only exercise this power on behalf of the Company subject to any applicable requirements imposed from time to time by the Stock Exchange.

The Board may accept the surrender for no consideration of any fully paid shares.

# (f) Power of any subsidiary of the Company to own shares in the Company

There are no provisions in the Articles relating to the ownership of shares in the Company by a subsidiary.

## (g) Calls on shares and forfeiture of shares

The Board may from time to time make such calls as it thinks fit upon the members in respect of any monies unpaid on the shares held by them respectively (whether on account of the nominal value of the shares or by way of premium) and not by the conditions of allotment thereof made payable at a fixed time. A call may be made payable either in one lump sum or by instalments. If the sum payable in respect of any call or instalment is not paid on or before the day appointed for payment thereof, the person or persons from whom the sum is due shall pay interest on the same at such rate not exceeding 20% per annum as the Board may agree to accept from the day appointed for the payment thereof to the time of actual payment, but the Board may waive payment of such interest wholly or in part. The Board may, if it thinks fit, receive from any member willing to advance the same, and either in money or money's worth, all or any part of the monies uncalled and unpaid or instalments payable upon any shares held by him.

If a member fails to pay any call or instalment of a call on the day appointed for payment, the Board may, for so long as any part of the call or instalment remains unpaid, serve notice on the member requiring payment of so much of the call or instalment as is unpaid, together with any interest which may have accrued and which may still accrue up to the date of actual payment. The notice shall name a further day (not earlier than the expiration of 14 days from the date of the notice) on or before which the payment required by the notice is to be made, and shall also name the place where payment is to be made. The notice shall also state that, in the event of non-payment at or before the time appointed, the shares in respect of which the call was made will be liable to be forfeited.

If the requirements of any such notice are not complied with, any share in respect of which the notice has been given may at any time thereafter, before the payment required by the notice has been made, be forfeited by a resolution of the Board to that effect. Such forfeiture shall include all dividends and bonuses declared in respect of the forfeited share and not actually paid before the forfeiture.

A person whose shares have been forfeited shall cease to be a member in respect of the forfeited shares, but shall, nevertheless, remain liable to pay to the Company all monies which, at the date of forfeiture, were payable by him to the Company in respect of the forfeited shares, together with (if the Board shall in its discretion so require) interest thereon from the date of forfeiture until the date of actual payment (including the payment of such interest) at such rate not exceeding 20% per annum as the Board may determine.

### 2.4 Directors

### (a) Appointment, retirement and removal

At each annual general meeting, one third of the Directors for the time being shall retire from office by rotation. However, if the number of Directors is not a multiple of three, then the number nearest to but not less than one third shall be the number of retiring Directors provided that every Director shall be subject to retirement at an annual general meeting at least once every three years. The Directors to retire by rotation shall include any Director who wishes to retire and not offer himself for reelection. Any further Directors so to retire shall be those who have been longest in office since their last re-election or appointment and as between persons who became or were last re-elected Directors on the same day those to retire will (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot.

Neither a Director nor an alternate Director is required to hold any shares in the Company by way of qualification. Further, a Director is not required to retire upon reaching any particular age.

The Board shall have power from time to time and at any time to appoint any person as a Director either to fill a casual vacancy or as an additional Director subject to the maximum number determined from time to time by the members in general meeting. Any Director appointed by the Board to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing Board shall hold office only until the first annual general meeting of the Company after his appointment and shall then be eligible for reelection.

The members may by ordinary resolution remove any Director (including a managing Director or other executive Director) before the expiration of his term of office (but without prejudice to any claim which such Director may have for damages for any breach of any contract between him and the Company) and may by ordinary resolution appoint another person in his stead. Any Director so appointed shall be subject to the "retirement and rotation" provisions. The number of Directors shall not be less than two.

The office of a Director shall be vacated if:

- (i) he becomes bankrupt or has a receiving order made against him or suspends payment or compounds with his creditors generally; or
- (ii) he dies or becomes of unsound mind as determined pursuant to an order made by any competent court or official on the grounds that he is or may be suffering from mental disorder or is otherwise incapable of managing his affairs and the Board resolves that his office be vacated; or
- (iii) if he absents himself from the meetings of the Board during a continuous period of six months, without special leave of absence from the Board, and his alternate Director (if any) shall not during such period have attended in his stead, and the Board pass a resolution that he has by reason of such absence vacated his office; or
- (iv) he becomes prohibited by law from acting as a Director or he ceases to be a Director by operation of law or is removed pursuant to the Articles; or
- (v) he has been validly required by the stock exchange of the Relevant Territory (as defined in the Articles) to cease to be a Director and the relevant time period for application for review of or appeal against such requirement has lapsed and no application for review or appeal has been filed or is underway against such requirement; or
- (vi) he resigns; or
- (vii) he is removed from office by an ordinary resolution pursuant to the Articles; or
- (viii) he is removed from office by notice in writing served on him signed by not less than three-fourths in number (or if that is not a round number, the nearest lower round number) of the Directors (including himself) then in office.

The Board may appoint any one or more of them to the office of managing director, joint managing director, deputy managing director or other executive director and/or such other office in the management of the business of the Company as it may

decide for such period and upon such terms as it thinks fit. The Board may delegate any of its powers, authorities and discretions to committees consisting of such Director(s) and other persons as it thinks fit, and it may from time to time revoke such delegation or revoke the appointment of and discharge any such committees either wholly or in part, and either as to persons or purposes, but every committee so formed must, in the exercise of the powers, authorities and discretions so delegated, conform to any regulations that may from time to time be imposed upon it by the Board.

### (b) Power to allot and issue shares and warrants

Subject to the provisions of the Cayman Companies Act, the Memorandum and Articles and without prejudice to any special rights or restrictions attaching to any shares or any class of shares, (a) any share may be issued with or have attached to it such rights, or such restrictions, whether with regard to dividend, voting, return of capital or otherwise, as the Directors may determine; or (b) shares may be issued on the terms that may be, or at the option of the Company or the holder are, liable to be redeemed.

The Board may issue warrants to subscribe for any class of shares or other securities of the Company on such terms as the Board may determine.

Subject to the provisions of the Cayman Companies Act and the Articles and, where applicable, the Listing Rules and without prejudice to any special rights or restrictions for the time being attached to any shares or any class of shares, all unissued shares in the Company are at the disposal of the Board, which may offer, allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to such persons, at such times, for such consideration and on such terms and conditions as it in its absolute discretion thinks fit, but so that no shares shall be issued at a discount to their nominal value.

Neither the Company nor the Board is obliged, when making or granting any allotment of, offer of, option over or disposal of shares or other securities of the Company, to make, or make available, any such allotment, offer, option or shares or other securities of the Company to members or others with registered addresses in any particular territory or territories being a territory or territories where, in the absence of a registration statement or other special formalities, this would or might, in the opinion of the Board, be unlawful or impracticable. Members affected as a result of the foregoing sentence shall not be, and shall be deemed not to be, a separate class of members for any purpose whatsoever.

### (c) Power to dispose of the assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries

There are no specific provisions in the Articles relating to the disposal of the assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries. The Directors may, however, exercise all powers and do all acts and things which may be exercised or done or approved by the Company and which are not required by the Articles or the Cayman Companies Act to be exercised or done by the Company in general meeting.

## (d) Borrowing powers

The Board may exercise all the powers of the Company to raise or borrow money, to mortgage or charge all or any part of the undertaking, property and uncalled capital of the Company and, subject to the Cayman Companies Act, to issue debentures, bonds and other securities of the Company, whether outright or as collateral security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party.

## (e) Remuneration

The Directors shall be entitled to receive, as ordinary remuneration for their services, such sums as shall from time to time be determined by the Board or the Company in general meeting, as the case may be, such sum (unless otherwise directed by the resolution by which it is voted) to be divided among the Directors in such proportions and in such manner as they may agree or, failing agreement, equally, except that in such event any Director holding office for less than the whole of the relevant period in respect of which the ordinary remuneration is payable shall only rank in such division in proportion to the time during such period for which he has held office. The Directors are also entitled to be prepaid or repaid all travelling, hotel and incidental expenses reasonably expected to be incurred or incurred by them in or about the performance of their duties as Directors.

Any Director who, at the request of the Company, goes or resides abroad for any purpose of the Company or who performs services which in the opinion of the Board go beyond the ordinary duties of such Director may be paid such extra remuneration as the Board may determine and such extra remuneration may be in addition to or in substitution for any ordinary remuneration as a Director. An executive Director or a Director appointed to be a managing director, joint managing director, deputy managing director or any other executive officer may receive such remuneration and such other benefits and allowances as the Board may from time to time decide. Such remuneration may be either in addition to or in lieu of his remuneration as a Director.

The Board may establish, either on its own or jointly with other companies (being subsidiary companies of the Company or companies with which it is associated in business) and maintain any funds or plans for providing pensions, allowances or emoluments for employees and ex-employees of the Company and their dependants.

### (f) Compensation or payments for loss of office

Pursuant to the Articles, payments to any Director or past Director of any sum by way of compensation for loss of office or as consideration for or in connection with his retirement from office (not being a payment to which the Director is contractually entitled) must be approved by the Company in general meeting.

## (g) Loans and provision of security for loans to Directors

Except as would, if the Company were a company incorporated in Hong Kong, be permitted by the Companies Ordinance, Cap. 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong as amended from time to time, and the Cayman Companies Act, the Company shall not directly or indirectly make a loan to a Director or a director of any holding company of the Company or any of their respective close associates, enter into any guarantee or provide any security in connection with a loan made by any person to a Director or a director of any holding company of the Company or any of their respective close associates, or, if any one or more of the Directors hold(s) (jointly or severally or directly or indirectly) a controlling interest in another company, make a loan to that other company or enter into any guarantee or provide any security in connection with a loan made by any person to that other company.

# (h) Disclosure of interests in contracts with the Company or any of its subsidiaries

A Director may hold any other office or place of profit with the Company (except that of the auditor of the Company) in conjunction with his office of Director for such period and upon such terms as the Board may determine, and may be paid such extra remuneration therefor in addition to any remuneration provided for by or

pursuant to the Articles. A Director may be or become a director or other officer of, or otherwise interested in, any other company promoted by the Company or any other company in which the Company may be interested, and shall not be liable to account to the Company or the members for any remuneration, profits or other benefits received by him as a director, officer or member of, or from his interest in, such other company. The Directors may exercise the voting power conferred by the shares in any other company held or owned by the Company in such manner in all respects as they think fit, including the exercise thereof in favour of any resolution appointing the Directors or any of them to be directors or officers of such other company, or voting or providing for the payment of remuneration to the directors or officers of such other company.

No Director or proposed or intended Director shall be disqualified by his office from contracting with the Company either with regard to his tenure of any office or place of profit or as vendor, purchaser or in any other manner whatsoever nor shall any such contract or any other contract or arrangement in which any Director is in any way interested be liable to be avoided, nor shall any Director so contracting or being so interested be liable to account to the Company or the members for any remuneration, profit or other benefits realised by any such contract or arrangement by reason of such Director holding that office or the fiduciary relationship thereby established, provided that such Director shall declare the nature of his interest in any such contract or transaction at or prior to the consideration and vote on such contract or transaction, either specifically or by way of a general notice stating that, by reason of the facts specified in such notice, he is to be regarded as interested in any such contract or transaction.

A Director shall not vote (nor shall he be counted in the quorum) on any resolution of the Board approving any contract or arrangement or any other proposal in which he or any of his close associates has/have a material interest, and if he shall do so his vote shall not be counted (nor shall he be counted in the quorum for that resolution), but this prohibition does not apply to any of the following matters namely:

- (i) the giving of any security or indemnity either: (x) to the Director or his close associate(s) in respect of money lent or obligations incurred or undertaken by him or any of them at the request of or for the benefit of the Company or any of its subsidiaries; or (y) to a third party in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiaries for which the Director or his close associate(s) has himself/themselves assumed responsibility in whole or in part and whether alone or jointly under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;
- (ii) any proposal concerning an offer of shares or debentures or other securities of or by the Company or any other company which the Company may promote or be interested in for subscription or purchase, where the Director or his close associate(s) is/are or is/are to be interested as a participant in the underwriting or sub-underwriting of the offer;
- (iii) any proposal or arrangement concerning the benefit of employees of the Company or its subsidiaries including the adoption, modification or operation of (x) any employees' share scheme, or any share incentive or share option scheme under which the Director or his close associate(s) may benefit; or (y) a pension fund or retirement, death or disability benefits scheme which relates both to Directors, his close associates and employees of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries and does not provide in respect of any Director, or his close associate(s), as such any privilege or advantage not accorded generally to the class of persons to which such scheme or fund relates; and

(iv) any contract or arrangement in which the Director or his close associate(s) is/are interested in the same manner as other holders of shares or debentures or other securities of the Company by virtue only of his/their interest in shares or debentures or other securities of the Company.

## 2.5 Proceedings of the Board

The Board may meet together for the despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate its meetings as it thinks fit. Questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes, the chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

# 2.6 Alterations to constitutional documents and the Company's name

To the extent that the same is permissible under Cayman Islands law and subject to the Articles, a special resolution shall be required to alter the provisions of the Memorandum, to approve any amendment of the Articles or to change the name of the Company.

# 2.7 Meetings of members

# (a) Special and ordinary resolutions

A special resolution of the Company must be passed by a majority of not less than three-fourths of the votes cast by such members as, being entitled so to do, vote in person or, in the case of such members as are corporations, by their duly authorised representatives or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy at a general meeting of which notice has been duly given in accordance with the Articles.

Under the Cayman Companies Act, a copy of any special resolution must be forwarded to the Registrar of Companies in the Cayman Islands within 15 days of being passed.

An ordinary resolution is defined in the Articles to mean a resolution passed by a simple majority of the votes of such members of the Company as, being entitled to do so, vote in person or, in the case of corporations, by their duly authorised representatives or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy at a general meeting of which notice has been duly given in accordance with the Articles.

## (b) Voting rights and right to demand a poll

Subject to any special rights or restrictions as to voting for the time being attached to any class or classes of shares, at any general meeting on a poll every member present in person or by proxy or, in the case of a member being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative shall have one vote for every share of which he is the holder which is fully paid or credited as fully paid but so that no amount paid up or credited as paid up on a share in advance of calls or instalments shall be treated for the purposes of the Articles as paid on the share. On a poll, a member entitled to more than one vote need not use all his votes or cast all the votes he uses in the same way.

At any general meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting is to be decided by poll save that the chairman of the meeting may, pursuant to the Listing Rules, allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands. On a show of hands every member who is present in person (or, in the case of a member being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy shall (save as provided otherwise in the Articles) have one vote. Votes (whether on a show of hands or by way of poll) may be cast by

such means, electronic or otherwise, as the Directors or the chairman of the meeting may determine.

Where a clearing house (or its nominee(s)) is a member of the Company, it may (subject to the Articles) authorise such person or persons as it thinks fit to act as its representative or representatives, at any meeting (including but not limited to any general meeting, creditors meeting or at any meeting of any class of members) of the Company provided that, if more than one person is so authorised, the authorisation shall specify the number and class of shares in respect of which each such person is so authorised. A person authorised pursuant to this provision shall be deemed to have been duly authorised without further evidence of the facts and be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the clearing house (or its nominee(s)) as if such person were an individual member including the right to speak and vote, and where a show of hands is allowed, the right to vote individually on a show of hands.

Members must have the right to: (i) speak at general meetings of the Company; and (ii) vote at a general meeting except where a member is required, by the Listing Rules, to abstain from voting to approve the matter under consideration.

Where the Company has any knowledge that any member is, under the Listing Rules, required to abstain from voting on any particular resolution or restricted to voting only for or only against any particular resolution, any votes cast by or on behalf of such member in contravention of such requirement or restriction shall not be counted.

# (c) Annual general meetings and extraordinary general meetings

In each financial year during the Relevant Period (as defined in the Articles), the Company shall hold an annual general meeting within six months after the end of each financial year in addition to any other meeting in that year and shall specify the meeting as such in the notice calling it.

Extraordinary general meetings shall be convened on the requisition of one or more members holding, at the date of deposit of the requisition, not less than one-tenth of the paid up capital of the Company having the right of voting at general meetings, on a one vote per share basis in the share capital of the Company and the foregoing members shall be able to add resolutions to the meeting agenda. Such requisition shall be made in writing to the Board or the secretary for the purpose of requiring an extraordinary general meeting to be called by the Board for the transaction of any business specified in such requisition. Such meeting shall be held within two months after the deposit of such requisition. If within 21 days of such deposit, the Board fails to proceed to convene such meeting, the requisitionist(s) himself (themselves) may do so in the same manner, and all reasonable expenses incurred by the requisitionist(s) as a result of the failure of the Board shall be reimbursed to the requisitionist(s) by the Company.

A meeting of the members or any class thereof may be held by means of such telephone, electronic or other communication facilities as permit all persons participating in the meeting to communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously, and participation in such a meeting shall constitute presence at such meetings. Unless otherwise determined by the Directors, the manner of convening and the proceedings at a general meeting set out in the Articles shall, mutatis mutandis, apply to a general meeting held wholly by or in-combination with electronic means.

## (d) Notices of meetings and business to be conducted

An annual general meeting shall be called by a notice in writing of not less than 21 days. All other general meetings shall be called by notice in writing of at least 14 days. The notice shall be exclusive of the day on which it is served or deemed to be served and of the day for which it is given, and shall specify the time and place and the agenda of the meeting and particulars of resolutions to be considered at the meeting and, in the case of special business, the general nature of that business.

In addition, notice of every general meeting must be given to all members of the Company other than to such members as, under the provisions of the Articles or the terms of issue of the shares they hold, are not entitled to receive such notices from the Company, and also to, among others, the auditors for the time being of the Company.

Any notice or document to be given to or by any person pursuant to the Articles may be served on or delivered to any member of the Company personally, by post to such member's registered address or by advertisement in newspapers in accordance with the requirements of the Stock Exchange. Subject to the Cayman Companies Act and the Listing Rules, a notice or document may also be served or delivered by the Company to any member by electronic means.

All business that is transacted at an extraordinary general meeting shall be deemed special. All business shall be deemed special that is transacted at an annual general meeting with the exception of the following, each of which shall be deemed an ordinary business:

- (i) the declaration and sanctioning of dividends;
- the consideration and adoption of the accounts and balance sheets and the reports of the Directors and the auditors and other documents required to be annexed to the balance sheets;
- (iii) the election of Directors whether by rotation or otherwise in place of those retiring;
- (iv) the appointment of auditors and other officers;
- (v) the fixing of, or the determining of the method of fixing of the remuneration of the Directors and of the auditors;
- (vi) the granting of any mandate or authority to the Board to offer, allot, grant options over, or otherwise dispose of the unissued shares representing not more than 20% (or such other percentage as may from time to time be specified in the Listing Rules) in nominal value of its then existing issued share capital and the number of any securities repurchased pursuant to paragraph (vii); and
- (vii) the granting of any mandate or authority to the Board to repurchase securities of the Company.
- (e) Quorum for meetings and separate class meetings

No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless the requisite quorum is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business and continues to be present until the conclusion of the meeting.

The quorum for a general meeting shall be two members present in person (or, in the case of a member being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy and entitled to vote. In respect of a separate class meeting (including an adjourned meeting) convened to sanction the modification of class rights the necessary quorum shall be two persons holding or representing by proxy not less than one-third of the issued shares of that class.

## (f) Proxies

Any member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at a meeting of the Company shall be entitled to appoint another person as his proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A member who is the holder of two or more shares may appoint more than one proxy to represent him and vote on his behalf at a general meeting of the Company or at a class meeting. A proxy need not be a member of the Company and is entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of a member who is an individual and for whom he acts as proxy as such member could exercise. In addition, every member being a corporation shall be entitled to appoint a representative to attend and vote at any general meeting of the Company and, where a corporation is so represented, it shall be treated as being present at any meeting in person. A corporation may execute a form of proxy under the hand of a duly authorised officer and such a proxy is entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of a member which is a corporation and for which he acts as proxy as such member could exercise as if it were an individual member. On a poll or a show of hands, votes may be given either personally (or, in the case of a member being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy.

## 2.8 Accounts and audit

The Board shall cause true accounts to be kept of the sums of money received and expended by the Company, and the matters in respect of which such receipt and expenditure take place, and of the assets and liabilities of the Company and of all other matters required by the Cayman Companies Act or necessary to give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs and to show and explain its transactions.

The accounting records shall be kept at the head office or at such other place or places as the Board thinks fit and shall always be open to inspection by the Directors. No member (other than a Director) or other person shall have any right to inspect any account or book or document of the Company except as conferred by the Cayman Companies Act or ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or authorised by the Board or the Company in general meeting. However, an exempted company must make available at its registered office in electronic form or any other medium, copies of its books of account or parts thereof as may be required of it upon service of an order or notice by the Tax Information Authority of the Cayman Islands pursuant to the Tax Information Authority Act of the Cayman Islands.

A copy of every balance sheet and profit and loss account (including every document required by law to be annexed thereto) which is to be laid before the Company at its annual general meeting, together with a copy of the Directors' report and a copy of the auditors' report, shall not less than 21 days before the date of the meeting and at the same time as the notice of annual general meeting be sent to every person entitled to receive notices of general meetings of the Company under the provisions of the Articles; however, subject to compliance with the Cayman Companies Act and all applicable rules, including the Listing Rules, the Company may send to such persons summarised financial statements derived from the Company's annual accounts and the directors' report instead provided that any such person may by notice in writing served on the Company, demand that the Company sends to him, in addition to summarised financial statements, a complete printed copy of the Company's annual financial statement and the Directors' report thereon.

At the annual general meeting in each year, the members shall by ordinary resolution appoint an auditor to audit the accounts of the Company and such auditor shall hold office until the next annual general meeting. Moreover, the members may, at any general

meeting, by ordinary resolution remove the auditor at any time before the expiration of his term of office and shall, by ordinary resolution, at that meeting appoint another auditor for the remainder of his term. The remuneration of the auditors shall be fixed and approved by the Company by an ordinary resolution passed at a general meeting or in such manner as the members may by ordinary resolution determine.

The auditor shall audit the financial statements of the Company in each year in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and prepare an auditors' report thereon to be annexed thereto. Such report shall be submitted to the members and laid before the Company in the annual general meeting.

### 2.9 Dividends and other methods of distribution

The Company in general meeting may declare dividends in any currency to be paid to the members but no dividend shall be declared in excess of the amount recommended by the Board.

The Articles provide dividends may be declared and paid out of the profits of the Company, realised or unrealised, or from any reserve set aside from profits which the Directors determine is no longer needed. With the sanction of an ordinary resolution, dividends may also be declared and paid out of share premium account or any other fund or account which can be authorised for this purpose in accordance with the Cayman Companies Act.

Unless and to the extent that the rights attaching to, or the terms of issue of, any share may otherwise provide: (i) all dividends shall be declared and paid according to the amounts paid up on the shares in respect whereof the dividend is paid, but no amount paid up on a share in advance of calls shall for this purpose be treated as paid up on the share; and (ii) all dividends shall be (as regards any shares not fully paid throughout the period in respect of which the dividend is paid) apportioned and paid pro rata according to the amount paid up on the shares during any portion or portions of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid. The Board may deduct from any dividend or other monies payable to any member or in respect of any shares all sums of money (if any) presently payable by him to the Company on account of calls or otherwise.

Whenever the Board or the Company in general meeting has resolved that a dividend be paid or declared on the share capital of the Company, the Board may further resolve either (i) that such dividend be satisfied wholly or in part in the form of an allotment of shares credited as fully paid up, provided that the members entitled thereto will be entitled to elect to receive such dividend (or part thereof) in cash in lieu of such allotment, or (ii) that members entitled to such dividend will be entitled to elect to receive an allotment of shares credited as fully paid up in lieu of the whole or such part of the dividend as the Board may think fit.

The Company may upon the recommendation of the Board by ordinary resolution resolve in respect of any one particular dividend of the Company that it may be satisfied wholly in the form of an allotment of shares credited as fully paid up without offering any right to members to elect to receive such dividend in cash in lieu of such allotment.

Unless otherwise directed by the Board, any dividend, interest or other moneys payable in cash to the holder of shares may be paid by cheque or warrant sent through post. Every such cheque or warrant shall be made payable to the order of the person to whom it is sent, and shall be sent at his or their risk and payment of the cheque or warrant by the bank on which it is drawn shall constitute a good discharge to the Company. Any one of two or more joint holders may give effectual receipts for any dividends and other moneys payable or property distributable in respect of the shares held by such joint holders.

Whenever the Board or the Company in general meeting has resolved that a dividend be paid or declared, the Board may further resolve that such dividend be satisfied wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets of any kind.

All dividends, bonuses or other distributions or the proceeds of the realisation of any of the foregoing unclaimed for one year after having been declared may be invested or otherwise made use of by the Board for the benefit of the Company until claimed and the Company shall not be constituted a trustee in respect thereof. All dividends or bonuses or other distributions unclaimed for six years after having been declared may be forfeited by the Board and shall revert to the Company.

No dividend or other monies payable by the Company on or in respect of any share shall bear interest against the Company.

# 2.10 Inspection of corporate records

Pursuant to the Articles, the Company's register and branch register of members shall be open to inspection during business hours by any members without charge, or by any other person upon a maximum payment of HK\$2.50 or such lesser sum specified by the Board, at the registered office or such other place at which the register is kept in accordance with the Cayman Companies Act or, upon a maximum payment of HK\$1.00 or such lesser sum specified by the Board, at the office where the branch register of members is kept, except the register is closed in accordance with the Articles.

## 2.11 Rights of minorities in relation to fraud or oppression

There are no provisions in the Articles relating to rights of minority shareholders in relation to fraud or oppression. However, certain remedies are available to shareholders of the Company under Cayman Islands law, as summarised in paragraph 3.6 herein.

### 2.12 Procedures on liquidation

Subject to the Cayman Companies Act, the Company may at any time and from time to time be wound up voluntarily by a special resolution.

Subject to any special rights, privileges or restrictions as to the distribution of available surplus assets on liquidation for the time being attached to any class or classes of shares:

- (a) if the Company is wound up and the assets available for distribution amongst the members of the Company shall be more than sufficient to repay the whole of the capital paid up at the commencement of the winding up, the surplus assets remaining after payment to all creditors shall be distributed *pari passu* and divided among the members in proportion to the amount paid up on the shares held by them respectively; and
- (b) if the Company is wound up and the assets available for distribution amongst the members shall be insufficient to repay the whole of the paid-up capital, they shall be distributed so that, as nearly as may be, the losses shall be borne by the members in proportion to the capital paid up, or which ought to have been paid up, at the commencement of the winding up on the shares held by them respectively.

If the Company is wound up (whether the liquidation be voluntary or by the court) the liquidator may, with the authority of a special resolution and any other sanction required by the Cayman Companies Act, divide among the members in specie or kind the whole or any part of the assets of the Company whether the assets shall consist of property of one kind or shall consist of properties of different kinds and the liquidator may, for such purpose, set such value as he deems fair upon any one or more class or classes of property to be divided as aforesaid and may determine how such division shall be carried out as between the

members or different classes of members and the members within each class. The liquidator may, with the like authority, vest any part of the assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of members as the liquidator, with the like authority, shall think fit, but so that no members shall be compelled to accept any shares or other assets upon which there is a liability.

# 2.13 Subscription rights reserve

The Articles provide that to the extent that they are not prohibited by and are in compliance with the Cayman Companies Act, if warrants to subscribe for shares have been issued by the Company and the Company does any act or engages in any transaction which would result in the subscription price of such warrants being reduced below the nominal value of a share, a subscription rights reserve shall be established and applied in paying up the difference between the subscription price and the nominal value of a share on any exercise of the warrants.

### 3 CAYMAN ISLANDS COMPANY LAW

The Company is incorporated in the Cayman Islands subject to the Cayman Companies Act and, therefore, operates subject to Cayman Islands law. Set out below is a summary of certain provisions of the Cayman Companies Act, although this does not purport to contain all applicable qualifications and exceptions or to be a complete review of all matters of the Cayman Islands company law and taxation, which may differ from equivalent provisions in jurisdictions with which interested parties may be more familiar. For the avoidance of doubt, special resolution used in the below summary shall have the meaning as set out in the Cayman Companies Act.

# 3.1 Company operations

As an exempted company, the Company's operations must be conducted mainly outside the Cayman Islands. The Company is required to file an annual return each year with the Registrar of Companies of the Cayman Islands and pay a fee which is based on the amount of its authorised share capital.

# 3.2 Share capital

The Cayman Companies Act provides that where a company issues shares at a premium, whether for cash or otherwise, a sum equal to the aggregate amount of the value of the premiums on those shares shall be transferred to an account, to be called the "share premium account". At the option of a company, these provisions may not apply to premiums on shares of that company allotted pursuant to any arrangement in consideration of the acquisition or cancellation of shares in any other company and issued at a premium.

The Cayman Companies Act provides that the share premium account may be applied by a company subject to the provisions, if any, of its memorandum and articles of association in (i) paying distributions or dividends to members; (ii) paying up unissued shares of the company to be issued to members as fully paid bonus shares; (iii) the redemption and repurchase of shares (subject to the provisions of section 37 of the Cayman Companies Act); (iv) writing-off the preliminary expenses of the company; and (v) writing-off the expenses of, or the commission paid or discount allowed on, any issue of shares or debentures of the company.

No distribution or dividend may be paid to members out of the share premium account unless immediately following the date on which the distribution or dividend is proposed to be paid, the company will be able to pay its debts as they fall due in the ordinary course of business.

The Cayman Companies Act provides that, subject to confirmation by the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands (the **Court**), a company limited by shares or a company limited by guarantee and having a share capital may, if so authorised by its articles of association, by special resolution reduce its share capital in any way.

# 3.3 Financial assistance to purchase shares of a company or its holding company

There is no statutory restriction in the Cayman Islands on the provision of financial assistance by a company to another person for the purchase of, or subscription for, its own or its holding company's shares. Accordingly, a company may provide financial assistance if the directors of the company consider, in discharging their duties of care and acting in good faith, for a proper purpose and in the interests of the company, that such assistance can properly be given. Such assistance should be on an arm's-length basis.

# 3.4 Purchase of shares and warrants by a company and its subsidiaries

A company limited by shares or a company limited by guarantee and having a share capital may, if so authorised by its articles of association, issue shares which are to be redeemed or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the company or a shareholder and the Cayman Companies Act expressly provides that it shall be lawful for the rights attaching to any shares to be varied, subject to the provisions of the company's articles of association, so as to provide that such shares are to be or are liable to be so redeemed. In addition, such a company may, if authorised to do so by its articles of association, purchase its own shares, including any redeemable shares. However, if the articles of association do not authorise the manner and terms of purchase, a company cannot purchase any of its own shares unless the manner and terms of purchase have first been authorised by an ordinary resolution of the company. At no time may a company redeem or purchase its shares unless they are fully paid. A company may not redeem or purchase any of its shares if, as a result of the redemption or purchase, there would no longer be any issued shares of the company other than shares held as treasury shares. A payment out of capital by a company for the redemption or purchase of its own shares is not lawful unless immediately following the date on which the payment is proposed to be made, the company shall be able to pay its debts as they fall due in the ordinary course of business.

Shares purchased by a company are to be treated as cancelled unless, subject to the memorandum and articles of association of the company, the directors of the company resolve to hold such shares in the name of the company as treasury shares prior to the purchase. Where shares of a company are held as treasury shares, the company shall be entered in the register of members as holding those shares, however, notwithstanding the foregoing, the company is not to be treated as a member for any purpose and must not exercise any right in respect of the treasury shares, and any purported exercise of such a right shall be void, and a treasury share must not be voted, directly or indirectly, at any meeting of the company and must not be counted in determining the total number of issued shares at any given time, whether for the purposes of the company's articles of association or the Cayman Companies Act.

A company is not prohibited from purchasing and may purchase its own warrants subject to and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the relevant warrant instrument or certificate. There is no requirement under Cayman Islands law that a company's memorandum or articles of association contain a specific provision enabling such purchases and the directors of a company may rely upon the general power contained in its memorandum of association to buy and sell and deal in personal property of all kinds.

Under Cayman Islands law, a subsidiary may hold shares in its holding company and, in certain circumstances, may acquire such shares.

## 3.5 Dividends and distributions

The Cayman Companies Act permits, subject to a solvency test and the provisions, if any, of the company's memorandum and articles of association, the payment of dividends and distributions out of the share premium account. With the exception of the foregoing, there are no statutory provisions relating to the payment of dividends. Based upon English case law, which is regarded as persuasive in the Cayman Islands, dividends may be paid only out of profits.

No dividend may be declared or paid, and no other distribution (whether in cash or otherwise) of a company's assets (including any distribution of assets to members on a winding up) may be made to the company, in respect of a treasury share.

### 3.6 Protection of minorities and shareholders' suits

The Court ordinarily would be expected to follow English case law precedents which permit a minority shareholder to commence a representative action against or derivative actions in the name of the company to challenge (i) an act which is ultra vires the company or illegal; (ii) an act which constitutes a fraud against the minority and the wrongdoers are themselves in control of the company; and (iii) an irregularity in the passing of a resolution which requires a qualified (or special) majority.

In the case of a company (not being a bank) having a share capital divided into shares, the Court may, on the application of members holding not less than one fifth of the shares of the company in issue, appoint an inspector to examine into the affairs of the company and to report thereon in such manner as the Court shall direct.

Any shareholder of a company may petition the Court which may make a winding up order if the Court is of the opinion that it is just and equitable that the company should be wound up or, as an alternative to a winding up order: (i) an order regulating the conduct of the company's affairs in the future; (ii) an order requiring the company to refrain from doing or continuing an act complained of by the shareholder petitioner or to do an act which the shareholder petitioner has complained it has omitted to do; (iii) an order authorising civil proceedings to be brought in the name and on behalf of the company by the shareholder petitioner on such terms as the Court may direct; or (iv) an order providing for the purchase of the shares of any shareholders of the company by other shareholders or by the company itself and, in the case of a purchase by the company itself, a reduction of the company's capital accordingly.

Generally claims against a company by its shareholders must be based on the general laws of contract or tort applicable in the Cayman Islands or their individual rights as shareholders as established by the company's memorandum and articles of association.

## 3.7 Disposal of assets

The Cayman Companies Act contains no specific restrictions on the power of directors to dispose of assets of a company. However, as a matter of general law, every officer of a company, which includes a director, managing director and secretary, in exercising his powers and discharging his duties must do so honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the company and exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.

## 3.8 Accounting and auditing requirements

A company must cause proper books of account to be kept with respect to (i) all sums of money received and expended by the company and the matters in respect of which the receipt and expenditure takes place; (ii) all sales and purchases of goods by the company; and (iii) the assets and liabilities of the company.

Proper books of account shall not be deemed to be kept if there are not kept such books as are necessary to give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs and to explain its transactions.

An exempted company must make available at its registered office in electronic form or any other medium, copies of its books of account or parts thereof as may be required of it upon service of an order or notice by the Tax Information Authority of the Cayman Islands pursuant to the Tax Information Authority Act of the Cayman Islands.

# 3.9 Exchange control

There are no exchange control regulations or currency restrictions in the Cayman Islands.

The Cayman Islands currently levy no taxes on individuals or corporations based upon profits, income, gains or appreciations and there is no taxation in the nature of inheritance tax or estate duty. There are no other taxes likely to be material to the Company levied by the Government of the Cayman Islands save for certain stamp duties which may be applicable, from time to time, on certain instruments executed in or brought within the jurisdiction of the Cayman Islands. The Cayman Islands are a party to a double tax treaty entered into with the United Kingdom in 2010 but otherwise is not party to any double tax treaties.

## 3.10 Stamp duty on transfers

No stamp duty is payable in the Cayman Islands on transfers of shares of Cayman Islands companies except those which hold interests in land in the Cayman Islands.

### 3.11 Loans to directors

There is no express provision in the Cayman Companies Act prohibiting the making of loans by a company to any of its directors.

### 3.12 Inspection of corporate records

The notice of registered office is a matter of public record. A list of the names of the current directors and alternate directors (if applicable) is made available by the Registrar of Companies for inspection by any person on payment of a fee. The register of mortgages is open to inspection by creditors and members.

Members of the Company have no general right under the Cayman Companies Act to inspect or obtain copies of the register of members or corporate records of the Company. They will, however, have such rights as may be set out in the Company's articles of association.

### 3.13 Register of members

An exempted company may maintain its principal register of members and any branch registers at such locations, whether within or without the Cayman Islands, as the directors may, from time to time, think fit. The register of members shall contain such particulars as required by section 40 of the Cayman Companies Act. A branch register must be kept in the same manner in which a principal register is by the Cayman Companies Act required or permitted to be kept. The company shall cause to be kept at the place where the company's principal register is kept a duplicate of any branch register duly entered up from time to time.

There is no requirement under the Cayman Companies Act for an exempted company to make any returns of members to the Registrar of Companies of the Cayman Islands. The names and addresses of the members are, accordingly, not a matter of public record and

are not available for public inspection. However, an exempted company shall make available at its registered office, in electronic form or any other medium, such register of members, including any branch register of members, as may be required of it upon service of an order or notice by the Tax Information Authority of the Cayman Islands pursuant to the Tax Information Authority Act of the Cayman Islands.

# 3.14 Register of directors and officers

A company is required to maintain at its registered office a register of directors and officers which is not available for inspection by the public. A copy of such register must be filed with the Registrar of Companies in the Cayman Islands and any change must be notified to the Registrar within 30 days of any change in such directors or officers.

## 3.15 Beneficial ownership register

An exempted company is required to identify its beneficial owners and provide details of these beneficial owners to its corporate service provider (the CSP) which maintain its beneficial ownership register in the Cayman Islands. A beneficial owner is defined as an individual who (a) ultimately owns or controls, whether through director or indirect ownership or control 25% or more of the shares, voting rights, or partnership interests in the company, (b) otherwise exercises ultimate effective control over the management of the company, or (c) is identified as exercising control of the company through other means. The beneficial ownership register is not a public document and is only accessible by a designated competent authority of the Cayman Islands although the Cayman Islands government may introduce regulations to allow for public access in the future. An exempted company with its shares listed on an approved stock exchange, which includes the Stock Exchange, may provide its registered office provider with details of its listed status as an alternative compliance route instead of providing details of its beneficial owners. Accordingly, as long as the shares of the Company remain listed on the Stock Exchange. the Company may opt for this alternative compliance route rather than maintain a beneficial ownership register.

### 3.16 Winding up

A company may be wound up (i) compulsorily by order of the Court; (ii) voluntarily; or (iii) under the supervision of the Court.

The Court has authority to order winding up in a number of specified circumstances including where the members of the company have passed a special resolution requiring the company to be wound up by the Court, or where the company is unable to pay its debts, or where it is, in the opinion of the Court, just and equitable to do so. Where a petition is presented by members of the company as contributories on the ground that it is just and equitable that the company should be wound up, the Court has the jurisdiction to make certain other orders as an alternative to a winding-up order, such as making an order regulating the conduct of the company's affairs in the future, making an order authorising civil proceedings to be brought in the name and on behalf of the company by the petitioner on such terms as the Court may direct, or making an order providing for the purchase of the shares of any of the members of the company by other members or by the company itself.

A company (save with respect to a limited duration company) may be wound up voluntarily when the company so resolves by special resolution or when the company in general meeting resolves by ordinary resolution that it be wound up voluntarily because it is unable to pay its debts. In the case of a voluntary winding up, such company is obliged to cease to carry on its business (except so far as it may be beneficial for its winding up) from the time of passing the resolution for voluntary winding up or upon the expiry of the period or the occurrence of the event referred to above.

For the purpose of conducting the proceedings in winding up a company and assisting the Court therein, there may be appointed an official liquidator or official liquidators; and the court may appoint to such office such person, either provisionally or otherwise, as it thinks fit, and if more persons than one are appointed to such office, the Court must declare whether any act required or authorised to be done by the official liquidator is to be done by all or any one or more of such persons. The Court may also determine whether any and what security is to be given by an official liquidator on his appointment; if no official liquidator is appointed, or during any vacancy in such office, all the property of the company shall be in the custody of the Court.

As soon as the affairs of the company are fully wound up, the liquidator must make a report and an account of the winding up, showing how the winding up has been conducted and how the property of the company has been disposed of, and thereupon call a general meeting of the company for the purposes of laying before it the account and giving an explanation thereof. This final general meeting must be called by at least 21 days' notice to each contributory in any manner authorised by the company's articles of association and published in the Gazette.

#### 3.17 Reconstructions

There are statutory provisions which facilitate reconstructions and amalgamations approved by (i) 75% in value of shareholders or class of shareholders, or (ii) a majority in number representing 75% in value of creditors, as the case may be, as are present at a meeting called for such purpose and thereafter sanctioned by the Court. Whilst a dissenting shareholder would have the right to express to the Court his view that the transaction for which approval is sought would not provide the shareholders with a fair value for their shares, the Court is unlikely to disapprove the transaction on that ground alone in the absence of evidence of fraud or bad faith on behalf of management.

The Cayman Companies Act also contains statutory provisions which provide that a company may present a petition to the Court for the appointment of a restructuring officer on the grounds that the company (i) is or is likely to become unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 93 of the Cayman Companies Act; and (ii) intends to present a compromise or arrangement to its creditors (or classes thereof) either, pursuant to the Cayman Companies Act, the law of a foreign country or by way of a consensual restructuring. The petition may be presented by a company acting by its directors, without a resolution of its shareholders or an express power in its articles of association. On hearing such a petition, the Court may, among other things, make an order appointing a restructuring officer or make any other order as the Court thinks fit.

## 3.18 Take-overs

Where an offer is made by a company for the shares of another company and, within four months of the offer, the holders of not less than 90% of the shares which are the subject of the offer accept, the offeror may at any time within two months after the expiration of the said four months, by notice in the prescribed manner require the dissenting shareholders to transfer their shares on the terms of the offer. A dissenting shareholder may apply to the Court within one month of the notice objecting to the transfer. The burden is on the dissenting shareholder to show that the Court should exercise its discretion, which it will be unlikely to do unless there is evidence of fraud or bad faith or collusion as between the offeror and the holders of the shares who have accepted the offer as a means of unfairly forcing out minority shareholders.

# 3.19 Indemnification

Cayman Islands law does not limit the extent to which a company's articles of association may provide for indemnification of officers and directors, except to the extent any such

provision may be held by the Court to be contrary to public policy (e.g., for purporting to provide indemnification against the consequences of committing a crime).

## 3.20 Economic substance requirements

Pursuant to the International Tax Cooperation (Economic Substance) Act (As Revised) of the Cayman Islands (the **ES Act**) that came into force on 1 January 2019, a "relevant entity" is required to satisfy the economic substance test set out in the ES Act. A "relevant entity" includes an exempted company incorporated in the Cayman Islands as is the Company; however, it does not include an entity that is tax resident outside the Cayman Islands. Accordingly, for so long as the Company is a tax resident outside the Cayman Islands, including in Hong Kong, it is not required to satisfy the economic substance test set out in the ES Act.

# 4 Limitations

The above is a summary of certain salient points of the constitution of the Company and Cayman Islands company law. It does not, therefore, deal with every aspect of the constitution of the Company and Cayman Islands company law which may be relevant to the Company. With regard to the ground it does cover, the points are covered in outline only, everything stated is subject to the detailed provisions of the relevant statutes and applicable case law and will require further discussion and advice as, from time to time, new developments occur.

# 5 Who can rely on this opinion

This opinion is addressed to the Company, the Joint Sponsors, Sponsor-Overall Coordinators and the Overall Coordinators, and it may not be relied upon by any other party without our specific written consent, save that it may be disclosed on a non-reliance basis to your legal advisors (acting on in that capacity).

Yours faithfully

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