

**福萊特玻璃集團股份有限公司**  
**Flat Glass Group Co., Ltd.**

*(a joint stock company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)*  
**(stock code: 06865)**

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**Articles of Association**

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(with effect from 16 August 2021)

*Note:* The original version of the Articles of Association of the Company is in Chinese, and the English version of the Articles of Association is the translation from the

# Articles of Association of Flat Glass Group Co., Ltd.

## Chapter 1 General Provisions

**Article 1** The Articles of Association are formulated in accordance with the *Company Law of the People's Republic of China* (hereinafter referred to as the "Company Law"), the *Securities Law of the People's Republic of China* (hereinafter referred to as the "Securities Law"), the *Special Provisions of the State Council on the Overseas Offering and Listing of Shares by Joint Stock Limited Companies* (hereinafter referred to as the "Special Provisions"), the Reply of the State Council on the Adjustment of the Provisions Applicable to the Notice Period for Holding Shareholders' Meeting of Overseas Listed Companies (hereinafter referred to as the "Adjustment Reply"), the *Mandatory Provisions for Articles of Association of Companies Listed Overseas* (hereinafter referred to as the "Mandatory Provisions"), *Guidance for the Articles of Association of Listed Companies* (hereinafter referred to as the "Guidance for Articles of Association"), *Letter of Opinions on Supplementary Amendments to the Articles of Association of Companies to be Listed in Hong Kong* (hereinafter referred to as the "Opinions on Supplementary Amendments"), *Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited* (hereinafter referred to as the "Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange"), *The Stock Listing Rules of the Shanghai Stock Exchange* (hereinafter referred to as the "Listing Rules of SSE", together with the Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange, are referred to as the "Listing Rules"), and other relevant requirements, with an aim to safeguard the legal interests of Flat Glass Group Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the "Company" or "the Company"), its shareholders and creditors and regulate the organization and conduct of the Company.

The Company is incorporated as a joint stock limited company in accordance with the Company Law, Special Provisions and other relevant PRC laws and administrative regulations.

The Company is a joint stock limited company established on 29 December 2005 by the promoters under the overall restructuring of the original Zhejiang Flat Glass & Mirror Ltd.. The Company was registered with the Zhejiang Provincial Administration for Industry & Commerce. The promoters of the Company are: Ruan Hongliang, Jiang Jinhua, Ruan Zeyun, Zheng Wenrong, Shen Fuquan, Zhu Quanming, Wei Yezhong, Shen Qifu, Tao Hongzhu and Wei Shutao. The Company's unified social credit code is 913300007044053729.

**Article 2** Registered name of the Company:

Chinese name: 福萊特玻璃集團股份有限公司

English name: FLAT GLASS GROUP CO., LTD.

**Article 3** Address of the Company: No. 1999, Yunhe Road, Xiuzhou District, Jiaxing City, Zhejiang Province;

Postal Code: 314001;

Telephone number: (86573) – 82793999;

Facsimile number: (86573) – 82793015.

**Article 4** The legal representative of the Company is the chairman of the board of

## **Chapter 2 Objective and Scope of Business**

**Article 9** The business objective of the Company is to achieve customer orientation, faithful cooperation and mutual benefit.

**Article 10** The business scope of the Company shall be pursuant to the projects as approved by the relevant registration authority.

The business scope of the Company includes: general projects including manufacturing of glass, manufacturing of technical glass product, manufacturing of mirrors and processing of similar products, provision of loading, unloading and handling services, manufacturing of metal structure, manufacturing of construction material and manufacturing of specialized machinery, provision of metal cutting and processing services, manufacturing of industrial control computers and system, sales of machinery and equipment (except for projects that are subject to approval in accordance with the relevant laws, business operation shall be conducted independently with the business licence(s) in accordance with the laws); and licensed project including import and export of goods (for projects subject to approval according to the relevant laws, operating activities shall only be carried out upon approval from relevant authority(ies), and specific licensed projects shall be subject to the results of approval).

## **Chapter 3 Shares and Registered Capital**

**Article 11** The Company shall have ordinary shares at all times; with the approval of the company examination and approval authority authorized by the State Council, the Company may have other classes of shares when needed.

**Article 12** All shares issued by the Company shall have nominal values, with each share having a nominal value of RMB0.25.

RMB referred to in the preceding paragraph refers to the statutory currency of the PRC.

**Article 13** The stock of the Company shall take the form of shares. The Company may offer its shares to both domestic and foreign investors with the approval of the relevant securities regulatory authority under the State Council. The Company shall issue shares in a fair and just manner, and each share of the same class shall have the same rights. All shares of the same class issued at the same time shall be issued under the same conditions and at the same price; any entity or individual shall pay the same price for each share.

Foreign investors referred to in the preceding paragraph shall mean those investors in foreign countries, Hong Kong, Macau or Taiwan who subscribe for shares of the Company. Domestic investors shall mean those investors in the PRC, excluding the aforementioned regions, who subscribe for shares of the Company.

**Article 14** Shares that the Company issues to domestic investors for subscription in RMB shall be referred to as domestic shares. Shares that the Company issues to foreign investors for subscription in foreign currencies as well as shares holding by foreign investors and shares transferred by shareholders holding domestic shares in the Company shall be referred to as foreign shares. Foreign shares offered and listed overseas shall be named overseas-listed foreign shares.

Foreign currency referred to in the preceding paragraph refers to the statutory currency, other than RMB, of another country or region, which is recognized by the foreign exchange authority of the People’s Republic of China (“the PRC”) and can be used to pay the Company for the shares.

The domestic shares issued by the Company shall be named A shares. The overseas-listed foreign shares offered by the Company on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange shall be named H shares, i.e., shares which have been admitted for listing on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, the nominal value of which is denominated in RMB and which are subscribed for and traded in Hong Kong dollars. Upon approval by the State Council or the securities regulatory authority under the State Council and agreed by the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, the A shares may be converted into H shares which may be circulated on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

Both holders of domestic shares and holders of foreign shares are ordinary shareholders and shall have the same rights and obligations. The domestic shares issued by the Company and the foreign shares listed overseas shall have the same right with respect of any part dividend or any other form.

**Article 15** Approved by the company-approval department authorized by the State Council, the Company issued 70,000,000 shares (with nominal value of RMB1 per share), all of which have been subscribed and held by the promoters at the time of the Company’s incorporation.

The promoters of the Company comprise of ten natural persons including Mr. Ruan Hongliang. When the Company was set up as a joint stock company, the registered capital of the Company was RMB70 million and the total number of shares was 70,000,000 shares, the shareholdings of the promoters were as follows:

No.	Name of shareholder	Amount of capital contributed (RMB’000)	Percentage of contribution (%)	Contribution method	Date of contribution
1	Ruan Hongliang	24,500	35.0	Cash	December 2005
2	Jiang Jinhua	17,500	25.0	Cash	December 2005
3	Ruan Zeyun	17,500	25.0	Cash	December 2005
4	Zheng Wenrong	3,150	4.5	Cash	December 2005
5	Shen Fuquan	2,100	3.0	Cash	December 2005
6	Zhu Quanming	2,100	3.0	Cash	December 2005
7	Wei Yezhong	1,050	1.5	Cash	December 2005
8	Shen Qifu	700	1.0	Cash	December 2005
9	Tao Hongzhu	700	1.0	Cash	December 2005
10	Wei Shutao	700	1.0	Cash	December 2005
<b>Total</b>		<b>70,000</b>	<b>100</b>	-	

**Article 16** The Company has a total of 2,146,893,254 issued shares. The capital structure of the Company comprises of 2,146,893,254 ordinary shares, including 1,696,893,254 domestic shares (A shares), accounting for 79.04% of the total issued shares of the Company and 450,000,000 overseas-listed foreign shares (H shares), accounting for 20.96% of the total issued shares of the Company.

**Article 17** The domestically-listed domestic shares issued by the Company shall be under depository by the relevant organ satisfying the relevant provisions. The H-shares issued by the Company are mainly under the custody by the securities registration and settlement company in Hong Kong or held by shareholders in their own names.

**Article 18** The board of directors of the Company may make arrangement for the Company's separate issuance of overseas-listed foreign shares and domestic shares according to the issue scheme approved by the securities regulatory authority under the State Council.

According to the aforesaid scheme for separate issuance of overseas-listed foreign shares and domestic shares, the Company may issue such shares separately within 15 months upon approval of the securities regulatory authority under the State Council.

**Article 19** If the Company separately issues overseas-listed foreign shares and domestic shares within the total number specified in the issue scheme, the said shares shall be issued respectively at one time; if it is impossible for the shares to be issued at one time for special reasons, the shares may be issued by several times upon approval by the securities regulatory authority under the State Council.

**Article 20** The Company's registered capital is RMB536,723,313.50. The change in registered capital of the Company shall be registered at the competent Administration for Industry and Commerce.

**Article 21** The Company may increase its capital pursuant to the needs of operation and development and in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations, departmental rules, listing rules of the place where the stocks are traded and based on the Articles of Association.

The Company may increase its capital by:

- (I) Offer of new shares to specified or unspecified investors;
- (II) Placement of new shares to existing shareholders;

(VI) Conversion of the Company's issued convertible bonds into shares;

(VII) Other means stipulated by laws and administrative regulations and approved by the securities authority under the State Council.

Issuance of new shares by the Company shall be subject to approval as specified in the Articles of Association and follow the procedures specified in the relevant laws and administrative regulations of the PRC and the place of listing for the shares of the Company.

The Company shall register the change of registered capital after a capital increase or reduction with the industrial and commercial administration authority and make an announcement thereof.

**Article 22** Save as otherwise specified by laws, administrative regulations and as required by the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, the Company's shares may be transferred freely and shall not be subject to any lien.

Transfer of the Company's shares shall be registered with a securities registry entrusted by the Company. The Company shall make instruction and procure for the stock transfer registration; refuse the subscription, purchase or transfer of shares under the name of any

## **Chapter 4 Capital Reduction and Repurchase of Shares**

**Article 24** The Company may reduce its registered capital in accordance with the Articles of Association. The Company shall reduce its registered capital pursuant to the Company Law, other relevant regulations and the Articles of Association.

**Article 25** The Company shall prepare a balance sheet and a list of property when reducing its registered capital.

The Company shall notify all creditors within 10 days after adoption of the resolution to reduce the registered capital and shall make announcements in newspapers within 30 days. The creditors shall have the right to require the Company to repay debts or provide corresponding guarantees for debt repayment within 30 days after receipt of the notice or within 90 days after the first announcement if the creditors haven't received the notice.

The Company's registered capital shall not, upon the reduction in capital, be less than the statutory minimum limit.

**Article 26** The Company may, in the following circumstances, buy back its outstanding shares following the legal procedures specified in the Articles of Association, administrative regulations, Listing Rules and with approval from the regulatory authority of the state:

- (I) When cancelling shares for reduction in the registered capital of the Company;
- (II) When merging with other companies holding shares of the Company;
- (III) When utilizing shares in Employee Share Ownership Plan or as share awards;
- (IV) When shareholders objecting to resolutions of the general meeting concerning merger or division of the Company require the Company to buy their shares;
- (V) When utilizing shares to convert into convertible bonds issued by the Company;
- (VI) When necessitated by the Company to protect its value and its shareholders' interest;
- (VII) In other circumstances stipulated by laws and administrative regulations.

Except under the above circumstances, the Company shall not engage in any activities for the purchase of its share.

**Article 27** The Company may repurchase its shares in any of the following ways upon approval by the regulatory authority of the state:

- (I) Issuing a repurchase offer to all shareholders according to an equal percentage;
- (II) Buying back through open transaction in the stock exchange;

(III) Buying back through agreement outside the stock exchange;

(IV) Other modes as approved by the competent authority concerned.

Where the Company repurchase its shares under the circumstances as mentioned in (III), (V) & (VI) of Article 26 of the Articles of Association, the repurchase shall be carried out by public concentrated transaction.

**Article 28** In the repurchase of shares through agreement outside the stock exchange, the Company shall seek prior approval at a general meeting in accordance with the Articles of Association. With prior approval at the general meeting in the same way, the Company may cancel or change the contract already concluded in the aforesaid manner or waive any right under the contract.

The share repurchase contract mentioned in the preceding paragraph shall include (but not limited to) agreement to undertake share repurchase obligations and obtain share repurchase rights.

The Company shall not transfer the share repurchase contract or any right thereunder.

As far as the Company's right to repurchase the redeemable shares is concerned:

- (I) The price shall not exceed certain upper limit if such shares are not repurchased in the market or by tender; and
- (II) Whereas in the event of repurchase by tender, the relevant tender must be equally offered to all shareholders.

**Article 29** Repurchase of the Company's shares for reasons set out in (I) to (II) of Article 26 of the Articles of Association shall be subject to resolution at a general meeting. Where the Company repurchases its shares under the circumstances as mentioned in (III), (V) & (VI) of Article 26 of the Article of Association, the repurchase shall be resolved by more than two-thirds of the directors present at a board meeting. After the Company has bought back its shares in accordance with Article 27 of the Articles of Association, such

**Article 30** Unless the Company is under liquidation, the Company shall observe the following regulations when buying back its outstanding shares:

- (I) If the Company repurchases shares at nominal value, the payment shall be deducted from the book balance of its distributable profit and the proceeds from issuance of new shares for buying back old shares;
- (II) If the Company repurchases shares above nominal value, the portion equivalent to the nominal value shall be deducted from the book balance of its distributable profit and the proceeds from issuance of new shares for buying back old shares; the portion exceeding the par value shall be processed as follows:
  - 1. Deducted from the book balance of distributable profit of the Company if the shares repurchased were issued at par value;
  - 2. Deducted from the book balance of distributable profit of the Company and the proceeds from issuance of new shares for buying back old shares if the shares repurchased were issued at above par value; but the amount deducted from the proceeds from issuance of new shares shall not exceed the total premium obtained at the time of issuance of the shares repurchased and shall not exceed the amount (including premium from issuance of new shares) in the premium account (or capital reserve account) of the Company at the time of repurchase;
- (III) The monies paid by the Company for the following purposes shall be deducted from the distributable profits of the Company:
  - 1. Acquiring the right to repurchase its shares;
  - 2. Changing the share repurchase contract;
  - 3. Cancelling its obligations under the share repurchase contract.
- (IV) After the par value of the cancelled shares is deducted from the registered capital of the Company pursuant to relevant regulations, the amount deducted from the distributable profit for paying the par value of the shares repurchased shall be stated in the premium account (or capital reserve account) of the Company.

## **Chapter 5 Financial Assistance to Acquire Shares of the Company**

**Article 31** The Company or its subsidiaries shall not at any time or in any form provide any financial assistance to purchasers or potential purchasers of the Company's shares. The aforesaid purchasers include persons directly or indirectly undertaking obligations because of the purchase of the Company's shares.

The Company or its subsidiaries shall not at any time or in any form provide any financial assistance to the aforesaid obligors for the purpose of reducing or discharging their obligations.

The provisions herein do not apply to the circumstances set out in Article 33 of this Chapter.

**Article 32** Financial assistance referred to in this Chapter shall include (but not limited to) the following:

- (I) Gift;
- (II) Guarantee (including the case where the guarantor undertakes liability or provides property to ensure fulfillment of obligations by the obligor), compensation (excluding compensation for the Company's own fault), termination or waiver of rights;
- (III) Provision of loan or execution of contract under which the Company fulfils obligations prior to other parties, change of the said loan and the parties to the contract, and transfer of the said loan and rights under the contract;
- (IV) Provision of any other form of financial assistance when the Company is insolvent, has no net assets or its net assets are likely to decrease significantly.

Obligations referred to herein shall include the obligations undertaken by the obligor for entering into a contract or making an arrangement (regardless whether the said contract or arrangement is enforceable or whether it is undertaken by the obligor individually or jointly with others) or for changing his financial position in any other form.

**Article 33** The following acts are not deemed as prohibited under Article 31 of this Chapter:

- (I) The Company provides the relevant financial assistance faithfully in the interest of the Company and the said financial assistance is not mainly intended for the repurchase of the Company's shares or the said financial assistance is part of a general plan of the Company;
- (II) The Company distributes its properties as dividends in accordance with the law;
- (III) The Company distributes shares as dividends;
- (IV) The Company reduces the registered capital, buys back shares and adjusts the shareholding structure in accordance with the Articles of Association;
- (V) The Company, within its business scope, provides loan for its normal business operations (but such financial assistance shall not give rise to a decrease in net assets of the Company, or despite of causing a decrease, such financial assistance is given out of the distributable profit of the Company);
- (VI) The Company provides loan for the employee stock ownership plan (but such financial assistance shall not give rise to a decrease in net assets of the Company, or despite of causing a decrease, such financial assistance is given out of the distributable profit of the Company).

## **Chapter 6 Shares and Shareholders' Register**

**Article 34** A Share certificate refers to the certificate evidencing that the shares issued by the Company are held by the shareholder concerned. The Company's shares are all registered shares.

Matters specified in the Company's share certificates shall include:

- (I) Company name;
- (II) Date of incorporation of the Company;
- (III) Shareholder's name and address;
- (IV) Class of shares held by each shareholder, par value and the number of shares represented;
- (V) Serial number of the share certificate held by each shareholder and the date on which the shares are acquired;
- (VI) Other matters to be specified pursuant to the Company Law, Special Provisions, Rule 19A.52 of the Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange and as required by the stock exchange on which the Company's shares are listed.

During the period when the overseas-listed foreign shares are listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, the Company shall ensure all listing documents and ownership certificates of all its shares listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (including overseas-listed foreign shares which are listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange) shall include the following statements, and shall instruct and promote its share registrar to reject any subscription, purchase or transfer of the shares registered in the name of any individual holder, unless and until the said individual holder has submitted to the said share registrar the signed relating to the said shares, which shall include the following statements:

- (I) The share purchaser agrees with the Company and each of its shareholders, and the Company agrees with each shareholder to observe and comply with the Company Law, Special Provisions, other relevant laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association.
- (II) The share purchaser agrees with the Company and each of the Company's shareholders, directors, supervisors, general manager and senior management, and the Company acting on its behalf and for each director, supervisor, general manager and senior executive agrees with each shareholder, to refer all disputes or claims arising from the Articles of Association or from the rights or obligations specified in the Company Law or other relevant laws or administrative regulations with respect to the Company's affairs to arbitration in accordance with the Articles of Association, and that any reference to arbitration shall be deemed to authorize the arbitration tribunal to conduct a public hearing in open session and to publish its arbitration award, and the arbitration award shall be final and conclusive.



A copy of the register of holders of overseas-listed foreign shares shall be made available at the Company's domicile; the appointed foreign agency shall at any time ensure the original and the copy of the register of holders of overseas-listed foreign shares are consistent.

In the event that the records in the original and the copy of the register of holders of overseas-listed foreign shares are inconsistent, the original shall prevail.

**Article 40** The Company shall keep a complete shareholders' register.

The shareholders' register shall include the following parts:

- (I) Shareholders' register kept at the domicile of the Company, save as specified in (II) and (III) herein;

(V) If the shares are intended to be transferred to joint holders, the number of the registered joint shareholders shall not exceed four; and

(VI) The relevant shares are not subject to lien of any company.

Should the Company refuse to register any transfer of shares, it shall, within two months from the date of the formal application for the transfer, provide the transferor and the transferee with a written notice stating its refusal of registration of such transfer.

Transfer of all overseas-listed foreign shares listed in Hong Kong shall be executed with a written transfer instrument in a general or common format or any other format accepted by the board of directors; the said transfer instrument may be signed by hand without seal. If the transferor or the transferee is a recognized clearing house ("Recognized Clearing House") or proxy thereof as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong), the transfer form can be signed by hand or print. All transfer instruments shall be kept at the legal address of the Company or other place designated by the board of directors from time to time.

**Article 43** No shares held by the promoters can be transferred within 1 year after the establishment of the Company. Shares alreadyr0mr by thehhe be-lis puthecar afterIf theishmeey th

**Article 47** If any shareholder in the shareholders' register or any person requesting to have his name (title) recorded in the shareholders' register has lost his share certificate (i.e. "the original share certificate"), the said shareholder or person may apply to the Company to reissue new share certificate for the said shares (i.e. "the relevant shares"). Regarding exercise of right to issue warrants to a bearer, the Company shall not issue any new warrant to replace the lost one, unless it is sure beyond reasonable doubt that the original warrant has been destroyed.

Application for reissuance of lost share certificates held by holders of domestic shares shall be processed in accordance with the Company Law.

Application for reissuance of lost shares by holders of overseas-listed foreign shares may be processed pursuant to the law, regulation of the stock exchange or other relevant regulation of the place where the original of the shareholders' register of overseas-listed foreign shares is kept.

Application for reissuance of lost shares held by holders of overseas-listed foreign



(IV) Among the joint shareholders of any shares, only the joint shareholder listed first in the shareholders' register has the right to take the relevant share certificate from the Company and receive notices of the Company, and any notice served to.25 T

- (3) Report of status of the issued share capital of the Company;
- (4) Reports of the total par value, number of shares, and the highest and lowest prices of each class of shares repurchased by the Company since the last fiscal year, and the total expenses paid by the Company for this purpose;
- (5) Counterfoils of corporate bonds;
- (6) The latest audited financial statements of the Company, and the reports of the board of directors, auditors and board of supervisors;
- (7) Copy of the latest annual inspection report filed with the industry and commerce authority of China or other competent authorities;
- (8) Minutes of the general meetings (for inspection of shareholders only).

The Company shall keep at its Hong Kong address the documents as referred to in (1) to (8) above (excluding (2)) and any other applicable documents as per the requirements of the Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange for free inspection of the public and shareholders.

- (VI) In the event of termination or liquidation of the Company, to participate in the distribution of the remaining assets of the Company in proportion to their shareholding;
- (VII) For shareholders objecting to resolutions of the general meeting concerning merger or division of the Company, to require the Company to buy their shares;
- (VIII) The shareholders separately or in aggregate holding more than three percent of the shares of the Company shall have the right to submit provisional proposals in writing to the board of directors ten days in advance;
- (IX) To exercise other rights specified by the laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association.

**Article 52** In the event that a shareholder wants to access the relevant information as described in Article 51 of the Articles of Association or to obtain information, he shall provide a written document to the Company proving the class and number of shares of the Company he holds. Such information shall be provided to the shareholder at his request after the Company verifies the identity of the shareholder.

All shareholders shall fulfill their confidentiality obligation to the Company's trade secret while exercising the above mentioned right to know and reasonably use such information. The shareholders shall bear the liability for compensation in case of any damage caused to the Company.

**Article 53** The ordinary shareholders of the Company shall have the following obligations:

- (I) To observe the Articles of Association;
- (II) To pay subscription funds as per the shares subscribed and the method of subscription;
- (III) Shall not withdraw as shareholder except as prescribed by the laws and administrative regulations;
- (IV) Shall not abuse his rights as a shareholder to damage the interests of the Company or other shareholders, nor abuse the legal person status of the Company and the limited liability of the shareholders to damage the interests of creditors;

A shareholder who abuses his shareholder's rights, resulting in losses to the Company and other shareholders should be liable for compensation in accordance with law.

Shareholders who abuse the legal person status of the Company and limited liability of shareholders, in order to escape from liability and seriously damaging the interests of creditors, should be jointly and severally held liable to the Company.

- (V) To fulfill other obligations stipulated by the laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association.

A shareholder does not have the obligation to contribute to any increase in share capital unless being a subscriber under the conditions accepted by him at the time of subscription.

**Article 54** If a shareholder holding 5% or more voting rights of the Company pledges his shares, he should report to the Company in writing on the day of such occurrence.

**Article 55** The controlling shareholder or actual controller of the Company shall not use his associated relationship to damage the Company's interests. If such provision is violated resulting in damage to the Company, he should be responsible for compensation.

The controlling shareholders and actual controllers have fiduciary duty towards the Company and shareholders holding public community shares of the Company. The controlling shareholders should strictly exercise their rights as capital contributors. The controlling shareholders shall not make use of methods such as distribution of profits, restructuring of assets, external investment, misappropriation of assets, borrowing or providing guarantee for damaging the legal interests of the Company and shareholders of public community shares. They shall not make use of their controlling position to damage the legal interests of the Company and shareholders of public community shares.

**Article 56** Save for the obligations under the laws, administrative regulations or the Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange, the controlling shareholders, in exercising their rights as shareholders, shall not make any decision detrimental to the interests of all or some shareholders as a result of the exercise of their voting rights on the following issues:

- (I) Exempting directors and supervisors from the obligation to act honestly in the best interest of the Company in good faith;
- (II) Allowing directors and supervisors (for the interests of their own or others) to seize from the Company its asset in any way, including (but not limited to) any opportunity in favour of the Company;
- (III) Allowing directors and supervisors (for the interests of their own or others) to seize from other shareholders their personal rights and interests, including (but not limited to) any right to profit distribution and right to vote, but excluding corporate reorganization submitted for adoption at the general meeting pursuant to the Articles of Association.

**Article 57** A controlling shareholder, as referred to in the preceding article, is a person fulfilling any of the following conditions:

- (I) When acting alone or acting in concert with other persons, such a person can select more than half of the Company's directors;
- (II) When acting alone or acting in concert with other persons, such a person can exercise more than 30% (inclusive) of the voting rights of the Company or control the exercising of more than 30% (inclusive) of the voting rights of the Company;
- (III) When acting alone or acting in concert with other persons, such a person holds more than 30% (inclusive) of the outstanding shares of the Company;
- (IV) When acting alone or acting in concert with other persons, such a person has de facto control of the Company by other methods.

The term "acting in concert" means that two or more persons conclude an unanimously consent in mode of agreement (regardless of oral or written form) to acquire the Company's right to vote via one of the two persons in order to achieve or enhance the aim to control the Company.

## **Chapter 8 General Meetings**

**Article 58** The general meeting shall be the organ of authority of the Company and shall exercise its functions and powers according to law.

**Article 59** A general meeting shall exercise the following functions and powers:

- (I) To decide on the business operation guideline and investment plan for the Company;
- (II) To elect and replace directors and to decide on matters relating to remuneration of the directors;
- (III) To elect and replace supervisors who are not employee representative and to decide on matters relating to remuneration of the supervisors;
- (IV) To examine and approve reports of the board of directors;
- (V) To examine and approve reports of the board of supervisors;
- (VI) To examine and approve the annual financial budgets and final accounting plans of the Company;
- (VII) To examine and approve the Company's profit distribution plan and loss recovery plan;
- (VIII) To resolve on the increase or reduction of the registered capital of the Company;
- (IX) To resolve on the merger, division, dissolution, liquidation or transformation of the Company;
- (X) To resolve on the issuance of corporate bonds;
- (XI) To resolve on the appointment, removal or termination of appointment of the accounting firm by the Company;
- (XII) To amend the Articles of Association;
- (XIII) To examine proposals made by shareholders severally or jointly representing more than 3% (inclusive) of the voting shares of the Company;
- (XIV) To consider and approve other guarantee matters as prescribed in Article 60;
- (XV) To examine the Company's purchase or disposal of major assets within one year in an amount exceeding 30% of the total assets of the Company;
- (XVI) To examine and approve changes in the use of proceeds;



**Article 62** General meetings are divided into annual general meetings and extraordinary general meetings. General meetings shall be convened by the board of directors. Annual general meetings shall be convened once a year within six months after the end of the preceding fiscal year.

In any of the following circumstances, the board of directors shall convene an extraordinary general meeting within two months:

- (I) When the number of directors falls short of the minimum number required by the Company Law or is less than two-thirds of the number required by the Articles of Association;
- (II) When the accrued losses of the Company amount to one-third of its total share capital;
- (III) When shareholder(s) individually or jointly holding 10% or more of the Company's issued and outstanding shares carrying voting rights request(s) in writing for the convening of an extraordinary general meeting;
- (IV) When the board of directors deems it necessary or the board of supervisors proposes to convene an extraordinary general meeting;
- (V) When more than half of independent directors propose to convene the meeting;
- (VI) In any other circumstances stipulated by the laws, administrative regulations, departmental regulations, the Listing Rules and the Articles of Association.

The venue of the general meeting shall be the domestic of the Company or the venue explicitly notified in the notice of the general meeting. A general meeting shall be conducted in the form of a physical meeting at the designated venue for meeting. In addition, the Company will provide online and other means for the convenience of participation by the shareholders. A shareholder who participates in a general meeting in the aforesaid means shall be deemed as being present. Where the Company convenes a general meeting by online means, all shareholders whose name appearing on the register of member on the shareholding record date shall confirm their identity and participate in voting through the online system.

During the general meeting, the Company will retain an attorney to issue legal opinion on the following matters and publish the same:

- (1) Whether the procedures of convening and holding the meeting comply with relevant laws or administrative regulations and the Articles of Association;
- (2) Whether the qualifications of the attendants and the convener are lawful and valid;
- (3) Whether the voting procedure and results are lawful and valid;
- (4) Other relevant issues as required by the Company.

**Article 63** A written notice convening the annual general meeting shall be given by the convener not less than 20 business days before the date of the meeting to notify all shareholders of the meeting; whereas a written notice of the extraordinary general meeting shall be given not less than 15 business days before the date of the meeting to notify all shareholders of the meeting. A “business day” as mentioned in this articles of association refers to any trading day of securities on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

The calculation of the abovementioned period shall not include the date of publishing the announcement and that of the meeting is convened.

**Article 64** Notice of general meeting shall meet the following requirements:

- (I) Is in written form;
- (II) Specifies the venue, date and time of the meeting;
- (III) States matters to be discussed at the meeting;
- (IV) Provides such necessary information and explanations for shareholders to make an informed judgment on the matters to be considered. Without limitation to the generality of the foregoing, where a proposal is made with respect to the merger of the Company with another company, the repurchase of shares, restructuring of share capital, or other reorganization of the Company, the terms of the proposed transaction must be provided in detail along with copies of the proposed contract (if any), and the reason(s) and effect of such proposal must be properly explained;
- (V) Contains a disclosure of the nature and extent of the material interests of any director, supervisor, manager or other senior management in the proposed transaction and the effect which the proposed transaction will have on them in their capacity as shareholders insofar as it is different from the effect on the interests of shareholders of the same class;
- (VI) Contains the full text of any special resolution to be proposed at the meeting;
- (VII) Contains a clear statement that a shareholder entitled to attend and vote at such meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote at such meeting on his behalf and that such proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company;
- (VIII) Specifies the time and venue for serving the power of attorney for the voting proxy for the meeting;
- (IX) The time between the date of registration of shareholding of the shareholders for determining those shareholders entitled to attend the shareholders’ meeting, the date of registration and the date of the meeting shall comply with the requirements of the relevant supervisory authorities of the place where the shares of the Company are listed; and

(X) The names and telephone numbers of the standing contact persons for the meeting.

**Article 65** The notice of general meeting shall be delivered to shareholders (whether or not they are entitled to vote at the general meeting) by any modes agreed by the local securities exchange where the Company's shares are listed (including gh61 scwg led tl securitiesexchange wherl

The addressee of the notice shall be as shown in the shareholders register.

For shareholders of the company, the notice of general meeting shall be delivered by any mode of public announcement.

Public announcement referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be published in the

have received the notice of the general meeting.

### **Article 65**



If the board of directors agrees to convene an extraordinary general meeting, it shall issue a meeting notice within 5 days after the decision of the board of directors is made, which shall obtain the consent of the board of supervisors for the change(s) to the original proposal(s).

If the board of directors disagrees to convene an extraordinary general meeting or has not given a reply within 10 days of receiving the proposal, it is deemed that the board of directors is unable to perform or has not performed its duty of convening an extraordinary general meeting, and the board of supervisors shall then convene and preside over such general meeting. For a general meeting convened by the board of supervisors, all necessary expenses of the meeting shall be borne by the Company.

**Article 74** Shareholders who request the convening of an extraordinary shareholders' meeting or class meeting shall do so according to the following procedures:

- (I) The shareholder(s) individually or jointly holding more than 10% of the Company's total voting shares (inclusive) may sign one or several written requests with the same format and content to propose to the board of directors to convene an extraordinary general meeting or class general meeting, and specify the subjects of the meeting. The board of directors shall submit a written reply on the consent or disagreement to convene an extraordinary or class general meeting within 10 days after receipt of the aforesaid written request. The aforesaid amount of shareholding is calculated as on the day when the shareholders make the written request.
- (II) If the board of directors agrees to convene the extraordinary shareholders' meeting or class meeting, it will issue a notice of shareholders' meeting or class meeting within 5 days of the decision of the board of directors. If there are changes to the original request in the notice, they should be agreed by the relevant shareholders.
- (III) If the board of directors does not agree to convene the extraordinary shareholders' meeting, or does not reply within 10 days of receipt of the suggestion, shareholders individually or together holding more than 10% of the shares of the Company are authorized to request to the board of supervisors to hold an extraordinary shareholders' meeting, and should be presented to the board of supervisors in writing.
- (IV) If the board of supervisors agrees to convene the extraordinary shareholders' meeting, it shall issue a notice of shareholders' meeting within 5 days of the decision of the board of supervisors. If there are changes to the original request in the notice, they should be agreed by the relevant shareholders. If the board of supervisors does not issue the notice of shareholders' meeting within the prescribed period, this is treated as the board of supervisors not convening and not holding the shareholders' meeting. Then shareholders who individually or together hold more than 10% of the shares for more than 90 consecutive days can convene and hold the meeting by themselves, the procedure for covering such meeting shall, to the extent possible, be the same as the procedure for convening a general meeting by the board of directors.

Where the shareholders convene and preside over a meeting because the board of directors and the board of supervisors fail to convene the meeting pursuant to the aforesaid request, the reasonable expenses incurred shall be borne by the Company.

**Article 75** When the Company convenes a shareholders' meeting, the board of directors, the board of supervisors and shareholder(s) individually or jointly holding more than 3% of the Company's shares shall be entitled to propose motions to the Company.

Shareholder(s) individually or jointly holding more than 3% of the Company's shares may submit a written supplementary motion(s) to the convener of the board of directors 10 business days before a shareholders' meeting is convened; the convener shall issue a supplementary notice of the shareholders' meeting announcing the contents of the supplementary motion(s) within two days after receipt of the said motion(s).

Unless otherwise provided in the preceding paragraph, the convenor may not amend the proposals set out in the notice of shareholders' general meeting, or add new proposals after issuing an announcement on the notice of shareholders' general meeting.

The motion(s) that has/have not been set out in the notice of the shareholders' meeting or that is/are not in compliance with Article 76 shall not be voted or resolved on at the general meeting.

**Article 76** Provisional motions of the shareholders' meeting shall meet the following conditions:

- (I) The content shall comply with the laws, administrative regulations, the Articles of Association and the related regulations and requirements of relevant stock exchanges or regulatory authorities at the place where the shares are listed, and shall fall within the authority of the general meeting;
- (II) It shall have a clear topic and specific resolution for consideration;
- (III) It shall be submitted or served to the convener in written form.

**Article 77** General meetings shall be convened by the board of directors and the chairman of the board of directors shall preside over the meeting. If the chairman of the board of directors is unable or fails to perform his duties, the vice chairman of the board of directors shall preside over the meeting; if the vice chairman is unable or fails to perform his duties, more than half of the directors may elect a director to convene and act as the chairman of the meeting.

If the board of directors cannot or fails to convene a general meeting, the board of supervisors shall duly convene and preside over such meeting; if even the board of supervisors cannot or fails to convene and preside over a general meeting, the shareholders individually or jointly holding more than 10% of the Company's shares for more than 90 consecutive days may by themselves convene and preside over a general meeting. If for any reason the shareholders cannot elect a chairman for the meeting, the shareholder (including proxy thereof) holding the most voting shares among the attending shareholders shall preside over the meeting.

**Article 78** Shareholders (including proxies thereof) who vote at a general meeting shall exercise their voting rights as per the number of voting shares they represent. Each share carries the right to one vote.

When material issues affecting the interests of small and medium-sized investors are being considered by the A share shareholders at the shareholders' meeting, the votes by small and medium-sized investors shall be counted separately. The separate voting results shall be disclosed publicly in a timely manner.

The Company has no voting right for the shares it holds, and such shares shall be excluded from the total number of voting shares represented by the shareholders attending the general meeting.

The board of directors of the Company, independent directors and shareholders who met the relevant requirements and conditions may collect voting rights from the shareholders publicly. While collecting votes from the shareholders, sufficient information such as specific voting preference shall be disclosed to the persons whose voting rights are being collected, and may only use for such purpose previously published information which remains accurate and is not misleading at the time it is quoted. No consideration or other form of de facto consideration shall be offered, and no shareholders shall not be put under pressure in collecting the voting rights from the shareholders. The Company shall not impose any restriction on minimum shareholdings in collecting the voting rights. If the Company is soliciting the votes from the shareholders, they shall be encouraged to consult their professional advisers.

Pursuant to the applicable laws and regulations or the Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange and the Listing Rules of SSE, whereas any shareholder is required to abstain from voting on any particular resolution or restricted to voting only for or against any particular resolution, any vote cast by or on behalf of such shareholder in contravention of such requirement or restriction shall not be counted.

**Article 79** When the board of supervisors or shareholders decides to convene a shareholders' meeting by themselves, they should inform the board of directors in writing and at the same time, prepare a filing at the CSRC's sub-office and the stock exchange where the Company is located.

Before publicly announcing the resolutions of the shareholders' meeting, the convening shareholders should not hold less than 10% of the shares.

When the convening shareholder issues the notice for shareholders' meeting and publicly announce the resolutions of the shareholders' meeting, he should submit the relevant proof to the CSRC sub-office and the securities exchange where the Company is located.

**Article 80** When a shareholders' meeting is convened by the board of supervisors or by the shareholders, the board of directors and the secretary to the board of directors should assist. The board of directors should provide the register of shareholders on the date of registration of shareholding.

**Article 81** Voting at general meetings shall be conducted by show of hands, unless the following persons require voting by poll before or after voting by show of hands:

- (I) Chairman of the meeting;
- (II) At least two shareholders with voting rights or their proxies;
- (III) One or more shareholders present in person or by proxy and representing 10% or more of all shares carrying the right to vote, individually or jointly, at the meeting.

Unless the said persons require voting by poll according to the applicable securities listing rules or other regulations as prescribed in other securities laws and regulations, the chairman shall announce the result of voting by show of hands on proposals which voting shall be recorded in the minutes as concluding evidence, without specifying the number or percentage of voting for or against the resolutions passed at the meeting.

The Company shall disclose relevant votes cast as required by the laws, administrative regulations, relevant regulatory authority or the Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange and the Listing Rules of SSE.

The request for voting by poll can be withdrawn by the proposer.

**Article 82** If the issue required to be voted by poll relates to election of chairman or termination of meeting, voting by poll shall be conducted immediately; in respect of other issues required to be voted by poll, the chairman may decide the time of voting by poll, and the meeting may proceed to consider other issues. The voting results shall still be deemed as resolutions passed at the said meeting.

**Article 83** Registered vote is used by the Company for A-shares meeting. At a poll taken at the meeting, a shareholder (including the proxy thereof) entitled to two or more votes need not cast all his votes in the same manner.

**Article 84** The list of candidate of directors and supervisors shall be submitted to the shareholders' meeting as a proposal for voting. The method and procedures for nomination of directors and supervisors are as follows:

- (I) The board of directors and shareholder(s) holding or jointly holding more than 3% of the Company's shares shall nominate candidate(s) for director(s);
- (II) The board of directors, the board of supervisors and shareholder(s) independently or jointly holding more than 1% of the Company's shares shall nominate candidate(s) for independent director(s);
- (III) The board of supervisors and shareholder(s) holding or jointly holding more than 3% of the Company's shares shall nominate candidate(s) for supervisor(s) who is/are not employees' representative(s);

- (IV) The supervisor(s) representing employees in the board of supervisors shall be elected from the general meeting of employee representative(s); and
- (V) When the shareholders nominate director(s), independent director(s) or supervisor(s), the nomination proposal, details of the nominated candidates, declaration or undertaking of the candidate shall be submitted to the board of directors 10 business days before convening the general meeting.

The board of directors shall issue an announcement or a circular on the biography and basic information of the candidate for director(s) and supervisor(s) to the shareholders, and the notice period for the announcement and circular shall comply with the regulations and requirements of the relevant stock exchanges or regulatory authorities at the place where the shares of the Company are listed.

When voting on the election of director(s) and supervisor(s) at the shareholders' meeting, the cumulative voting system may be used in accordance with the requirements of the regulatory authorities of the place where the shares are listed, provisions of the Articles of Association or the resolutions at the general meeting. Under the cumulative voting system, the election of independent directors shall be conducted separately from that of other members of the board of directors. When electing two or more directors or supervisors, the cumulative voting system shall be implemented. Where the cumulative voting system is implemented in electing directors, the voting of the independent directors shall be conducted separately from that of the non-independent directors.

Cumulative voting mentioned in the preceding paragraph means that when directors or supervisors are being elected at a shareholders' meeting, each share has the same voting rights as the number of candidates for directors or supervisors, and the shareholders' voting rights may be used in a centralized manner.

Save as those under the cumulative voting system, the shareholders' meeting shall resolve on all the proposals separately; in the event of several proposals for the same issue, such proposals shall be voted on and resolved in the order of time at which they are submitted. Unless the shareholders' meeting is adjourned or no resolution can be made for special reasons such as force majeure, voting of such proposals shall neither be shelved nor refused at the shareholders' meeting.

**Article 85** In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to one additional vote.

**Article 86** Resolutions of a general meeting shall be divided into ordinary resolutions and special resolutions.

Ordinary resolutions shall be approved by votes representing more than half of voting rights held by shareholders (including proxies thereof) present at the general meeting.

Special resolutions shall be adopted by shareholders representing 2/3 or more of the voting rights of the shareholders (including proxies thereof) in presence.

Shareholders (including proxies thereof) present at the shareholders' meeting shall present one of the following comments for each issue that needs to be voted on: for, against or abstain. Securities registration and clearing institutions as the nominal holding of the Stock Connect Programme between Mainland and Hong Kong shall follow the intention of the beneficial holders of the shares on voting. Incomplete, wrongly filled, illegible or uncast votes shall be deemed as the voters' waiver of their voting rights, and the voting results representing the shares held by such voters shall be counted as "abstentions".

The Company shall, on the premise of ensuring the lawfulness and validity of the shareholders' meeting, provide convenience to shareholders in attending the general meeting through various methods and channels, with priority given to the provision of modern information technology measures such as online voting platform.

The same voting rights shall be exercised with only one of the voting methods, namely on-site, online or other voting methods. The first voting result is considered as valid in case of multiple voting of the same voting rights.

**Article 87** The following matters shall be approved by ordinary resolutions at a general meeting:

- (I) Work reports of the board of directors and the board of supervisors;
- (II) Profit distribution plans and loss recovery plans formulated by the board of directors;
- (III) Appointment and removal of the members of the board of directors and the members of the board of supervisors who are not employee representatives, their remuneration and the method of payment thereof;
- (IV) Annual budget, final accounts, balance sheet, profit statement, and other financial statements of the Company;
- (V) Matters other than those that should be passed by special resolutions pursuant to the laws, administrative regulations, the Listing Rules of the stock exchange where the shares of the Company are listed or the Articles of Association.

**Article 88** The following matters shall be approved by special resolutions at a general meeting:

- (I) Increase or reduction in share capital of the Company and the issue of shares of any class, warrants and other similar securities;
- (II) Issue of bonds of the Company;
- (III) Division, merger, dissolution, liquidation or transformation of the Company;
- (IV) Revision of the Articles of Association;

- (V) Examination and review and implementation of the equity incentive plan;
- (VI) When the Company buys, or sells material assets or guarantees an amount exceeding 30% of the latest audited total assets within one year;
- (VII) Other matters as prescribed in the laws, administrative regulations, departmental rules and provisions of the local securities regulatory authority at the place where the Company's share are listed or the Articles of Association as well as any other matters considered by an ordinary resolution at a general meeting that it may have material impact on the Company and accordingly shall be approved by a special resolution.

**Article 89** When the shareholders' general meeting considers matters relating to related parties transactions, the related shareholders shall not participate in the voting, and the number of the voting shares represented by them shall not be counted into the total number of valid voting shares; and a public announcement of the resolutions of the

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**Article 92** If ballots are counted at a general meeting, the counting result shall be recorded in the 92

**Article 100** Under the following circumstances, the rights of a class shareholder shall be deemed to have been varied or abrogated:

- (I) To increase or decrease the number of shares of such class, or to increase or decrease the number of shares of a class having voting rights, distribution rights or other privileges equal to or superior to those of the shares of such class;
- (II) To effect an exchange of all or part of the shares of such class into shares of another class or to effect an exchange of all or part of the shares of another class into shares of such class or to grant the right to make the said change;
- (III) To cancel or reduce rights to accrued dividends or cumulative dividends attached to shares of the said class;
- (IV) To reduce or cancel rights attached to the shares of the said class to preferentially receive dividends or to receive distributions of assets in a liquidation of the Company;
- (V) To add, cancel or reduce share conversion rights, options, voting rights, transfer rights, preemptive placing rights, or rights to acquire securities of the Company attached to the shares of the said class;
- (VI) To cancel or reduce rights to receive payments made by the Company in a particular currency attached to the shares of the said class;
- (VII) To create a new class of shares with voting rights, distribution rights or other

**Article 101** The class shareholders so affected, whether or not otherwise entitled to vote at a general meeting, shall nevertheless be entitled to vote at any class meetings

**Article 105** Apart from holders of other classes of shares, holders of domestic shares and overseas-listed foreign shares are deemed as shareholders of different classes.

Special voting procedures for class shareholders shall not apply in the following circumstances:

**Article 107** Directors shall be elected at general meetings for a term of three years, which is renewable upon re-election. The re-election term of independent directors shall not exceed six years.

The term of office of a director shall commence from the date of appointment until the expiry of the current session of the board of directors. If the term of office of a director expires but re-election is not made, the existing director shall continue to perform their duties in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations, departmental rules and the provisions of the Articles of Association until a new director is elected and assumes office.

Prior to the maturity of his term, a director shall not be removed without reason from his office by a general meeting. Subject to all relevant laws and administrative regulations and without prejudice to any potential claim which may be made under any contract, the shareholders' general meeting may by ordinary resolution remove any director before the expiration of his term of office.

If a director fails to attend meeting of the board of directors in person and fails to appoint any other director to attend on his behalf for two consecutive times, he shall be deemed to be unable to perform his duties, and the board of directors shall propose to the general meeting for replacement.

A director may resign prior to the expiry of his term of service. When a director intends to resign, he shall submit a written resignation to the board of directors. The independent directors shall explain their resignation or the situations that may cause the attention of the Company's shareholders and creditors at their discretion. Where the resignation of a director results in the number of directors falls below the minimum number prescribed in the regulations of the Company Law or two-thirds of the number as prescribed in the Articles of Association, or the independent directors fall below the number as prescribed in the Articles of Association, the resignation of such director shall come into effect only upon filling the vacancy by the succeeding director. Where the board of directors fails to convene a general meeting for the purpose of re-election within two months after resignation of an independent director, such independent director shall not have further obligation to perform his duties.

Without violation of relevant laws and regulations and the regulatory rules of the place where the Company is listed, any director appointed to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the board of directors should hold office only until the next following annual general meeting of the Company and should then be eligible for re-election at the meeting.

Except under the aforesaid circumstances, the resignation of a director shall become effective when the report of resignation is served on the board of directors.

The chairman shall be elected and removed by more than half of all the directors, shall serve a term of three years and is eligible for re-election.

**Article 108** The directors shall be natural persons and need not hold shares of the Company.

**Article 109** The board of directors shall be accountable to the general meeting and exercise the following functions and powers:

- (I) To be responsible for convening general meetings and reporting its work to the general meetings;
- (II) To implement resolutions of general meetings;
- (III) To resolve on the Company's business plans and investment plans;
- (IV) To prepare the Company's annual financial budgets and final accounting plans;
- (V) To prepare the Company's profit distribution plans and loss recovery plans;
- (VI) To formulate the plan for increase or reduction of the Company's registered capital, and the plan for issue of the Company's bonds;
- (VII) To prepare plans for the Company's merger, division and dissolution;
- (VIII) To decide on the internal management structure of the Company;
- (IX) To appoint or dismiss the Company's general manager; to appoint or dismiss the Company's deputy general manager(s), chief financial officer and secretary to the board of directors and determine their remunerations;
- (X) To determine employees' salary, welfare and rewards and penalties;
- (XI) To approve appointment or replacement of the directors and shareholder representative supervisors of the Company's wholly-owned subsidiaries; appointment, replacement and recommendation of shareholder representatives, directors (candidates) and shareholder representative supervisors (candidates) of the Company's subsidiaries and participating subsidiaries;
- (XII) To work out the basic management system of the Company;
- (XIII) To formulate the plan for any amendment to the Articles of Association;
- (XIV) To decide on the domestic and overseas branch structure of the Company;
- (XV) To decide on the consolidation, division and restructuring of the Company's wholly-owned subsidiaries and controlled subsidiaries;
- (XVI) To decide on the structure of the special committees of the board of directors and to recruit and dismiss the person-in-charge of the committees;
- (XVII) To propose the candidates of independent directors to the general meeting and suggest removal and replacement of independent directors;

- (XVIII) To suggest appointment, renewal or dismissal of the accounting firm to the general meeting;
- (XIX) To receive the work report of the general manager and examine his work;
- (XX) To manage matters in respect of disclosure of the Company's information;
- (XXI) To formulate the equity incentive plan;
- (XXII) The board of directors shall exercise the decision-making authority on foreign investment (including capital increase and equity transfer of the investment enterprises), financing, venture investment, entrust financing and external guarantee other than those to be determined by resolution of the general meeting in accordance with the laws and regulations and the Articles of Association;
- (XXIII) To determine on other major issues of the Company other than matters which shall be determined at the general meeting in accordance with the Company Law and the Articles of Association;
- (XXIV) To determine on the Company's risk management system, including risk assessment, financial control, internal audit and legal risk control, and implement supervision thereof;
- (XXV) Other power as prescribed in the Articles of Association or granted authorization by the general meeting;
- (XXVI) Other matters conferred by the laws, administrative regulations, departmental rules and the regulations of the Listing Rules or the Articles of Association.

The board of directors may resolve on the issues specified in the preceding paragraph by approval of more than half of the directors save for the issues specified in (VI), (VII) and (XIII), and the regulations of the Listing Rule, of which approval of more than two-thirds of the directors is required.

If the uninterested directors who attend the meeting are less than three, the board of directors shall timely submit the relevant proposals to the shareholders' meeting for approval. The board of directors shall state the relevant situation of approval of such proposal when submitting and recording the opinion of the uninterested directors.

**Article 110** The board of directors shall explain to the general meeting any non-standard audit opinions issued by the registered accountant on the Company's financial statements.

**Article 111** The board of directors shall formulate the Rules of Procedures of the Board in order to ensure that the board of directors can implement resolutions approved at the general meeting of shareholders, improve working efficiency and carry out scientific decision-making.

**Article 112** The independent directors shall attend the meeting of the board of directors in a timely manner; understand the Company's production and business situation; actively investigate and access to information and data needed to make decisions; submit the annual report of all independent directors to the Company's annual general meeting and explain the performance of their duties.

**Article 113** The Company shall establish the working system of independent directors. The secretary to the board of directors shall actively cooperate with the independent directors to perform his duties. The Company should guarantee that the independent directors shall enjoy the same right of information; provide relevant materials and information to the independent directors in a timely manner; regularly report the Company's business operation to the independent directors and organize on-site inspection for them when necessary.

**Article 114** The independent directors shall also exercise the following special powers in addition to the functions and power as prescribed in the Company Law, other relevant laws, administrative regulations and as granted in the Articles of Association.

- (I) All major related party transaction (as determined in accordance with the effective rules issued by the stock exchange where the Company's shares are listed from time to time) subject to approval by the board of directors or general meeting shall be submitted to the board of directors for discussion after approval by the independent directors. When the board of directors makes any resolution on the Company's related party transactions, such resolution shall enter into force upon signature by the independent directors. Prior to making judgment by the independent directors, an intermediary institution shall be appointed to issue independent financial consultant report as the basis for judgment;
- (II) To propose appointment or dismissal of the accounting firm to the board of directors;
- (III) To submit an application to the board of directors for holding an extraordinary general meeting;
- (IV) To propose the convening of meeting of the board of directors;
- (V) To independently appoint external audit and consulting organs;
- (VI) To solicit voting right from shareholders in a public manner prior to convening the shareholders' meeting;

When the independent directors exercise the functions and powers as prescribed in paragraph (I) and (II) of this Article, the matter shall be submitted to the board of directors for discussion only upon consent by more than half of the independent directors; for paragraph (III), (IV) and (VI), it shall be approved by more than half of the independent directors; and for paragraph (V), it shall be approved by all independent directors. All fees arising from exercising the aforesaid functions and powers by the independent directors shall be borne by the Company. If the above mentioned proposals are refused or the functions and powers are unable to be exercised, the Company shall disclose the information concerned.

Separate remuneration, audit, nomination committees shall be formed under the board of directors and independent directors shall make up more than half of the members of the respective committees.

**Article 115** In addition to the functions and powers as mentioned above, the independent directors shall issue their independent opinions to the board of directors or the shareholders' meeting with respect to the matters below:

- (I) To nominate, appoint or remove directors;
- (II) To appoint or dismiss senior management;
- (III) To determine on the remuneration of the Company's directors and senior management;
- (IV) When the total amount (as determined in accordance with the effective rules issued by the stock exchange where the Company's share are listed from time to time) of the existing or new loan or other money transactions between the Company's shareholders, de facto controller or other related enterprises is equal to the amount that must be approved by the board of directors or shareholders' meeting, and whether or not effective measures have been taken by the Company to recover those debts;
- (V) Matters that might prejudice the interests of minority shareholders as deemed by the independent directors;

The independent directors shall present one of the following comments on the aforesaid issues in writing:

- (1) Consent;
- (2) Reservation and reasons thereof;
- (3) Objection and reasons thereof;
- (4) Inability to make comments and reasons thereof.

Disposals of the fixed assets mentioned herein include transfer of certain asset interests, but do not include guarantee provided by pledge of fixed assets.

The effectiveness of the Company's disposal of the fixed assets shall not be affected by any breach of the foregoing provisions in Paragraph 1 herein.

**Article 117** The chairman of the board of directors shall exercise the following functions and powers:

- (I) To preside over general meetings and to convene and preside over meetings of the board of directors;
- (II) To examine the implementation of the resolutions of the board of directors;
- (III) To sign the share certificates issued by the Company;
- (IV) To exercise other functions and powers conferred by the board of directors.

The vice chairman shall assist the chairman's work, if the chairman is unable or fails to perform his duties, the vice chairman shall perform the duties on his behalf, if the vice chairman is unable or fails to perform his duties, such duties shall be performed by a director who is nominated and elected by more than half of the directors.

**Article 118** Regular meetings of the board of directors shall be held at least four times a year at approximately quarterly intervals and shall be convened by the chairman. Notice of the regular meeting of the board of directors shall be given at least 14 days in advance. It is expected that each regular meeting of the board of directors shall have a majority of directors who are entitled to attend the meeting attending in person, or participate actively through electronic communication methods.

An extraordinary meeting of the board of directors may be held within five days after receipt of the proposal, if it is:

- (I) Proposed by shareholders representing more than 10% of the voting rights;
- (II) Jointly proposed by more than one-third of the directors;
- (III) Deemed necessary by the chairman of the board of directors;
- (IV) Jointly proposed by more than two independent directors;
- (V) Proposed by the board of supervisors;
- (VI) Proposed by the general manager.

A reasonable notice shall be given when the board of directors convenes other meetings of the board of directors.

**Article 119** The board of directors shall send notice of regular or extraordinary meeting by:

Notice of regular meeting of the board of directors shall be given at least 14 days in advance and that of an extraordinary meeting shall be given at least five days in advance to all directors, supervisors and general manager. The office of the board of directors is responsible for issuance of the written notice of meeting bearing with the seal of the office to all directors, supervisors and general manager by hand, via, fax, email or other modes. All notices sent other than by hand shall be confirmed by telephone and the corresponding records shall be kept.

Where an extraordinary meeting of the board of directors shall be convened as soon as possible in emergency, the notice of meeting may be sent by telephone or by other verbal means at any time, but the convener shall make explanations thereof at the meeting.

**Article 120** Unless otherwise regulated by the Listing Rules or these Articles of Association, meetings of the board of directors shall be held only if more than half of the directors (including alternate directors attending the meeting on behalf of others) are present.

Each director shall have one vote. Unless otherwise provided in the Articles of Association, a resolution of the board of directors must be passed by a majority of the directors of the Company.

Where there is an equality of votes cast both for and against a resolution, the chairman of the board of directors shall have a casting vote.

**Article 121** Directors shall attend meetings of the board of directors in person. In the event that a director is unable to attend a meeting for any reason, he may appoint another director by a written power of attorney to attend the meeting on his behalf. The power of attorney shall set out the scope of the authorization.

The director attending the meeting as proxy shall exercise rights within the scope of authorization. Where a director is not present at a meeting of the board of directors and fails to authorize a proxy to act on his behalf, the said director shall be deemed to have waived his rights to vote at the meeting.

**Article 122** Unless under the exceptional circumstances specified in laws and regulations and in respect of the following matters, a director shall not vote on any resolution of the board of directors which approves any contract, transaction or arrangement or any other relevant proposals where he or his close associates (as defined in the Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange) own a material interest; and shall not be included for determining whether there is a quorum for the meeting:

- (I) For directors or their close associates (as defined in the Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange) lending money to the Company or any of its subsidiaries or Directors or their close associates, or inducing or assuming obligation under the requirements of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or for their benefit, the provision of any mortgage or indemnity guarantee for such director or his close associates;

- (II) For the Company or any of its subsidiaries providing any mortgage or indemnity guarantee for third party in respect of the debts or obligations; the directors or their close associates providing a mortgage according to an assurance or indemnity guarantee or warranty, having assumed all or part of such debt or obligation (whether alone or jointly);
- (III) For any related proposals of offer made by others or the Company for subscription or procurement of shares, bonds or other securities of the Company or other company (initiated and established by the Company or the Company has interests therein), the directors or their close associates having or will have rights and interests by participating in the underwriting or sub-underwriting of offer;
- (IV) Any proposals or arrangements related to employee benefits of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, including:
  - (1) Adoption, revision or implementation of employee share scheme or any share awards or stock option plan, from which any directors or their close associates can benefit; or
  - (2) Adoption, revision or implementation of pension plan, retirement plan, and death or disability benefit plan related to the directors, their close associates and employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries and generally the directors (or their close associates) and persons concerned with the plan or fund are not granted any special privileges or benefit; or
- (V) 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 the shares or debentures or other securities of the Company.

If less than three directors are able to resolve on such matter, the matter shall be submitted to the general meeting for voting.

**Article 123** The decisions on the matters considered at meeting of the board of directors shall be recorded as minutes, which shall be signed by the attending directors and recorder. The directors shall be responsible for the resolutions passed at meetings of the board of directors. Any director who votes for a resolution which is in breach of the relevant laws, administrative regulations or the Articles of Association, thereby causing

## **Chapter 11 Secretary to the Board of Directors**

**Article 124** The Company shall have a secretary to the board of directors of directors, who is a senior executive of the Company and shall be accountable to the Company and its board of directors.

**Article 125** The secretary to the Company's board of directors shall be a natural person who has the requisite professional knowledge and experience, and shall be appointed by the board of directors. The major duties of the secretary shall be:

- (I) To ensure that the Company has complete organization documents and records;
- (II) To ensure the lawful preparation and submission by the Company of reports and documents as required by relevant authorities;
- (III) To ensure that the shareholders' register of the Company is properly maintained and that the persons who have the right of access to the relevant documents and records of the Company can obtain the same in due time.

**Article 126** A director or other senior management of the Company may serve concurrently as secretary to the board of directors. Any accountant of the accounting firm engaged by the Company shall not act in the capacity of the secretary to the board of directors.

In the event a director also acts in the capacity of the secretary to the board of directors, where any act requires to be made by the director and the secretary to the board of directors separately, such director who also acts in the capacity of the secretary to the board of directors shall not make such actions in both capacities.

## **Chapter 12 General Manager of the Company**

**Article 127** The Company shall have one general manager, who shall be nominated by the directors and appointed and dismissed by the board of directors.

**Article 128** The general manager of the Company shall be accountable to the board of directors and exercise the following functions and powers:

- (I) To manage the production and business operations of the Company and arrange for the implementation of the resolutions of the board of directors;
- (II) To arrange for the implementation of the Company's annual business plans and investment plans;
- (III) To formulate proposals for the establishment of the Company's internal management organs;
- (IV) To formulate plans for the setup of the Company's branches;

- (V) To formulate the fundamental management system of the Company;
- (VI) To formulate the Company's specific rules and regulations;
- (VII) To propose to appoint or dismiss the deputy general manager(s), chief financial officer and other senior management of the Company;
- (VIII) To appoint or dismiss executives other than those appointed or dismissed by the board of directors;
- (IX) To formulate system for employees' wages, welfare and rewards and determine their recruitment and dismissal;
- (X) To propose for the convening of extraordinary meeting of the board of directors;
- (XI) To exercise other functions and powers conferred in the Articles of Association and by the board of directors.

**Article 129** The general manager shall be present at meetings of the board of directors, senior management who are not directors shall also be present at meetings of the board of directors and shall have the right to receive the meeting notice and relevant documents; but they have no right to vote at the meetings of the board of directors.

**Article 130** In exercising his functions and powers, the general manager of the Company shall fulfill the obligation of honesty and diligence in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association and shall not change the resolutions made by the shareholder meeting and the board of directors or act beyond the scope of authorization.

### **Chapter 13 Board of Supervisors**

**Article 131** The Company shall have the board of supervisors.

**Article 132** The board of supervisors shall comprise five members, including a chairman. The term of office of a supervisor shall be three years, and is eligible for reelection.

The chairman shall be appointed or removed by votes of more than two-thirds of the members of the board of supervisors.

**Article 133** The members of the board of supervisors shall comprise three shareholder representatives and two employee representatives. The shareholder representatives shall be elected and removed by the shareholders' meeting; and the employee representatives shall be elected and removed by the employees of the Company democratically.

**Article 134** A director, the general manager, the secretary to the board of directors, chief financial officer and other senior management shall not serve as supervisors concurrently.

Regular meetings of the board of supervisors shall be held at least once every six

**Article 136** The voting procedures of the board of supervisors: each supervisor shall have one vote for resolutions to be approved by the board of supervisors in registered form in writing.

The voting procedures are: The voting intention of each supervisor for a resolution shall be “for”, “against” or “abstain”. The attending supervisor at the meeting shall choose among the three and if no choice is made or a choice of two or more is made, the chairman of the meeting shall request the supervisor to make the choice again, and failing of which shall be deemed as abstained from voting, a supervisor who leaves the meeting without casting his vote shall also be deemed as abstained from voting.

The resolution of the board of supervisors shall be passed by the votes of two-thirds or more of all members of the board of supervisors.

**Article 137** The board of supervisors shall have the business conducted at the meeting to be recorded in the minutes of meeting, and attending supervisors and the recorder shall sign on the minutes of meeting.

**Article 138** All reasonable fees incurred for retaining of such professionals as lawyers, registered accountants or practicing auditors by the board of supervisors in the exercise of its functions and powers shall be borne by the Company.

**Article 139** Supervisors shall honestly fulfill the supervisory duty in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association.

## **Chapter 14 Qualifications and Duties of Directors, Supervisors, General Manager and Other Senior Management of the Company**

**Article 140** A person may not serve as a director, supervisor, general manager and other senior management of the Company if any of the following circumstances apply:

- (I) a person without legal or with restricted legal capacity;
- (II) a person who has been found guilty of sentenced for corruption, bribery, infringement of property, misappropriation of property or sabotaging the social economic order where less than a term of 5 years have elapsed since the sentence was served; or a person who has been deprived of his political rights, in each case where less than 5 years have elapsed since the sentence was served;
- (III) a person who is a former director, factory manager or general manager of a company or enterprise which has been entered into insolvent liquidation because of mismanagement and he is personally liable for the insolvency of such company or enterprise, where less than 3 years have elapsed since the date of the completion of the insolvency and liquidation of the company or enterprise;

- (IV) a person who is a former legal representative of a company or enterprise which had its business licence revoked due to a violation of the law and who incurred personal liability, where less than 3 years has elapsed since the date of the revocation of the business licence;
- (V) a person who has a relatively large amount of debts due and outstanding;
- (VI) a person who is under criminal investigation by judicial organization for the violation of the criminal law which is not yet concluded;
- (VII) a person who is not a natural person;
- (VIII) a person convicted of the contravention of provisions of relevant securities regulations by a relevant government authority, and such conviction involves a finding that he has acted fraudulently or dishonestly, where less than 5 years has elapsed since the date of the conviction;
- (IX) other circumstances as prescribed in laws, administrative regulations or departmental rules.

**Article 141** The independent directors shall comply with the following basic conditions:

- (I) Qualifications serving as a director of a listed company as stipulated by laws, administrative regulations and other relevant regulations;
- (II) Independence as required;
- (III) Fundamental knowledge on operation of a listed company as well as mastery of relevant laws, administrative regulations, rules and stipulations;
- (IV) More than five-years' working experience in law, economic or other fields deemed necessary for qualified performance as an independent director;
- (V) Relevant requirements for independent director as prescribed by the Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange and the Listing Rules of SSE;
- (VI) Other conditions as prescribed by the Articles of Association.

The independence of an independent director means that the following persons shall not assume the office of independent director, including:

- (I) A person who holds a position in the Company or its affiliated enterprises, and direct relatives and has major social relations with such person (direct relatives refer to their spouse, father, mother and children etc.; major social relations refer to their brothers, sisters, father-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, spouse of their brothers, sisters, and their spouse's brothers and sisters etc.);

- (II) A person directly or indirectly holds more than 1% of the outstanding shares of the Company or is a natural person shareholder among the 10 largest shareholders of the Company, or such shareholder's direct relative;
- (III) A person directly or indirectly holds a position in a company which holds more than 5% of the outstanding shares of the Company or of an entity which ranks as one of the 5 largest shareholders of the Company, or such employee's direct relative;
- (IV) A person that was under the circumstances listed above in the previous year;

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**Article 145** In fulfilling duties, directors, supervisors, general manager and other senior management of the Company shall observe the principle of honesty and shall not place themselves in a position where their own interests may conflict with their obligations. The principle includes (but is not limited to) the following obligations:

- (I) To sincerely act in the best interest of the Company;
- (II) To exercise their powers within their terms of reference and not to act beyond such powers;
- (III) To exercise personally the discretion vested in them and not to allow themselves to be manipulated by others and, save as permitted by laws, administrative regulations or the Listing Rules or with the informed consent of shareholders at a general meeting, not to delegate the exercise of their discretion to others;
- (IV) To treat shareholders of the same class equally and shareholders of different classes fairly;
- (V) Not to conclude any contract, conduct any transaction or make any arrangement with the Company saved as specified in the Articles of Association or the Listing Rules or unless approval is otherwise with the informed consent of shareholders at a general meeting;
- (VI) Not to seek personal gains by using the property of the Company in any form without the informed consent of shareholders at a general meeting;
- (VII) Not to exploit their positions and powers to act out plves in a positpf

(XII) Not to disclose any confidential information related to the Company acquired by them during their term of office without the informed consent of shareholders at a general meeting; not to use the said information save for the interest of the Company; however, they may disclose such information to a court or other government authorities in the following circumstances:

1. Required by law;
2. Public interest so warrants;
3. The interests of the relevant directors, supervisors, the general manager and other senior management so require.

Gains derived by any director, general manager, vice general manager and other senior management in violation of this Article shall be belong to the Company; the relevant executive shall indemnify the Company for its losses caused by such violation.

**Article 146** Directors, supervisors, general manager and other senior management of the Company shall not cause the following persons or institutions (“connected persons”) to do anything that the directors, supervisors, general manager and other senior management is prohibited to do:

- (I) Spouses or minor children of directors, supervisors, general manager and other senior management of the Company;
- (II) Trustees of directors, supervisors, general manager and other senior management of the Company or persons set out in (I) herein;
- (III) Partners of directors, supervisors, general manager and other senior management of the Company or persons set out in (I) and (II) herein;
- (IV) Companies over which a director, supervisor, general manager and other senior management of the Company, alone or jointly with any person set out to in (I), (II) and (III) herein or any other directors, supervisors, general manager and other senior management of the Company have de facto control;
- (V) Directors, supervisors, general manager and other senior management of the companies as set out in (IV) herein.

**Article 147** The honesty obligation of directors, supervisors, general manager and other senior management of the Company shall not necessarily end with the expiry of their terms of office, and their confidentiality obligation to the Company in respect of trade secrets shall continue after expiry of their terms of office. Other obligations may continue for such period as the principle of fairness may require depending on the amount of time which has lapsed between the termination and the act concerned and the specific circumstances under which the relationship between the Company and them was terminated.

## **Article 148**



- (IV) Recover monies, including (but not limited to) commissions, received by the relevant directors, supervisors, general manager or other senior management which should have been received by the Company;
- (V) Require the relevant directors, supervisors, general manager or other senior management to surrender interests earned or may be earned from monies which should have been paid to the Company.

**Article 157** The Company shall conclude written contracts with its directors and supervisors in relation to their remunerations, subject to prior approval at a general meeting. The aforesaid remunerations include:

- (I) Remunerations as directors, supervisors or senior management of the Company;
- (II) Remunerations as directors, supervisors or senior management of subsidiaries of the Company;
- (III)

**Article 158** The Company shall specify in the contracts concluded with the directors or supervisors in relation to remunerations that if the Company is being taken over, the directors or supervisors of the Company have the right to seek compensations or other payment for lost of office or for retirement, subject to prior approved at the general meeting. The aforesaid takeover of the Company includes any of the following:

- (I) An offer made by any person to all the shareholders;
- (II) An offer made by any person with the aim of causing the offeror to become a controlling shareholder of the Company. The definition of a controlling shareholder is the same as that in Article 57 of the Articles of Association.

Any monies received by the relevant directors or supervisors in violation of this Article shall belong to those who accept the said offer and sell their shares, and the said directors or supervisors shall bear the expenses for distributing the said monies in proportion, which shall not be deducted from the said monies.

## **Chapter 15 Financial Accounting System and Profit Distribution**

**Article 159** The Company shall formulate its financial accounting system in accordance with relevant laws, administrative regulations and the PRC accounting standards formulated by the competent financial authority of the State Council.

**Article 160** The fiscal year of the Company is Gregorian calendar year, beginning on 1 January and ending on 31 December of each year.

The Company shall use Renminbi as the recording currency and the accounts shall be prepared in Chinese.

The Company shall prepare financial reports at the end of each fiscal year, which shall be audited according to law.

**Article 161** The board of directors of the Company shall, at each annual general meeting, submit to the shareholders the financial reports prepared by the Company in accordance with the relevant laws, administrative regulations, normative documents issued by local governments and competent authorities.

**Article 162** The financial reports of the Company shall be made available for

**Article 163** The financial statements of the Company shall be prepared in accordance with the PRC accounting standards and regulations as well as the international accounting standards or the accounting standards of the overseas listing place. If there is any material difference between the financial statements prepared under the two accounting standards, such difference shall be stated in the notes to the financial statements. The Company shall distribute the after-tax profit of the relevant fiscal year based on the smaller amount shown in the aforesaid two financial statements.

**Article 164** The interim results or financial data announced or disclosed by the Company shall be prepared in accordance with the PRC accounting standards and regulations as well as the international accounting standards or the accounting standards of the overseas listing place.

**Article 165** The Company shall release the annual results announcement within three months after the end of a fiscal year and release the interim results announcement within two months after the end of the first six months of each fiscal year; publish annual report within four months after the end of a fiscal year, and publish interim report within three months after the end of the first six months of each fiscal year.

**Article 166** The Company shall not establish account books other than the statutory account books.

**Article 167** When the Company distributes its after-tax profits of the current year, it shall withdraw 10% of the profits as its statutory common reserve fund. Such allocation may be stopped when the statutory common reserve fund of the Company has accumulated to over 50% of the registered capital of the Company.

If the statutory common reserve fund is insufficient to make up for the losses of the preceding year, the profits of the current year shall first be used to make up for the said losses before any statutory common reserve fund is withdrawn as per the preceding paragraph.

After statutory common reserve fund is withdrawn out of the after-tax profits, discretionary common reserve fund may also be withdrawn out of the same as per a resolution made at a general meeting.

After the Company has made up its losses and made allocations to its statutory reserve fund, the remaining profits are distributed in proportion to the number of shares held by the shareholders.

If the shareholders' general meeting violates the above provisions by distributing profits to the shareholders before the Company makes up losses and allocates funds to the statutory reserves, then the profits so distributed must be returned to the Company by the shareholders.

The shares of the Company held by the Company shall not participate in to profit distribution.

**Article 168** Capital reserve includes the following:

- (I) Premium arising from issue above the par value of shares;

- (V) The Company should actively distribute the profit in cash. The profit distributed in form of cash annually shall not be less than 20% of the distributable profits realized in that year. For cash-based distribution, the Company must consider whether its cash is able to meet the needs of the Company's normal operation and long-term development after such distribution in order to ensure that the distribution plan is in the interest of shareholders as a whole:
- (1) Where the Company is in a developed stage with no significant capital expenditure arrangements, the dividend distributed in the form of cash shall not be less than 80% of the total profit distribution;
  - (2) Where the Company is in a developed stage with significant capital expenditure arrangements, the dividend distributed in the form of cash shall not be less than 40% of the total profit distribution;
  - (3) Where the Company is in a developing stage with significant capital expenditure arrangements, the dividend distributed in the form of cash shall not be less than 20% of the total profit distribution;

In the case that it is difficult to distinguish the Company's stage of development but the Company has significant capital expenditure arrangements, the profit distribution may be dealt with pursuant to the preceding provisions.

Under special circumstances, if the profit distribution plan for the current year may not be determined according to the established cash dividend policy or the minimum cash dividend ratio, the Company shall disclose the specific reasons and clear opinions of independent directors in regular report. If the stock exchange where the Company's shares are listed has special provisions on the voting system and mode of the shareholders' general meeting approving such profit distribution plan, such provisions shall be complied with.

- (VI) If there is any distributable profit remaining after cash-based distribution is made and the board of directors considers that stock-based distribution may meet the overall interests of all shareholders, the stock-based distribution may be adopted. When the Company determines the specific amount of such distribution, it should fully consider whether the total capital after such distribution will match the present scale of operation of the Company and consider the effect on future cost of debt and financing in order to ensure that the distribution plan aligns with the overall interests of all shareholders.
- (VII) If the Company recorded profits in last fiscal year but the board of directors did not propose cash profit distribution plan after the end of last fiscal year, explanation shall be made in regular report on the reasons not distributing profit and the usages of the profits not distributed and retained by the Company. The independent directors shall give independent opinions on this.
- (VIII) The Company shall explain in detail in the annual report of the formulation and implementation of the cash dividend policy.

- (IX) If the profit distribution policy is adjusted by the Company according to the external business environment or its own operating conditions, the adjusted policy shall not violate the relevant provisions released by the CSRC and the stock exchange; the proposal in respect of policy adjustment must be approved by the Company's board of directors and the board of supervisors before submitting to the shareholders' general meeting for approval. The shareholders' general meeting may be convened on site or via the network. The independent director shall give independent opinions on this.
- (X) If any shareholder illegally occupies the Company's funds, the Company shall deduct the cash profit allocated to such shareholder to repay the amount taken.

**Article 172** The cash dividends and other amounts paid by the Company to its shareholders of domestic shares shall be distributed in form of Renminbi. The cash dividends and other amounts paid by the Company to its shareholders of overseas-listed foreign shares shall be calculated and declared in Renminbi and paid in foreign currency. All foreign currency required shall be handled in accordance with the relevant provisions of the foreign exchange administration of the PRC.

Any amounts paid by shareholders for shares in advance of calls will be entitled to interest, but such prepaid amounts are not entitled to participate in any dividends declared subsequently.

**Article 173** The dividends shall be distributed to shareholders by the Company in accordance with the tax laws of the PRC. The tax payable of income from shareholder's dividends shall be withheld subject to the distributed amount.

**Article 174** The Company shall appoint collection agents for holders of overseas-listed foreign shares. The collection agents shall, on behalf of the related shareholders, collect dividends distributed by the Company for the overseas-listed foreign shares and other payables.

The collection agents appointed by the Company shall meet the requirements of the laws or the stock exchange of the listing place.

The collection agents appointed by the Company for holders of overseas-listed foreign shares listed in the Hong Kong shall be trust companies registered pursuant to Trustee Ordinance of Hong Kong.

For receiving of dividends by shareholders, provided that the relevant regulations of stock exchange are observed, the Company may exercise the right to seize dividends not collected, but the said right shall not be exercised before expiry of the applicable validity period.

The Company shall have the right to stop sending dividend warrants by post to a holder of overseas-listed foreign shares when the dividend warrants are not cashed for two consecutive times. However, the Company may also exercise such right when the dividend warrants are returned after they are sent to the addressee for the first time.

The Company shall have the right to sell the shares of the holders of overseas-listed foreign shares who cannot be reached under the following conditions, provided it is permitted by laws and regulations:

- (I) Dividends have been distributed for the said shares for at least three times in 12 years, but are not claimed in the said period; and
- (II) Upon expiry of the 12-year period, the Company shall announce its intent to sell the shares in newspaper(s), and notify the stock exchange on which the said shares are listed.

## **Chapter 16 Appointment of Accounting Firm**

**Article 175** The Company shall appoint an independent accounting firm which is qualified under the relevant regulations of the State to audit the annual financial reports and other financial reports of the Company. For the purpose of this Articles of Association, the certified public accountants entrusted by the Company at any time shall act as the accountant.

The Company's first accounting firm shall be appointed at the inaugural meeting prior to the first annual general meeting the accounting firm so appointed shall hold office until the conclusion of the first annual general meeting.

If the inaugural meeting does not exercise the powers under the preceding paragraph, those powers shall be exercised by the board of directors.

**Article 176** The accounting firm appointed by the Company shall hold office from the conclusion of the annual general meeting at which they were appointed until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting.

**Article 177** The accounting firm appointed by the Company shall have the following rights:

- (I) To access the account books, records or vouchers of the Company at any time, and to ask directors, general manager or other senior management to provide relevant documents and explanations;
- (II) To ask the Company to take all reasonable actions possible to obtain documents and explanations from its subsidiaries needed for the performance of their duties;
- (III) To be present at general meetings, receive notice of general meeting that any shareholder has the right to receive or other information relating to general meetings, and deliver speeches at any general meeting in relation to the matters concerning its role as the Company's accounting firm.

**Article 178** In the event of vacancy of accounting firm, the board of directors may appoint an accounting firm to fill the said vacancy before convening of a general meeting. During duration of the said vacancy, if the Company has any incumbent accounting firm, the said accounting firm may continue to act.

**Article 179** Regardless of the terms in the contract concluded between the accounting firm and the Company, the general meeting may, through an ordinary resolution, dismiss the said accounting firm before expiry of the term thereof. In the event of any rights claimed by the accounting firm against the Company, the said rights shall not be affected.

**Article 180** The remunerations of the accounting firm or the method for determining the same shall be subject to the decision of the general meeting. The remunerations of the accounting firm appointed by the board of directors shall be determined by the board of directors.

**Article 181** Appointment, dismissal or non-reappointment of accounting firm by the Company shall be subject to decision at the general meeting and shall be filed with the securities regulatory authority under the State Council.

The general meeting shall comply with the following provisions in passing a resolution to appoint a non-incumbent accounting firm to fill any vacancy of an accounting firm or reappoint an accounting firm appointed by the board of directors to fill the vacancy or dismiss an incumbent accounting firm before the expiry of its term:

- (I) The proposal for appointment or dismissal shall, before the notice of general meeting is sent, be served to the accounting firm to be appointed or which proposed to terminate or having terminated service in the relevant fiscal year. Termination of service shall include dismissal, resignation or retirement.
- (II) If the accounting firm about to terminate service make a written statement and request the Company to notify the shareholders of the said statement, the Company shall take the following actions unless the statement is received too late:
  1. Describe in the notice issued for the resolution that the accounting firm about to terminate service have made a statement;
  2. Send to the shareholders entitled to receive the notice of general meetings a copy of the statement as an attachment to the notice in the form specified in the Articles of Association.
- (III) If the Company fails to send out the statement of the accounting firm as per (II) herein, the relevant accounting firm may require that the said statement be read at the general meeting and may further lodge a complaint.
- (IV) The accounting firm about to terminate service have the right to attend the following meetings:
  1. The general meeting at which their term of appointment expires;
  2. The general meeting for filling vacancy because of their termination of service;

The accounting firm about to terminate service have the right to receive all the notices of the aforesaid meetings or other information relating to the meetings, and deliver speeches at the meetings in relation to the matters concerning its role as the Company's former accounting firm.

**Article 182** Where the Company dismisses or does not reappoint an accounting firm, a notice shall be given to the accounting firm 15 days in advance, and the accounting firm shall have the right to state their opinions to the general meeting. Where an accounting firm tenders its resignation, it shall state to the general meeting whether the Company has anything inappropriate.

An accounting firm may resign by placing a written notice of resignation at the legal address of the Company. The said notice shall take effect on the date of delivery to the legal address of the Company or on a later date specified in the notice. The said notice shall include the following statements:

1. A statement that its resignation does not involve any information to be disclosed to the shareholders or creditors of the Company; or
2. A statement of any such information to be disclosed.

The Company shall send a copy of the written notice mentioned in the preceding

**Article 184** Merger of the Company may be in two forms: merger by absorption and merger by consolidation.

In the event of merger of the Company, the parties concerned shall conclude a merger agreement and prepare the balance sheet and the property inventory. The Company shall notify all creditors within 10 days after adoption of the merger resolution and shall make announcements in newspapers within 30 days. Creditors should, within 30 days of being notified, or if they do not receive the notice, then within 45 days of the public announcement, request the Company to pay off its debts or provide corresponding guarantees.

The creditor's rights and debts of the parties concerned after merger of the Company shall be inherited by the company subsisting after merger or by the newly established company.

**Article 185** Where the Company is divided, its properties shall be divided accordingly.

In the event of division of the Company, the parties concerned shall conclude a division agreement and prepare balance sheet and property inventory. The Company shall notify all creditors within 10 days after adoption of the division resolution and shall make announcements in newspapers within 30 days.

The companies after division shall bear joint liability for the debts of the Company before division. However, if before the division the Company and its creditors have entered into a written contract concerning the repayment of debts, then the former provision does not apply.

**Article 186** Change to registered particulars arising from a merger or division of the Company shall be registered with the company registration authority according to law. If the Company is dissolved, a cancellation of its registration shall be effected according to law. If a new company is established, registration of such establishment shall be established and registered according to law.

## **Chapter 18 Dissolution and Liquidation of the Company**

**Article 187** The Company shall be dissolved and liquidated according to law in any of the following circumstances:

- (I) Expiration of business term;
- (II) The general meeting has resolved to dissolve the Company;
- (III) Merger or division of the Company entails dissolution;
- (IV) The Company is declared bankrupt according to law because it is unable to pay its debts as they fall due;
- (V) The Company is closed down due the violation of laws and administrative regulations in accordance with laws;

(IV) If the Company gets into serious trouble in operations and management and continuation may incur material losses of the interests of the shareholders, and no solution can be found through any other channel, the shareholders holding more than 10% of the total voting rights of the Company may request the people's court to dissolve the Company.

**Article 188** If there is any circumstance as stated in paragraph (I) of Article 187 of this Articles of Association, the Company may continue to exist through amendment of this Articles of Association.

If this Articles of Association is amended subject to the aforesaid provisions, it must

To declare their creditor's rights, the creditors shall explain matters relating to their rights and provide relevant evidential documents. The liquidation committee shall register the creditor's rights according to law.

During the period of declaration, the liquidation committee shall not make repayment to creditors.

**Article 192** During liquidation, the liquidation committee shall exercise the following functions and powers:

- (I) To examine and take possession of the assets of the Company and prepare a balance sheet and a property inventory;
- (II) To inform creditors by notice or announcement;
- (III) To deal with the outstanding businesses of the Company relating to liquidation;
- (IV) To pay off the outstanding taxes;
- (V) To settle creditor's rights and debts;
- (VI) To dispose of the remaining assets of the Company after repayment of debts;
- (VII) To represent the Company in civil proceedings.

**Article 193** After the liquidation committee has examined and taken possession of the assets of the Company and prepared a balance sheet and a property inventory, it shall formulate a liquidation proposal and submit it to the general meeting or the relevant competent authority for confirmation.

The assets of the Company shall be applied in the following order of priority:

Liquidation expenses, employees' salaries, social insurance expenses, statutory compensations, outstanding taxes, and the Company's debts. The assets of the Company remaining after application for settlement in accordance with the foregoing provisions shall be distributed to the shareholders as per the types of their shares and their shareholding percentages.

During the liquidation, the Company shall not carry out any new business operation.

**Article 194** In the event of liquidation due to dissolution of the Company, after the liquidation committee has examined and taken possession of the assets of the Company and prepared a balance sheet and a property inventory, if it discovers that the Company's assets are insufficient to repay its debts in full, it shall immediately apply to the people's court to declare the Company bankrupt.

Once the people's court makes a ruling declaring the Company bankrupt, the liquidation committee shall hand over the liquidation matters to the people's court.

**Article 195** After completion of liquidation of the Company, the liquidation committee shall prepare a liquidation report and income and expenditure statements and account books in respect of the liquidation period and, after auditing by a Chinese certified public accountant, shall submit the same to the general meeting or the relevant competent authority for confirmation.

The liquidation committee shall, within 30 days after obtaining confirmation from the general meeting or the relevant competent authority, submit the aforesaid documentation to the company registration authority, and apply to cancel registration of the Company and announce termination of the Company.

**Article 196** Members of the liquidation committee should be loyal to their duties and perform liquidation duties according to the law.

Members of the liquidation shall not take advantage of his position to receive bribes or other illegal income, and shall not embezzle the Company's assets.

If a member of the liquidation committee causes losses to the Company or creditors, deliberately or due to gross negligence, he shall be liable for compensation.

**Article 197** When the Company is declared bankrupt according to the law, the bankruptcy liquidation will be handled according to the relevant law of the PRC.

- (III) To submit the amendment to be voted at the shareholder's meeting for passing as a special resolution.

The board of directors shall amend the Articles of Association in accordance with the resolution with respect to the amendment of the Articles of Association passed at the shareholder's meeting and the approval opinions issued by the competent authority concerned.

**Article 201** If the amendment to the Articles of Association involves any content of Mandatory Provisions, the said amendment shall be subject to approval by the company examination and approval authority authorized by the State Council; if the amendment involves registration of the Company, the involved changes shall be registered pursuant to law.

## **Chapter 20 Notices**

**Article 202** The notice of the Company, mailing and other written materials including but not limited to annual report, interim report, quarterly report, meeting notice, listing documents, shareholder circular, proxy form and temporary announcement may be served as follows:

- (I) By personal delivery;
- (II) By post;
- (III) By fax or email;
- (IV) By announcement on the website designated by the Company, the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and the SSE in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations, Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange and Listing Rules of SSE;
- (V) By newspaper and other designated media;
- (VI) By other means approved by the relevant securities regulatory authority at the location where the Company's shares are listed or stipulated in the Articles of Association.

Notwithstanding any other provisions contained in the Articles of Association in respect of the publishing or giving notice of any notices, communications or other written materials, the Company may choose to announce such corporate communications by means provided under (IV) of this Article in place of delivering written documents by hand

**Article 203** In the event that the relevant regulations of the securities regulatory authority of the place where the Company's shares are listed requires such documents to be dispatched, mailed, distributed, issued, announced or by any other forms provided to the shareholders in both English and Chinese version, the Company may (in accordance with the preference of the shareholders concerned) dispatch only the English or the Chinese version to the shareholders concerned if the Company has made proper arrangements to

- (II) The applicant for arbitration may select China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission for arbitration following the arbitration rules thereof or select Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre for arbitration following the securities arbitration rules thereof. After the applicant for arbitration submits the dispute or claim for arbitration, the other party shall accept arbitration at the arbitral body selected by the applicant.

If the applicant for arbitration selects Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre for arbitration, either party may request that the arbitration be conducted in Shenzhen following the securities arbitration rules of Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre.

- (III) Settlement of disputes or claims set out in (I) by way of arbitration shall be governed by PRC laws save as otherwise specified by laws and administrative regulations.
- (IV) The arbitration award made by the arbitral body shall be final and binding on both parties.

## **Chapter 22 Supplementary Provisions**

**Article 206** The Rules of Procedures of General Meetings, the Rules of Procedures of Board Meetings and the Rules of Procedures of Meetings of Supervisors, which had been considered and approved by the General Meetings, shall be the appendix of the Articles of the Association.

**Article 207** The Articles of Association is written in Chinese. In case of any discrepancies among the various versions in different languages, the latest Chinese version approved by and registered with the company registration authority shall prevail.

**Article 208** For the purpose of the Articles of Association, the terms “not less than”, “within”, “not more than” are inclusive terms and the terms “exceeding”, “less than”, “beyond” and “below” are exclusive terms.

**Article 209** The Articles of Association shall be subject to the interpretation of the board of directors of the Company. Any matters not covered herein shall be approved at shareholders meeting through the board of directors.

**Article 210** Should there be any inconsistency between the Articles of Association and relevant laws, administrative regulations, other relevant normative documents and the rules of the stock exchange on which the Company’s shares are listed, the latter shall prevail.

**Article 211** For the purpose of the Articles of Association, the “accounting firm” has the same meaning as the “auditor”.