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# GUANGZHOU BAIYUNSHAN PHARMACEUTICAL HOLDINGS COMPANY LIMITED

## THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

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## **Chapter 1 General Rules**

**Article 1** The Company was established as a joint stock company with limited liability in accordance with the "Company Law (the "Company Law") of the People's Republic of China" and other relevant laws and administrative regulations of the PRC. The legal interests of the Company and the shareholders are governed and protected by laws, regulations, and other relevant governmental rules of the PRC.

**Article 2** The Company was established by way of promotion in accordance with the approval document of Ti Gai Sheng [1997] No. 139 issued by the State Commission for Economic System Restructuring of the PRC. The Company was incorporated and registered with Guangzhou Administration for Industry and Commerce and established on 1 September 1997. Unified Social Credit Code: 914401063320680X7.

The promoter of the Company was Guangzhou Pharmaceutical Holdings Limited

As approved by the Securities Commission of the State Council by approval document No.[1997] 56 Hao in September 1997, the Company has issued to overseas investors 219,900,000 ordinary shares available for subscription in foreign currencies and such shares were listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Ltd. (the "Hong Kong Stock Exchange") in October 1997. In January 2000, as approved by CSRC (approval document no. Zheng Jian Gong Si Zi [2000] 228 Hao), the Company issued to the public 78,000,000 ordinary shares in RMB and such shares were listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange in February 2000.

#### Article 3

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**Article 4** The legal representative of the Company shall be a director who perform the company affairs on behalf of the Company, and shall be elected or replaced by the board of directors by a majority of all directors. If the director serving as the legal representative resigns, he/she shall be deemed to have resigned as the legal representative at the same time. If the legal representative has resigned, the Company shall determine a new legal representative within 30 days from the date of the resignation of the legal representative. If the Company changes its legal representative, the application for registration of change shall be signed by the legal representative after the change.

- **Article 5** The Company is a joint stock limited company existing in perpetuity.
- **Article 6** Pursuant to the requirements under the Constitution of the Communist Party of China the Company set up organizations of the Communist Party of China to perform core political functions and established related working organizations of the Party equipped with sufficient number of Party staff and to maintain sufficient funds for the work of the Party organizations.
- **Article 7** All of the assets of the Company shall be divided into shares of equal value. The shareholders shall be liable to the extent of the shares subscribed and the Company shall be liable for its debts to the extent of all of its assets.
- **Article 8** "These Articles of Association are amended by way of special resolution passed at the general meeting of the Company and come into effect thereupon, with the existing related Articles of Association voided on the same day.

These Articles of Association shall, with effect from their effective date, constitute the instrument with binding effect in governing the constitution and activities of the Company, the rights and obligations between the Company and its shareholders and among shareholders."

**Article 9** The Articles of Association has binding effect on the Company and its shareholders, directors, supervisors, general manager and other senior officers. The aforesaid personnel may lodge claims in relation to the affairs of the Company in accordance with these Articles of Association.

Shareholders may bring actions against the Company, and the Company may bring actions against the shareholders, directors, supervisors, general manager and other members of the senior management in accordance with these Articles of Association; a shareholder may bring actions against other shareholder(s) or may bring actions against directors, supervisors, general manager and other senior officers of the Company in accordance with these Articles of Association.

The action mentioned above includes court proceedings.

- **Article 10** Other senior management referred to in the Articles of Association means the deputy general manager of the Company, secretary to the Board and the financial controller of the Company and other senior managers determined by the Board.
- **Article 11** The Company may invest in other companies with limited liabilities and/or companies limited by shares and shall be liable only to the extent of the investment contribution to those companies.

Upon approval by the Company's approval authority authorized by the State Council, the Company may, in accordance with its business and management, operate as a holding company as described in the Company Law.

## Chapter 2 Objectives and Scope of Business

**Article 12** The business objectives of the Company are management and operation of the state-owned assets within the authorized scope of business in order to enhance and maintain the values of those state- owned assets, with the primary operation in the core business and the development of various business operation so as to integrate the asset operation and product operation.

The Company is primarily engaged in new product development with focus on economies of scale and asset productivity and, through fundings, economies of scale, technology, human resources, and effectiveness, the Company gradually develops integrated advantages and consolidated functionality in order to enhance its market competitiveness and explore international market for establishing an international network.

**Article 13** The business scope of the Company should be consistent with that as approved by the companies registration authority. The Company shall engage in operations within the business scope as approved by the companies registration authority.

The business scope of the Company is as follows: research and development of medicine; manufacturing of chemical raw material medicine; manufacturing of chemical drug preparations; production of Chinese patent medicine; processing of Chinese herbal medicine; manufacturing of biological medicine; manufacturing of medical materials and pharmaceutical supplies; wholesale of Western medicine; wholesale of Chinese patent drug and Chinese herbal medicine; retail of medicine; manufacturing of healthy foods; manufacturing of tea drinks and other beverages; wholesale of nonalcoholic drinks and tea; manufacturing of food additives; manufacturing of bottled (canned) drinking water; manufacturing of fruit and vegetable juice and beverages; manufacturing of solid beverage; manufacturing of carbonated beverage; manufacturing of cosmetic products; wholesale of cosmetic products and sanitary supplies; retail of cosmetic products and sanitary supplies; manufacturing of oral cleaning supplies; wholesale of cleaning supplies; manufacturing of soaps and synthetic detergents; wholesale of equipment for medical diagnosis, surveillance and treatment; retail of equipment for medical diagnosis, surveillance and treatment; operation of unlicensed medical apparatus; operation of licensed medical apparatus; retail of medical supplies and apparatus (excluding pharmaceuticals and medical apparatus); wholesale of prepackaged food; retail of prepackaged food; manufacturing of veterinary drugs; sales of veterinary medicine; manufacturing of other wine; wholesale of wine; retail of wine, drinks and tea; wholesale of chemical products (including dangerous chemicals; excluding petroleum products and precursor chemicals); retail of chemical products (except for dangerous chemicals); import and export of technologies; import and export of goods (except for exclusively controlled and franchised merchandise); property management; property leasing; packaging service of transport goods; vehicle weighing service; development and operation of real estate; operation of parking lots; cargo terminal service; road freight transport.

(The items in the business scope of the Company which are subject to approval under the laws and administrative regulations of the PRC must obtain the approvals according to the laws)

**Article 14** The Company may adjust its investment portfolio, objectives and scope of business in order to be in line with the domestic and overseas market trends, demands arising from domestic and overseas business development, and its own development potential, after completing relevant procedures in accordance with these Articles of Association and with the approval of the relevant competent authorities.

**Article 15** The Company may establish its subsidiaries, branches and offices (whether whollyowned or not) in the PRC (Hong Kong, Macau) or any other foreign countries for the purpose of business development, in order to strengthen the multi-national operations for the growth of the Company upon the approval of relevant competent authorities.

## Chapter 3 Shares and Registered Capital

**Article 16** The Company shall at all times have ordinary shares. The Company may also create other class(es) of shares in accordance with its requirements and upon the approval of the Companies supervising department authorized by the State Council.

**Article 17** The shares of the Company shall be in scrip form.

Shares issued by the Company shall have a nominal value at RMB1 each.

Share issues of the Company shall comply with the principles of being public, fair and just. Shares of the same type shall rank pari passu.

The terms and price shall be the same for all shares of the same type in a share issue. Any unit or individual shall pay the same price for each subscribed share.

Article 18 Domestic shares issued by the Company are deposited and under the custody of China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited. H Shares of the Company are mainly in custody of central depository under Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and may also be held be shareholders in their personal names.

**Article 19** The Company may issue shares to domestic investors and overseas investors after such issuance has been registered or filed with the China Securities Regulatory Commission (the "CSRC") or other competent securities regulators.

Overseas investors as mentioned in the foregoing paragraph refer to those investors from foreign countries and the regions of Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan who subscribe for the shares issued by the Company. Domestic investors refer to the investors from the PRC, other than those investors from the aforesaid regions, who subscribe for the shares issued by the Company.

**Article 20** "Domestic shares" refer to the Company's shares subscribed for in Renminbi by domestic investors.

"Foreign investment shares" refer to the Company's shares subscribed for in a foreign currency by overseas investors. The Company's domestic listed shares are abbreviated as "A Shares". The Company's overseas listed foreign investment shares listed in Hong Kong are abbreviated as "H Shares". The Company's listed shares including domestic listed shares and overseas listed foreign investment shares listed in Hong Kong are both ordinary shares.

Article 21 As approved by the companies supervisory department authorized by the State Council, upon the establishment of the Company, 513,000,000 shares, representing 100% of the then issued ordinary shares of the Company, were issued to its promoter and such shares were held by Guangzhou Pharmaceutical Holdings Limited. The contribution of such shares by Guangzhou Pharmaceutical Holdings Limited was made by converting its state-owned assets into consideration.

As approved by the competent securities authorities of the State Council, the Company issued 219,900,000 overseas listed foreign capital shares after its establishment.

As approved by the securities competent authorities of the State Council, the Company issued 78,000,000 additional Renminbi-denominated ordinary shares to domestic investors. After the completion of the additional issue, the total number of shares of the Company is 810,900,000. The shareholding structure of the Company is as follows:

- (1) 390,833,391 shares (State shares), representing 48.20% of the total number of shares of the Company, are held by Guangzhou Pharmaceutical Holdings Limited, the promoter;
- (2) 219,900,000 shares (foreign shares), representing 27.12% of the total number of shares of the Company, are held by overseas investors;
- (3) 200,166,609 shares (domestic shares), representing 24.68% of the total number of shares of the Company, are held by domestic investors.

As approved by the CSRC,, the Company issued 34,839,645 new shares to Guangzhou Pharmaceutical Holdings Limited as the consideration for assets acquisition and issued 445,601,005 new shares for absorption and merger of Guangzhou Baiyunshan Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. After the completion of the major assets reorganization, the total number of shares of the Company is 1,291,340,650. The shareholding structure of the Company is as follows:

- (1) 584,228,036 shares (State shares), representing 45.24% of the total number of shares of the Company, are held by Guangzhou Pharmaceutical Holdings Limited, the promoter;
- (2) 219,900,000 shares (foreign shares), representing 17.03% of the total number of shares of the Company, are held by overseas investors;
- (3) 487,212,614 shares (domestic shares), representing 37.73% of the total number of shares of the Company, are held by domestic investors.

As a follow-up matter of the major asset reorganization, the Company repurchased 261,400 A shares from GPHL at the consideration of RMB1 and cancelled them thereafter. After the repurchase, the shareholding structure of the Company is as follows:

- (1) 583,966,636 shares (State shares), representing 45.23% of the total number of shares of the Company, are held by Guangzhou Pharmaceutical Holdings Limited, the promoter;
- (2) 219,900,000 shares (foreign shares), representing 17.03% of the total number of shares of the Company, are held by overseas investors; and
- (3) 487,212,614 shares (domestic shares), representing 37.74% of the total number of shares of the Company, are held by domestic investors.

As approved by the CSRC,, the Company issued 334,711,699 domestic shares pursuant to a non-public issue of domestic shares of the Company. After the completion of such issuance, the total number of shares of the Company is 1,625,790,949. The shareholding structure of the Company is as follows:

- (1) The promoter, Guangzhou Pharmaceutical Group Co., Ltd. holds 732,305,103 shares (national stocks), accounting for 45.04% of the total shares of the company;
- (2) Overseas investors hold 219,900,000 shares (foreign share shares), accounting for 13.53% of the total shares of the company;
- (3) Domestic investors held 673,585,846 shares (domestic capital shares), which accounted for 41.43% of the total shares of the company.
- **Article 22** The Company's registered capital is RMB1,625,790,949.
- **Article 23** The Company may, as required by its operation and development, increase its capital in accordance with the relevant provisions of these Articles of Association. The Company may increase its capital by way of:
  - (1) public issue of shares;
  - (2) non-public issue of shares;
  - (3) bonus issues of new shares to existing shareholders;
  - (4) converting the surplus reserve into its capital; or
  - (5) other methods as permitted under laws and regulations and by CSRC.

The Company's increase of capital by issuing new shares shall seek approval pursuant to the provisions of these Articles of Association and then be handled in accordance with procedures as required by the relevant laws and administrative regulations of the PRC.

**Article 24** Shares held by the promoters of the Company shall not be transferred within one year from the date of establishment of the Company. Shares issued by the Company before the share offering shall not be transferred within one year from the date on which the shares of the Company are listed on a stock exchange.

Directors, supervisors and senior management of the Company shall declare their shareholdings in the Company and the changes therein to the Company; and shall not transfer more than 25% of their shareholdings in the Company during their respective term of office or transfer their shares within one year from the date on which the shares of the Company are listed on a stock exchange.

In the event that any director, supervisor or senior management of the Company or any person who holds more than 5% of the shares in the Company sells the Company's shares or other securities in the nature of shareholding rights within six months after the acquisition of the same or repurchases the Company's shares within six months after sale of the same, any proceed arising therefrom shall be attributed to the Company and the Company's Board of Directors shall retrieve such proceed, however, securities companies holding more than 5% of the shares as a result of acquiring the remaining shares under an underwriting and other circumstances stipulated under the applicable domestic or foreign laws, administrative regulations and/or the listing rules of the stock exchanges located in the places where the shares of the Company are listed are excluded. In the case that the Board of Directors fails to comply with the requirements under this paragraph, the responsible director(s) shall assume joint liability according to the law.

The shares in the Company or other securities in the nature of shareholding rights held by the director, supervisor, senior management of the Company and shareholder who is natural person referred to in the third paragraph above include those shares in the Company or other securities in the nature of shareholding right held by his spouse, parents, children and those held through the accounts of other persons.

In the case that the Board fails to comply with the requirements under the third paragraph above shareholder shall have the right to request the Board to comply within thirty days. In case of the Board fails to comply with the same within the aforesaid period, such shareholder shall have the right to institute a legal proceeding directly with the people's court in its own name for the benefit of the Company.

Unless otherwise required by the laws, administrative regulations and these Articles of Association, the shares of the Company may be freely transferred free from any lien. The Company shall not accept its shares being held as security under a pledge.

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

**Article 25** The Company may reduce its registered capital pursuant to the provisions of these Articles of Association.

Article 26 In case of reduction of registered capital of the Company, a balance sheet and assets list shall be formulated and procedures as required by the Company Law and the provisions of other relevant regulations and these Articles of Association shall be complied with.

The Company shall notify its creditors within 10 days from the date of passing of the resolution for the reduction of registered capital and shall publish an announcement in newspapers within 30 days thereof. The creditors who have received the said notice have the right within 30 days from the date of receiving the notice, and the creditors who are not given such notice have the right within 45 days from the date of the notice was published in a newspaper, to demand the Company to settle the debt or to provide corresponding indemnity over the debt..

The registered capital shall not be less than the statutory minimum amount after the reduction of capital.

Article 27 The Company may not purchase its own shares except under the following circumstances:

- (1) cancellation of shares for the purpose of reduction of the Company's capital;
- (2) merger with another company which holds the Company's shares;
- (3) apply the shares for the purposes of the employee share scheme or in shares incentive scheme;
- (4) request from shareholders who object to a resolution of a general meeting of shareholders on merger or division of the Company for the Company to acquire their shares;
- (5) apply the shares for the purposes of the conversion pursuant to the company convertible bonds issued by the listed company;
- (6) if the listed company considers that it is necessary to protect the value of the company and the interests of shareholders.

Save for the above, the Company shall not purchase its shares.

Article 28 The Company repurchase its own shares through opened centralised trading or other methods as permitted by the applicable laws and administrative regulations and the CSRC or by the stock exchanges on which the shares of the Company are listed. If the repurchase is made pursuant to the circumstances under (3), (5), (6) of Article 27 of these Articles of Association, such repurchase must be conducted by way of opened centralised trading or by such other ways as permitted by the applicable laws and administrative regulations or by the stock exchanges on which the shares of the Company are listed.

Article 29 If the repurchase is made under the circumstances specified in (1), (2) of Article 27 of the Articles of Association, approval must be obtained from the general meeting; if the repurchase is made under the proposed circumstances specified in (3), (5), (6) under Article 27 of the Articles of Association, it may be approved in accordance with the provisions under these Articles or the authority granted at general meetings by resolution passing by two thirds of the votes cast by the directors attending the board meeting.

If the laws, regulations and other relevant provisions provide otherwise on matters involved in the aforementioned repurchase of shares, such provisions shall prevail.

Article 30 In the event that any repurchase of shares by the Company pursuant to the laws and Article 27 hereof, shares acquired under a repurchase of shares under the circumstances stipulated in item (1) of Article 27 hereof shall be cancelled within ten days from the date of acquisition thereof while shares acquired under a repurchase of shares made under the circumstances stipulated in items (2) and (4) of Article 27 hereof shall be transferred or cancelled within six months and change of registration of registered capital shall be proceeded with the Company's original registration authority. Under the circumstances specified in (3), (5) and (6), the total number of shares of the Company held by the Company shall not exceed 10% of the shares of the Company in issue and should be transferred or cancelled within 3 years.

The aggregate nominal value of the cancelled shares shall be verified and deducted from the Company's registered capital.

## Chapter 5 Share certificates and Register of Shareholders

**Article 31** The shares certificates of the Company are issued in registered form.

The share certificates of the Company shall contain the particulars as required by the "Company Law", and any other items as required by any stock exchange on which the shares of the Company are listed.

**Article 32** The Company shall maintain a register of shareholders base on the information furnished by the registrar. Shareholders enjoy rights and have obligations according to the class of shares held by them.

Shareholders holding shares of the same class enjoy equal rights and have equal obligations. The register of shares shall contain the following information:

- (1) the name, address (residence), occupation or nature of each shareholder;
- (2) the class and quantity of shares held by each shareholder;
- (3) the amount paid or payable amount of shares held by each shareholder;

- (4) share certificate numbers of shares held by each shareholder;
- (5) the date on which each shareholder registered as a shareholder; and
- (6) the date on which each shareholder ceased to be a shareholder.

The register of shareholders shall be sufficient evidence of the holdings of the share for the company by the shareholders' unless there is any contrary evidence to the contrary.

**Article 33** Where PRC laws and administrative regulations and The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited have stipulations governing suspension of transfer of shares, such provisions shall be observed.

**Article 34** In the event that the Company convenes a general meeting, distributes dividend, liquidates or carries out any other acts requiring the confirmation of shareholdings, the Board should determine a day as the record date for the purpose of determining shareholdings, and the shareholders whose named are in the register of shareholders at the end of the record date shall be a shareholders of the Company.

## Chapter 6 Rights and Obligations of Shareholders

**Article 35** The shareholders of the Company are those who lawfully hold the shares of the Company and have their names registered in the register of shareholders. The shareholders enjoy the rights and assume the obligations according to the class and the number of the shares held by them. The shareholders holding the same class of shares enjoy the same rights and assume the same obligations.

#### **Article 36** Holders of ordinary shares of the Company shall enjoy the following rights:

- (1) to request, convene, chair, attend or appoint proxies to attend general meeting of shareholders and to exercise the right to speak and voting rights in accordance with laws;
- (2) to receive dividends and other forms of distribution of interest in proportion to their respective shareholdings;
- (3) to supervise the management of the business operations of the Company and to make recommendations and interrogations;
- (4) to transfer, give or pledge shares held by them in accordance with laws, administrative regulations of the State and the Articles of Association;

- (5) to enjoy the rights of access, participation and decision on material matters as stipulated by laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association;
- (6) to inspect the Articles of Association, the register of shareholders, the corporate bond counterfoils, the minutes of general meetings of shareholders, the resolutions of meetings of the Board of Directors, the resolutions of meetings of the supervisory committee, financial and accounting reports;
- (7) upon termination of liquidation of the Company, the right to participate in the distribution of the Company's remaining assets in proportion to their shareholdings;
- (8) request from shareholders who object to a resolution of a general meeting of shareholders on merger or division of the Company for the Company to acquire their shares; and
- (9) other rights conferred by laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association.

**Article 37** If a resolution of a general meeting of shareholders or a resolution of the Board violates the laws and administrative regulations, shareholders shall have the right to request a people's court to declare that such resolution as invalid.

If the procedure for convening a general meeting of shareholders or Board meeting, or the method of voting at either meeting, violates the laws, administrative regulations or the Articles of Association, or the contents of a resolution violates the Articles of Association, shareholders shall have the right to request a people's court to rescind the resolution within sixty days from the date on which the resolution is passed.

Article 38 In the event of violation of laws, administrative regulations or the provisions under these Articles of Association by a director or senior management personnel in performing his duties resulting loss suffered by the Company, the shareholders that solely or collectively hold 1% or more shares of the Company for a continuous period of 180 days have the right to make written request to the supervisory committee to file a litigation with a people's court. In the event of violation of laws, administrative regulations or the provisions under these Articles of Association by the supervisory committee in performing its duties that has led to loss and damage suffered by the Company for a continuous period of 180 days, the shareholders have the right to make written request to the Board to file a litigation with a people's court.

Upon receipt of the written request by the shareholders as stipulated in the preceding paragraph, in case the supervisory committee and/or the Board refuses to file a litigation or fails to file a litigation within 30 days from receipt of such request, or under urgent circumstances that failure in filing a litigation immediately, the Company will suffer from irreparable damages, the aforesaid shareholders shall have the right to file a litigation with a people's court directly in their own name for protection of the Company's interests.

In the event that any person infringes the legal interests of the Company causing losses to the Company, the shareholders specified in the first paragraph may file a litigation with a people's court in accordance with the provisions of the preceding two paragraphs.

**Article 39** In the event of violation of laws, administrative regulations or the provisions under these Articles of Association by a director or senior management personnel in performing his duties resulting damage to the shareholders' interest, the shareholders may file a litigation with a people's court.

Shareholders have the right to protect its own legal rights by initiating civil proceedings or other legal proceedings pursuant to the laws or administrative regulations.

## **Article 40** Shareholders of the Company shall assume the following obligations:

- (1) to comply with laws, administrative regulations and these Articles of Association;
- (2) to pay subscription moneys for the shares subscribed in accordance with the agreed manner of payment;
- (3) not to abuse their shareholders' rights to cause damage to the interests of the Company or other shareholders; not to abuse the independent legal person status of the Company and limited liability of the shareholders to cause damage to the interests of the creditors of the Company;
  - shareholders of the Company who abuse their shareholders' rights and cause the Company or other shareholders to suffer damages shall bear compensation liability in accordance with laws;
  - shareholders of the Company who abuse the independent legal person status of the Company and limited liability of shareholders to evade debts and cause damage to the interests of the creditors of the Company shall bear joint liability for the Company's debt.
- (4) may not withdraw share subscription from the Company unless otherwise stipulated by laws and regulations; and
- (5) to undertake further obligations imposed by laws, administrative regulations and these Articles of Association.

A shareholder is not liable to make further contribution to the share capital other than as agreed by the subscriber of the relevant shares on subscription.

Article 41 Where the shareholdings of a shareholder is more than 5%, and any such shares carry voting rights of the Company, if the shareholders charges such shares held by him, he shall submit a written report to the Company upon the date on which the shares are charged.

**Article 42** In addition to obligations imposed by laws, administrative regulations or required by the stock exchange on which shares of the Company are listed, a controlling shareholder shall not exercise his voting rights in a manner prejudicial to the interests of all or part of the shareholders and shall be liable for indemnify the Company for looses arising therefrom in case of violation of such requirement.

- (1) to relieve a director or supervisor of his duty to act in good faith in the best interest of the Company;
- (2) to approve the expropriation by a director or supervisor (for the benefit of his own or of another person), in any manner, of the Company's assets, including but not limited to, opportunities to the Company;
- (3) to approve the expropriation by a director or supervisor (for the benefit of his own or of another person) of the personal rights of other shareholders, including but not limited to, rights to distributions and voting rights, save and except for a corporate restructuring of the Company submitted to and approved by the general meeting of shareholders in accordance with these Articles of Association.

**Article 43** A controlling shareholder as mentioned in the foregoing Articles means a person who satisfies any one of the following conditions:

- (1) he alone or acting in concert with others has the power to elect more than half of the directors;
- (2) he alone or acting in concert with others has the power to exercise more than 30% (inclusive) of the voting rights in the Company or control the exercise of more than 30% (inclusive) of the voting rights in the Company;
- (3) he alone or acting in concert with others holds more than 30% (inclusive) of the issued shares of the Company; or
- (4) he alone or acting in concert with others has de facto control of the Company in any other manner.

**Article 44** The controlling shareholders and/or the actual controlling party of the Company shall not use their relationship to cause damage to the Company's interests and shall be liable for indemnity in case of violation of such requirements.

The controlling shareholders and the actual controlling party of the Company own duties to the Company and to public shareholders. The controlling shareholders shall exercise their rights as investors in strict compliance with laws, and fulfill the obligations of shareholders. The controlling shareholders may not cause damage to the lawful interests of the Company and the public shareholders by way of connected transactions, profit distribution, assets restructuring, foreign investment, capital appropriation and guarantee for loans etc. and shall not cause damage to the interests of the Company and the public shareholders by taking advantage of its controlling status or grant any approval on any resolutions on election of personnel at general meetings and any resolutions on the appointment of any personnel by the Board of Directors or appoint or remove any senior management members of the Company without the approval at general meeting and the Board of Directors or intervene directly or indirectly any decisions on production and operation of the Company or intervene the finance and accounting related activities of the Company or impose any operation plans or give any orders to the Company or carry out any business activities which are the same or similar to those of the Company or influence the independence of the Company's operation and management or infringe the legal interests of the Company by any other means.

The directors, supervisors and senior officers of the Company have the obligation to protect the capital of the Company from being appropriated by the controlling shareholder. In the case that either the directors or senior management of the Company assists or connives the controlling shareholder or his subsidiaries in misappropriating the assets of the Company, the Board has the power to take disciplinary action against the directly responsible person and remove the director who holds serious responsibilities depending on the security of the case. In the case that the controlling shareholder of the Company misappropriates the assets of the Company, including but not limited to, the capital of the Company to legally freeze the assets of the Company so appropriated and the shares of the Company held by the controlling shareholder. In the case that the controlling shareholder is unable to make any restitution or cash compensation for any assets of the Company misappropriated by him, the Company is entitled to a compensation from the controlling shareholder for the misappropriated assets of the Company by realizing the shares of the Company held by him in accordance with the provisions and procedures of the relevant laws, administrative rules and regulations.

The undertakings given by the controlling shareholders and/or the actual controlling party of the Company must be expressed, have sufficient details and can be implemented. No undertakings should be given if such undertakings are obviously not possible to perform based on the circumstances at the material time. The party giving the undertaking should declare that it will perform the undertaking and set out the consequences of its failure to perform the undertakings and perform its undertakings genuinely. The Board of Directors of the Company should proactively urge the parties giving the undertakings to observe those undertakings. If the parties giving the undertakings fail to observe those undertakings, the directors, supervisors and members of the senior management of the Company should, in an active and timely manner, take initiative to hold the parties giving the undertakings accountable.

## **Chapter 7** General Meeting

**Article 45** The general meeting is the source of authority of the Company and exercises its powers according to the laws.

**Article 46** The general meeting of shareholders shall exercise the following functions and powers:

- (1) to decide on the Company's direction of operation and investment plans;
- (2) to elect and replace directors who are not the employee's representatives and to decide matters relating to the remuneration of directors;
- (3) to elect and replace supervisors who are not the employee's representatives and to decide matters relating to the remuneration of supervisors;
- (4) to consider and approve reports of the Board;
- (5) to consider and approve reports of the supervisory committee;
- (6) to consider and approve the Company's annual financial budget and final accounts;
- (7) to consider and approve the Company's profit distribution proposals and loss recovery proposals;
- (8) to resolve on the increase or reduction of the Company's registered capital;
- (9) to resolve on matters such as merger, division, dissolution, liquidation or change of the corporate form of the Company;
- (10) to resolve on issuance of debenture by the Company;
- (11) to resolve on the appointment, removal or non-renewal of the services of an accounting firm for the Company;
- (12) to amend the Articles of Association;
- (13) to consider any proposals made by shareholders representing more than 3% (inclusive) of the voting rights of the Company;
- (14) to consider the material acquisition, sale or replacement of assets of the Company (in the standard as confirmed by the rules of the stock exchange located in the places where the Company's shares are listed);

- (15) to authorize the Board of Directors to decide to issue shares to finance a total of not more than RMB300 million and not more than 20% of the net assets as at the end of the latest year to specific subscriber (s), and such authorization shall lapse on the date of the next general meeting and is subject to applicable laws, regulations of the place where the securities of the Company are listed and relevant rules regarding listing of securities;
- (16) matters that may be delegated to the Board through authorization or entrustment granted by a general meeting of shareholders of the Company;

The authorization or entrustment granted to the Board for handling matters as authorised or entrusted by a general meeting of shareholders of the Company shall be in compliance with the requirements of maintaining the legal interests of the Company's shareholders and in strict compliance with laws and administrative regulations to safeguard the Company's principles of efficient operation and scientific decision. The following matters may be delegated by the Board through authorization or entrustment:

- 1. amendment of wordings of the Articles of Association upon passing of a resolution for amendment of the Articles of Association by a general meeting of shareholders;
- 2. distribution of interim dividends;
- 3. specific matters involving issuance of new shares or convertible debenture;
- 4. disposal, mortgage and guarantee on fixed assets as set forth in an approved direction of operation and investment plan; and
- 5. other matters may be delegated by the Board through authorization or entrustment as stipulated by laws, administrative regulations and these Articles of Association.

The general meetings must not delegate those powers which are only exercisable by the general meetings as prescribed by the applicable domestic or foreign laws, administrative regulations and/or the listing rules of the stock exchanges located in the places where the Company's shares are listed to the board of directors, or other organizations and individuals to exercise on its behalf.

- (17) to consider matters relating to guarantee as stipulated under Article 47 hereof;
- (18) to consider matters relating to the Company's purchase and sale of material assets exceeding 30% of the latest audited total assets;
- (19) to consider matters relating to change of purpose for fund raising;
- (20) to consider share incentive scheme and employees stock scheme;

- (21) other matters which are required by laws, administrative regulations, the rules of the stock exchanges located in the places where the Company's shares are listed and the Articles of Association to be approved by way of resolutions passed at the general meeting of shareholders.
- **Article 47** The following guarantees made to outsiders by the Company shall be approved and passed in a general meeting of shareholders:
  - (1) a single guarantee of the amount exceeding 10% of the latest audited net asset value of the Company;
  - (2) any guarantees to be given after the amount of the total guarantees made to outsiders by the Company and its holding subsidiaries exceeding 50% of the latest audited net asset value of the Company;
  - (3) any guarantees to be provided after the amount of the total guarantees made to third parties by the Company and its holding subsidiaries exceeding 30% of the latest audited net asset value of the Company;
  - (4) on the basis of the aggregated amount of guarantees in a continuous period of 12 months, those guarantees that exceed 30% of the most recent audited total assets of the Company;
  - (5) a guarantee made to a party whose ratio of assets and liabilities (gearing ratio) exceeding 70%;
  - (6) a guarantee made to a shareholder, the actual controlling party and/or their related party;
  - (7) other guarantees prescribed by the stock exchanges located in the places where the Company's shares are listed or the Company's Articles of Association.

In the event that the guarantee referred to in item (4) above is considered at the general meeting of the Company, it must be approved by more than two-thirds of the voting rights held by shareholders present at the meeting.

**Article 48** Unless the Company is under special circumstances such as a crisis, and with prior approval of the general meeting of shareholders, without approval by a special resolution by the general meeting of shareholders, the Company shall not enter into any contract with any person other than a director, supervisor, general manager or other senior management personnel of the Company whereby the management of the whole of substantial part of the business of the Company is delegated to such person.

**Article 49** The general meeting of shareholders are divided into annual general meetings or extraordinary general meetings. The general meeting of shareholders shall be convened once a year and shall take place within 6 months after the end of the previous financial year.

The Company shall convene an extraordinary general meeting within 2 months from the date of actual occurrence of any one of the following circumstances:

- (1) the number of directors fall short of the number as stipulated by the Company Law or is less than two-thirds of the number of directors as stipulated under the Articles of Association;
- (2) the accrued losses of the Company amount to one-third of its aggregate paid-up share capital;
- (3) shareholders who individually or collectively hold 10% (inclusive) or more shares of the Company's issued shares make a written request to convene an extraordinary general meeting;
- (4) such meeting is considered necessary by the Board or proposed to be convened by the supervisory committee;
- (5) other circumstances as stipulated by laws, administrative regulations, departmental rules or these Articles of Association.

**Article 50** The venue of the general meetings of the Company shall be the registered office of the Company or such other places as stipulated in the notice of general meeting. There shall be a physical venue for the general meeting to be held on-site and the Company shall also, for convenience purpose, provide network voting for the shareholders participating the meeting. Shareholders participating general meetings in the aforesaid manners shall be deemed present at the meeting.

**Article 51** In the event of holding a general meeting, the Company shall appoint legal counsels to provide legal opinion on the following issues and publish an announcement:

- (1) whether the convening and holding of the meeting comply with the laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association;
- (2) the qualifications of those who are present at the meeting, and the legality and validity of the convener's qualifications;
- (3) the legality and validity of the voting procedures and results of the meeting;
- (4) the issue of legal opinion on any other relevant matters as the Company may request.

Article 52 An independent director has the right to propose the Board to convene an extraordinary general meeting, but shall obtain the consent of more than half of all the independent directors. In respect to the proposal by the independent director for convening an extraordinary general meeting, the Board shall, in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations and these Articles of Association, give a written reply as to whether agree or disagree with such proposal for convening an extraordinary general meeting within 10 days upon receipt of such proposal.

In the event that the Board agrees to convene an extraordinary general meeting, a notice for convening such meeting shall be given within 5 days after the resolutions of the Board is passed. In the event that the Board disagrees to convene an extraordinary general meeting, an explanation shall be given and an announcement shall be made.

Article 53 The supervisory committee is entitled to propose in writing to the Board to convene an extraordinary general meeting. The Board shall, in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association, furnish a written reply to the supervisory committee stating its agreement or disagreement to the convening of the extraordinary general meeting within ten days after having received such proposal.

In the event that the Board agrees to convene an extraordinary general meeting, it shall serve the notice of such meeting within five days after the relevant Board resolution is passed consent of the supervisory committee shall be obtained in the event of any changes made to the original proposal in the notice.

In the event that the Board does not agree to convene an extraordinary general meeting or does not furnish any written reply to the supervisory committee within ten days after having received such proposal, the Board is deemed to be unable or unwilling to perform the duty of convening a general meeting, in which case the supervisory committee may convene and preside over such meeting by itself.

Article 54 Any shareholder(s) who individually or jointly more than 10% of the shares of the Company is/are entitled to propose in writing to the Board to convene an extraordinary general meeting. The Board shall, in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association, furnish a written reply to the relevant shareholders stating its agreement or disagreement to the convening of the extraordinary general meeting within ten days after having received such proposal.

In the event that the Board agrees to convene an extraordinary general meeting, it shall serve the notice of such meeting within five days after the relevant Board resolution is passed. Consent of the relevant shareholders shall be obtained in the event of any changes made to the original proposal in the notice.

In the event that the Board does not agree to convene an extraordinary general meeting or does not furnish any written reply to the relevant shareholders within ten days after having received such proposal, any shareholder(s) who individually or jointly more than 10% of the shares of the Company is/ are entitled to propose to the supervisory committee to convene an extraordinary general meeting.

In the event that the supervisory committee agrees to convene an extraordinary general meeting, it shall serve the notice of such meeting within five days after having received such proposal. Consent of the relevant shareholders shall be obtained in the event of any changes made to the original proposal in the notice.

In the event that the supervisory committee does not serve any notice of an extraordinary general meeting within the prescribed period, the supervisory committee is deemed not to convene and preside over such meeting, in which case the shareholder(s) who individually or jointly more than 10% of the shares of the Company for more than ninety consecutive days may convene and preside over such a meeting by himself/themselves.

**Article 55** Where the supervisory committee or shareholders decides to convene the general meeting of shareholders on its own initiative, it shall send out a written notice to the Board, and shall submit the records to the stock exchange.

Prior to the announcement of the resolution of the general meeting of shareholders, the shareholdings of the shareholders convening the general meeting shall not be less than 10%. The shareholders convening the meeting shall disclose an announcement no later than the time when the notice of the general meeting is sent, and shall undertake that the percentage of shares they hold will be not less than 10% of the total share capital of the Company from the date which the general meeting is proposed and the date on which the general meeting is convened.

Upon the notice and the announcement of resolution of the general meeting of shareholders, the supervisory committee or the shareholders convening the general meeting shall submit the relevant documentary information to the stock exchange.

- **Article 56** Where the general meeting of shareholders is convened by the supervisory committee or shareholders on its own initiative, the Board and its secretary shall work in a cooperative manner. The Board shall provide the register of shareholders prepared on the date of equity registration.
- **Article 57** Where the general meeting of shareholders is convened by the supervisory committee or shareholders on its own initiative, the expenses necessary for the general meeting shall be borne by the Company.
- **Article 58** The Company shall dispatch written notices of the annual general meeting to all registered shareholders at least 21 days before the date of the meeting informing them the matters to be considered at the meeting and the date and venue of such meeting. If the Company convenes an extraordinary general meeting, written notice of the meeting shall be given at least 15 clear days before the date of the meeting.

If laws, administrative regulations, securities regulatory authorities or the stock exchanges in the places where the Company's shares are listed stipulate a longer notice period for convening the annual general meeting or extraordinary general meeting of the Company, such provisions shall be observed.

Article 59 After the convener dispatches the notice of general meeting of shareholders, such general meeting shall not be postponed or cancel and the resolutions set out in the notice of general meeting shall not be cancelled without justifiable causes. Where the convention of such general meeting must be postponed for special reasons, the Company shall be announced and disclosed the reasons thereof within at least two business days before the original date of such general meeting. The convener shall explain the reasons for the postponement and announce the date of postponed general meeting in the notice of postponement.

**Article 60** The contents of a proposal shall be within the terms of reference of the general meeting of shareholders, and have definite agenda and specific matters for resolution, and shall comply with the relevant provisions of the laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association of the Company.

The convener shall disclose such information which may assist the shareholders to make reasonable decisions in respect of the matters to be discussed 5 days before the general meeting. If supplemental information is to be provided, the convener shall disclose before the date on which the general meeting is to be held.

If laws, administrative regulations, securities regulatory authorities or the stock exchanges in the places where the Company's shares are listed stipulate an earlier time for the disclosure of the abovementioned information, such those stipulations shall be observed.

**Article 61** The Board, the supervisory committee and shareholder(s) who individually or jointly hold more than 3% of the total number of the shares of the Company is entitled to propose resolutions to the Company to be decided at the general meeting of shareholders convened by the Company.

Shareholders(s) who individually or jointly hold 3% or more of the shares of the Company, and if any such shares carry voting rights of the Company, is/are entitled to proposed additional resolutions in writing to the convener ten days before the shareholders' meeting is held. The convener shall issue a supplemental notice of meeting with two days after receiving such proposal specifying the contents of such proposal, and, if such proposals are within the scope of the meeting, include such proposals in the agenda of the meeting.

Saving as prescribed in the preceding provisions, subsequent to the notice of the general meeting of shareholders, the proposals already listed in the notice of the general meeting or the newly added proposals shall not be amended.

The general meeting of shareholders shall not vote on or pass a resolution for any proposal which is not listed in the notice of the general meeting or inconsistent with Article 60 of these Articles of Association.

Article 62 General meetings shall not resolve on matters which have not been specified in the notice of meeting.

## **Article 63** The notice of the shareholders' meeting shall satisfy the following requirements:

- (1) to be given in such manners in compliance with the laws and administrative regulations as well as the requirements of the stock exchanges located in the places where the shares of the Company are listed;
- (2) to specify the venue, date and time of the meeting;
- (3) to include any matter and proposal to be tabled at the meeting;
- (4) to provide to the shareholders the necessary information and explanation for the purpose of facilitating the shareholders to make sound decisions on the matters to be discussed; this principle shall include (but not limited to) the circumstances in which the Company shall provide the specific conditions and contract (if any) of a proposed transaction and a thorough explanation of the causes and consequences of such transaction when the Company proposes merger, share repurchase, capital restructuring or other reorganization;
- (5) to disclose the nature and extent of interest if any director, supervisor, general manager and other senior management personnel has material interest in the matters to be discussed; and to explain the difference (if any) between the impact of the matters on such director, supervisor, general manager and other senior management personnel as shareholder and the impact on the shareholders of the same class;
- (6) to contain the full text of any special resolution proposed to be passed at the meeting;
- (7) to specify in clear wordings that all shareholders are entitled to attend the general meeting, and that each of the shareholders entitled to attend and vote is also entitled to appoint in writing one or more than one proxy to attend and vote on his or her behalf; and such proxy may not be a shareholder;
- (8) to specify expressly the date and place for serving the power of attorney authorizing the proxy to vote;
- (9) to specify the date of equity registration of the shareholders who are entitled to attend the general meeting;
- (10) to contain the name and telephone number of the permanent contact person.
- (11) the voting time and the voting procedures for such online or other form of voting.

Where the Company convenes the general meeting and provides domestic shareholders the ways of voting such as internet or other means, the time of voting through internet or other means shall be no earlier than 3:00 p.m. on the day before the live general meeting and no later than 9:30 a.m. on the day of the live general meeting, and shall be concluded no earlier than 3:00 p.m. on the day the live general meeting ends.

- **Article 64** Where the general meeting of shareholders intends to discuss the election of directors or supervisors, the notice of convening the general meeting of shareholders shall fully disclose the detailed information on the candidates for directors or supervisors at least in the following aspects:
  - (1) educational background, working experience, concurrent positions, and other personal information;
  - (2) whether such candidate has any affiliation with the Company or its controlling shareholders and actual controllers;
  - (3) the number of shares of the Company such candidate holds; and
  - (4) whether such candidate has been subject to the punishment of the CSRC or any other relevant departments or the reprimand of the stock exchange.

Save for the directors or supervisors who are elected by way of cumulative voting system, a single proposal shall be put forward for each candidate for directors or supervisors.

**Article 65** Subject to the applicable laws, regulations and relevant rules of the place where the securities of the Company are listed and relevant rules regarding listing of securities, the notice of general meeting may be served on shareholders (whether they have the right to vote at the general meeting or not) by public announcement or other means specified by Article 216 of the Articles of Association.

The public announcement referred to in the above paragraph shall be published at the websites of the stock exchanges in the places where the Company's shares are listed and within the scope of media which satisfied the conditions stipulated by CSRC. Upon publication of such announcements, all shareholders are deemed to have received the notice of the relevant general meeting.

- **Article 66** The accidental omission to dispatch any such notice to, or the non-receipt of any such notice by, any person entitled to receive the same shall not invalidate that meeting or any resolutions passed thereat.
- **Article 67** The Board of the Company or any other convener shall take necessary measures to guarantee the good order of the general meeting of shareholders, take measures to deter any act disturbing the general meeting, picking quarrels and provoking troubles or infringing the legal rights and interests of any shareholder, and shall report in a timely manner such act to the relevant department for investigation and punishment.
- **Article 68** All shareholders or their agents already registered as at the date of equity registration shall be entitled to attend the general meetings of shareholders and the creditors meetings of the Company. Their voting rights shall be exercised in accordance with the relevant laws, regulations and these Articles of Association.

Any shareholder (including Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited) who is entitled to attend the general meeting of shareholders and vote may attend the general meeting of shareholders in person, or appoint one proxy or several proxies (who may not be shareholder) or corporate representatives to attend or vote and exercise the same statutory rights as other shareholders (including but not limited to the rights under Article 70) on the behalf of such shareholder.

Any shareholder (including Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited) who is entitled to attend the creditors meetings and vote may attend the creditors meetings in person, or appoint one proxy or several proxies (who may not be shareholder) or corporate representatives to attend, vole and exercise the same statutory rights as other shareholders (including, but not limited to the rights to speak and vote) on the behalf of such shareholder.

Any shareholder who is entitled to attend the general meeting of shareholders and vote may attend the general meeting of shareholders in person, or appoint one proxy or several proxies (who may not be shareholder) to attend or vote on the behalf of such shareholder.

**Article 69** Shareholder attending the general meeting in person shall present his or her identity card or other valid certificate or proof showing his or her identity, stock account certificate; proxy appointed by the shareholder shall present his or her identity card and power of attorney issued by the shareholder.

Corporate shareholder shall entrust the legal representative or its agent to attend the general meeting. Legal representative attending the general meeting shall present his or her identity card and valid proof showing the status of legal representative; the agent attending the general meeting shall present his or her identity card and a power of attorney in writing issued by the legal representative of the corporate shareholder in accordance with law.

A non-corporate shareholder shall entrust the person in charge of the organization or the agent entrusted by the person in charge to attend the general meetings. The person in charge of the organization attending the general meeting shall produce his/her identity card and valid proof showing his or her capacities as the person in charge; the agent attending the general meeting shall produce his or her identity card and a power of attorney in writing duly issued by the person in charge of the organization according to law.

**Article 70** A proxy is entitled to exercise the following rights pursuant to the appointment made by the appointing shareholder:

- (1) the same right as the shareholder to speak at the general meeting;
- (2) authority to demand or join in demanding a poll;
- (3) the right to vote by show of hands or on a poll; however, a proxy of a shareholder who has appointed more than one proxy may only vote on a poll.

Where any shareholder is required to abstain from voting or restricted to voting only for or only against a resolution, the vote cast by or on behalf of such shareholder in contravention of such requirement or restriction is deemed as invalid.

**Article 71** Shareholder shall authorize his or her proxy in writing, the power of attorney shall be signed by the proxy or the agent authorized in writing by the proxy. Where the proxy is a legal person, the chop of the legal person should be affixed, or the director or the agent officially entrusted shall sign such power of attorney.

The power of attorney issued by the shareholder authorizing his or her proxy to attend the general meeting should contain the following information:

- (1) name of the proxy;
- (2) whether such proxy has voting right or not;
- (3) separate direction as to affirmation, objection and veto to each matter to be discussed in the agenda of the general meeting;
- (4) issue date and validity period of the power of attorney;
- (5) signature (or chop) of the principal.

**Article 72** The instrument appointing a proxy shall be deposited at the Company's legal address or such other place as specified in the notice of meeting 24 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting at which the instrument proposes to vote, or 24 hours before the time appointed for taking of poll.

Where such instrument is signed by a person under a power of attorney or other authority on behalf of the appointer, that power of attorney or other authority is required to be notarised.

A notarised copy of that power of attorney or other authority together with the instrument appointing a proxy is required to be deposited at the Company's legal address or such other place as specified in the notice of the meeting.

If the appointer is a corporation, the legal representative or such person who is authorized by the resolution of its Board or other governing body to act as its representative may attend the general meeting of the Company. If the appointer is a noncorporate organization, the person in charge or the person authorized by its decision-making body shall attend the general meeting of the Company as a representative.

Article 73 An instrument of proxy sent to a shareholder by the Board for use by him/her for appointing a proxy shall be in such form to enable the shareholder to freely instruct the proxy to vote in favour or against the related resolution(s), and to instruct separately in respect of each resolution dealing with business to be transacted at the meeting. Such a form shall contain a statement that in default of such instructions, the proxy of the shareholders may vote as he thinks fit.

**Article 74** A vote given by a proxy in accordance with the terms of an instrument of proxy shall be valid notwithstanding the previous death or loss of capacity of the principal or revocation of the proxy or power of authority under which the proxy was executed, or the transfer of the share in respect of which the proxy is given, provided that no notice in writing of such death, insanity, revocation or transfer as aforesaid has been received by the Company before the commencement of the meeting at which the proxy is used.

**Article 75** The register of attendees of the general meeting shall be prepared by the Company. Such register shall specify information such as the name of the persons (or units) attending the general meeting, identity card number, residential address, number of shares or voting shares held, name of the persons (or units) the proxy represents.

Article 76 The convener and the legal counsel retained by the Company shall jointly verify the qualification of shareholder with the register of shareholders provided by the securities depository and clearing authority, and shall register the name of the shareholders as well as the number of their voting shares. Such registration shall be ceased prior to the announcement by the chairman of the general meeting the number of shareholders and their proxies present at the meeting and the total number of their respective voting shares.

**Article 77** To effectively safeguard the interests of public shareholders, the Company may, if conditions permit, provide a network voting system for domestic shareholders to vote at general meetings.

If a network voting platform is provided for domestic shareholders to vote at general meeting, all domestic shareholders whose names appeared in the register of the Company at the date of record of shareholders for the meeting are all entitled to vote via the network, provided that only one of the voting methods either in person, through the network or other ways shall be selected for the same shares.

Network voting for domestic shareholders at general meeting shall be implemented in accordance with relevant laws, regulations and provisions.

Article 78 The Board, independent directors, shareholders holding more than 1% of the voting shares or the investors protection institutions established according to laws, administrative regulations or the stipulations of the CSRC are entitled to solicit proxy from shareholders publicly. While soliciting proxy of shareholders, sufficient disclosure of information such as the specific voting preference shall be made to the shareholders from whom proxy is being solicited. No consideration or other form of actual consideration shall be involved in the solicitation of proxy from shareholders. Except for the statutory provisions, the Company shall not impose any limitation related to the minimum shareholding ratio on the solicitation of proxy.

**Article 79** Resolutions of the general meeting are divided into ordinary resolutions and special resolutions.

An ordinary resolution of a general meeting shall be passed by more than one half of the voting rights held by the shareholders (including proxies) present at the meeting.

A special resolution of a general meeting shall be passed by two-thirds or more of the voting rights held by the shareholders (including proxies) present at the meeting.

**Article 80** For the purpose of voting at a general meeting, a shareholder (including proxy) exercises his/her voting rights in accordance with the number of shares carrying voting rights represented by him. Each share has one vote.

Where material issues considered at a general meeting affect the interests of minority investors, the votes of minority investors shall be counted separately. The results of the separate votes shall be disclosed publicly in a timely manner.

No voting rights shall attach to the Company shares held by the Company, and such shares shall not be counted among the total number of shares with voting rights present at a general meeting.

In the event that a shareholder purchased the voting shares of the Company in contravention of paragraph 1 or 2 of Article 63 of the Securities Law, the voting rights in respect of those shares that exceed the stipulated portion cannot be exercised in the 36 months after the purchase and shall be excluded from counting the total number of shares that have voting rights at general meeting.

Article 81 Any vote of shareholders at a general meeting must be taken by poll except where the chairman, in good faith, decides to allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands.

**Article 82** The following matters require the approval of an ordinary resolution at a general meeting:

- (1) the working reports of the Board and the supervisory committee;
- (2) the plan for distribution of profits and the plan for making up losses prepared by the Board;
- (3) the removal of the members of the Board and the supervisory committee, their remuneration and method of payment;
- (4) annual financial budgets and statements of final accounts, balance sheet, income statement and other financial statements of the Company;
- (5) the annual reports of the Company;

- (6) decisions on the guarantees provided for in Article 47 of the Articles of Association, with the exception of guarantees specified in item (4);
- (7) the appointment, removal of an accounting firm or cessation to continue the engagement of an accounting firm and the remuneration of an accounting firm;
- (8) any matters not otherwise required by the laws, administrative regulations or the Articles of Association to be passed by special resolutions.

**Article 83** The following matters shall be approved by passing of special resolution at the general meeting of shareholders:

- (1) increase or reduction of the Company's capital, issue of any type of shares, options and other similar types of securities;
- (2) issue of the Company's bonds;
- (3) separation spin-off, merger, dissolution and liquidation of the Company;
- (4) amendment to these Articles of Association;
- (5) purchase or sale of material assets by the Company within 1 year, or a guarantee amount exceeding 30% of the total assets in the most recent audit period of the Company;
- (6) share incentive scheme;
- (7) other matters as stipulated by laws, administrative regulations or these Articles of Association, and/or matters deemed by the general meeting by ordinary resolution to impose material effect on the Company and necessary for passing by special resolution.

**Article 84** In the event that the shareholders or the supervisory committee request to convene an extraordinary general meeting or class meeting of shareholders, they shall observe the procedures as follows:

(1) Two or more shareholders or the supervisory committee holding a total of more than 10% (comprising 10%) voting shares in the meeting proposed to be convened may request the Board to convene an extraordinary general meeting or class meeting of shareholders by signing one or a number of copies of written request with specified agenda of the proposed meeting and lodging them with the Board. Upon receipt of the aforesaid written request, the Board shall convene an extraordinary general meeting or class meeting of shareholders as soon as possible. The foresaid number of voting shares is calculated in accordance with the date on which the shareholders make the written request.

(2) If the Board does not serve any notice convening such meeting within 30 days upon receipt of the aforesaid written request, the shareholders or supervisory committee lodging the request may convene the meeting within 4 months following the date of receipt of the request by the Board. The convening procedure shall be as similar as possible to that of the general meetings convened by the Board.

The reasonable cost incurred in convening and holding such meeting by the shareholders or the supervisory committee on their own by reason of not holding it by the Board upon the aforesaid request shall be borne by the Company and deducted from the payables of the Company to the negligent director(s) so involved.

**Article 85** Where matters relating to connected transactions are deliberated at the general meeting of shareholders, the connected shareholders should not participate in the voting, and the shares carrying the voting rights they represent shall not be counted in the total number of valid votes. The announcement of resolutions of the general meeting should fully disclose the voting status of the non-connected shareholders.

**Article 86** The name list of candidates for directors and supervisors shall be submitted by way of proposal to the general meeting for voting.

If the listed company whose single largest shareholder together with its parties acting in concert are interested in 30% or more of the shares of the listed company, the elections of directors and supervisors at the general meetings shall be conducted by way of cumulative voting. The votes of minority shareholders on the election of independent directors shall be counted separately and disclosed. Where two or more independent directors are to be elected at the general meeting, the aforementioned provisions shall also be abided by.

The "cumulative voting system" as in the foregoing means that each share has the number of voting right identical to the number of directors or supervisors to be elected, and the voting right owned by the shareholders may be cumulatively used when the general meeting elects the directors or supervisors. The Board shall announce to the shareholders the resume and basic information of the candidates for directors or supervisors.

Set out below are the details of the cumulative voting at the general meetings:

(a) For the purposes of the election of directors or supervisors, each share held by a shareholder of the Company has the same number of votes as the number of directors or supervisors to be elected. That means the total number of votes that a shareholder is entitled to in the election of directors or supervisors equal to the number of shares that he/she held times the number of candidates for directors or supervisors. The number of candidates for directors and supervisors can be more than the number of directors or supervisors to be elected. However, the number of candidates to which the votes are cast by each shareholder cannot exceed the number of directors or supervisors to be elected and the total number of votes cast cannot be more than the number of votes that a shareholder is entitled, otherwise the votes shall be invalid.

- (b) the voting on independent directors and non-independent directors should be separated. In relation to the election of independent directors, the number of votes that each shareholder is entitled to equal to the number of shares that he/she held times the number of independent directors to be elected. Those votes can only cast on the candidates for independent directors. In relation to the election of non-independent directors, the number of votes that each shareholder is entitled to equal to the number of shares that he/she held times the number of non-independent directors to be elected. Those votes can only cast on the candidates for non-independent directors.
- (c) after the end of the voting, the vote counting should be undertaken by the scrutineer of the general meeting. The number of votes obtained by the candidates for directors or supervisors shall be announced for determining which candidates are elected and which candidates for directors or supervisors are elected shall be determined in the order of the number of votes that they obtained. However, for a candidate to be elected, the minimum number of votes that he/she obtained must be more than half of the number of votes held by those shareholders (including their proxies) attending the general meetings.

**Article 87** Save for the cumulative voting system, the general meeting of shareholders shall vote on all proposals item by item, and shall vote on the proposals on in time sequence when various proposals are put forward for a single matter. Unless the general meeting of shareholders is suspended or no resolution can be passed due to force majeure or any other special reasons, the general meeting shall not set aside or cast no vote on the proposals.

Article 88 The convener shall disclose the results of the general meeting after and within the prescribed time. The announcement of the resolutions of the general meeting should include the commencement time of the meeting, venue, manner, convener, number of shareholders (agents) present and the number of shares that they own (or holding as agents), proportion in the shares of the Company that have voting rights, the voting manner of each resolution, the voting result of each resolution, the conclusion of the legal opinion and such information as stipulated by the applicable domestic and foreign laws, administrative regulations and/or the listing rules of the stock exchanges located in the places where the shares of the Company are listed.

If the general meeting considers material events which impact the interests of medium and small investors, a separate disclosure should be made in respect of the votes cast by the shareholders after excluding the votes of the directors, supervisors and members of the senior management of the listed Company and those shareholders who, either individually or in aggregation with others, hold more than 5% of the shares of the Company. Legal counsels shall issue opinion in respect of whether, among other things, the convening of the meeting, holding of the meeting and voting are in compliance of laws and regulations diligently and in a responsible manner. The legal opinion should be disclosed concurrently with the announcement on the shareholders' resolutions, the contents should include opinion on, among other things, whether the convening of the meeting, procedures for the holding of the meeting, eligibilities of the persons attending the meeting, eligibility of the convener and the voting procedures (information on shareholders abstained from voting) and the voting results are legal and valid.

**Article 89** If a proposal is not passed or the general meeting of shareholders changes the resolutions of any previous general meeting, a special reminder shall be given in the announcement of the resolutions of the general meeting.

**Article 90** Where a proposal on election of relevant directors or supervisors is passed at the general meeting of shareholders, and the date the newly appointed directors or supervisors enter on their offices shall be the date on which the general meeting concluded.

**Article 91** Where the general meeting of shareholders passes the proposal on cash dividends, bonus shares or conversion of capital reserves into share capital, the Company shall implement specific scheme within two months upon the general meeting is concluded.

Article 92 If the general meeting is convened by the Board of Directors, the chairman of the Board of Directors shall chair and preside at the meeting. Where the chairman of the Board is unable to attend the meeting for any reason, the deputy chairman shall serve as the presider and preside over the meeting. Failing them, a director elected more than half of the directors shall chair and preside at the meeting. Where no chairman has been designated, the shareholders present may elect one of their members to act as the chairman. If for any reason no chairman is elected by the shareholders, the shareholder (or proxy present) holding the majority of shares carrying the right to vote shall preside the meeting.

The general meeting convened by the supervisory committee shall be presided over by the chairman of the supervisory committee. In the event that the chairman of the supervisory committee is unable or fails to perform his/her duties, a supervisor elected by more than half of the supervisors shall preside over the meeting.

Shareholders may convene the general meeting themselves and a representative nominated by the convener shall preside over the meeting.

If the chairman of the meeting breaches the Rules of Procedures of General Meetings during the meeting and the meeting cannot be continued as a result, the shareholders present at the meeting physically may elect a person to act as chairman by more than one-half of the votes cast in favour of the relevant resolution and the meeting may continue.

**Article 93** During the general meeting of shareholders, all directors and the secretary of the board of directors should attend the meeting, the general manager and other senior management personnel shall also be present at the meeting.

The directors, supervisors, senior management personnel shall provide explanation and clarification to the inquiries and suggestions raised by the shareholders at the general meeting, except for those involving the company's trade secrets and undisclosed sensitive information that cannot be disclosed at the meeting

Article 94 The Company shall formulate rules of proceedings of the general meeting of the shareholders to specify in details the convening and voting procedures of the general meeting, including notice, registration, deliberation of proposal, votes, vote counting, announcement of voting results, formation of resolutions, minutes and the signatures thereon, announcement, as well as the principles of authorization by the general meeting to the Board, the contents of such authorization shall be expressly specified.

Article 95 At the annual general meeting, the board of directors and the supervisory committee shall report their respective work of the previous year to the general meeting of shareholders, and each independent director shall also make his duty report correspondingly.

Article 96 The chairman of the general meeting shall, before voting, announce the number of shareholders and their proxies attending the meeting as well as the total number of their voting shares carrying the voting shares, and the number of shareholders and their proxies attending the meeting and the total number of their shares shall be subject to the registration of the general meeting.

The chairman shall decide whether a resolution of the general meeting should be passed, and such decision shall be final and be announced at the meeting and recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Prior to the official announcement of the voting results, the companies involved in voting by shareholders on-site, voting by way of network or voting in other manners, persons responsible for vote counting, scrutineer, substantial shareholders, network service providers and other related parties are obliged to keep confidentiality the information relating to voting.

The shareholders attending the general meeting should make one of the following opinion on the proposal submitted for voting: for, against or abstain, except that securities registration and settlement organizations which hold shares as nominee under the stock connect between Mainland China and Hong Kong may vote in accordance with the instructions of the beneficial holders.

Ballot papers which has not been filled, ballot papers which have been filled erroneously, the handwriting on the ballot papers cannot be recognized or ballot papers which have not been cast will be considered as the relevant voters having abandoned his voting rights and the voting results in respect of his voting shares will be considered as "abstained".

**Article 97** If the chairman of the general meeting has any doubt as to the result of a resolution put to the vote at the meeting, he may have the votes counted. If the chairman of the meeting fails to have the votes counted, any shareholder who is present in person or by proxy and objects to the result declared by the chairman of the meeting may demand a vote count immediately after the declaration of the result, and the chairman shall have the votes counted forthwith.

**Article 98** The method of vote counting by the general meeting and the vote counting results shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

The minutes together with the valid information such as the attendance register of the attending shareholders and the power of attorney of their proxies, the votes cast by way of internet and by other means shall be kept at the legal address of the Company for a period of 10 years.

Article 99 The chairman shall guarantee the truth, accuracy and completeness of the minutes of the meeting. The directors, supervisors, secretary to the Board, convener or their representative, chairman of the meeting shall sign on the minutes of the meeting. The minutes shall contain the following:

- (1) the time, venue, agenda of the meeting, and the name of the convener;
- (2) the name of the chairman of the meeting, the directors, supervisors, the secretary to the Board, general manager and other senior management personnel attending or being present at the general meeting;
- (3) the numbers of domestic shareholders (including their proxies), overseas listed foreign investment shares shareholders (including their proxies), holders of tradable shares (including their proxies) and holders of non-tradable shares (including their proxies), the total number of their shares carrying the voting rights and the proportion in the total number of shares of the Company;
- (4) the process of deliberation of each proposal, the main points of speeches and the voting results (including the votes on each resolution by domestic shareholders, foreign shareholders, holders of tradable shares and holders of non-tradable shares);
- (5) the inquiries or suggestions of the shareholders as well as the corresponding replies or explanations;
- (6) the name of legal counsel, vote counters, and supervisors; and
- (7) other contents which shall be contained in the records of the meeting as prescribed by these Articles of Association.

**Article 100** A shareholder is entitled to inspect the copies of minutes free of charge during office hours of the Company. If a shareholder demands from the Company a copy of such minutes, the Company shall send to him/her the copy within 7 days after having received a reasonable charge.

Article 101 The convener shall ensure that the continuity of the general meeting of shareholders until the final resolution is formed. Where the general meeting of Shareholders is suspended or no resolution can be made due to force majeure or any other special reasons, necessary measures shall be taken to resume or directly terminate the general meeting, and an announcement shall be made in a timely manner. Meanwhile, the convener shall report this to the branch CSRC at the place where the Company is located and the stock exchange.

Article 102 Matters such the convening and voting procedures of the general meeting and the deliberation of proposal, including notice, registration, deliberation of proposal, votes, vote counting, announcement of voting results, formation of resolutions, minutes and the signatures thereon, announcement, as well as the principles of delegation by the general meeting to the Board, the contents of such delegation, and other matters which have not been stipulated by these Articles of Association, shall be performed in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Rules of Proceedings of the General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company.

## **Chapter 8** Special Procedures for the Voting by Different Classes of Shareholders

Article 103 Shareholders of different classes of shares are classified as class shareholders. Class shareholders have the rights and obligations pursuant to the provisions of the laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association.

**Article 104** Variations or abrogation of the rights conferred on a class of shareholders shall be approved by special resolution passed at general meeting and approved by holders of shares of that class at a class meeting convened in accordance with provisions of the Articles of Association.

**Article 105** The followings are considered as a variation or abrogation of the rights of class shareholders:

- (1) to increase or reduce the number of shares in that class of shares or to increase or reduce the number of shares in a class of shares which have rights on voting, distribution or other privileges equal or superior to that class of shares;
- (2) to exchange all or a portion of that class of shares for shares of another class, or to exchange all or a portion of the shares of another class for that class of shares or to grant the rights to exchange the same;
- (3) to cancel or reduce the rights to claiming all the accrued dividends or cumulative dividends of shares of that class of shares;
- (4) to reduce or cancel the preferential rights of that class of shares to claim the dividends or the preference to distribution of assets upon the liquidation of the Company;
- (5) to increase, cancel or reduce the rights to conversion of shares, options, voting rights, rights of transfer, pre-emptive rights and the rights to acquire the securities of the Company of that class of shares;
- (6) to cancel or reduce the rights to receive the monies payable by the Company in a particular currency of that class of shares;
- (7) to create a new class of shares which have the rights to voting, distribution or other privileges equal or superior to that class of shares;

- (8) to restrict or to impose more restrictions on the transfer or ownership of that class of shares;
- (9) to issue rights on subscription for or conversion of shares into that class of shares or another class of shares;
- (10) to increase the rights and privileges of another class of shares;
- (11) to re-structure the Company in such a way that different class shareholders will undertake disproportionate obligations under the restructuring;
- (12) to vary or abrogate the provisions of this chapter.

**Article 106** The classes of shareholders being affected, with or without voting rights at the general meeting of shareholders, shall have voting rights at the class meeting of shareholders in relation to matters specified in Articles 105(2) through (8), (11) through (12). However, shareholders having interest shall not have any voting rights at the class meeting of shareholders.

"Interested shareholder(s)" mentioned in the preceding paragraph means:

- (i) in the case of a repurchase of shares from all the shareholders in proportion to their arising shareholdings or by public purchases through the stock exchanges made in accordance with Article 28, interested shareholder refers to the controlling shareholder as defined under Article 43;
- (ii) in the case of a repurchase of shares under an off-market agreement made in accordance with Article 28; interested shareholder refers to the shareholder relating to that agreement;
- (iii) in the case of a restructuring of the Company, interested shareholder refers to a shareholder within a class who bears less than proportionate liabilities imposed on that class under the proposed restructuring or who has an interest in the proposed restructuring different from the interest of the shareholders of that class.

**Article 107** The resolutions of the class meeting of shareholders shall be passed only through voting by shareholders having more than two-thirds of equity interest with voting rights and attending such class meeting in accordance with Article 106.

Article 108 With respect to class general meetings, the Company shall send to all registered shareholders of that class written notices of the class meeting in compliance with the requirements on the length of notice in respect of extraordinary general meetings stipulated under article 58 of the Articles of Association, notifying them the matters to be considered at, and the date and venue of, the class meeting. Those shareholders of the class who wish to attend the meeting shall return the written replies to the Company within the time limit as specified in the notice of meeting.

Article 109 The notices of class shareholders' meeting should be delivered only to the shareholders entitled to vote thereat. The class shareholders' meeting should be held in the procedures much the same as possible as those of the general meeting, and the procedures for holding a general meeting as set out in the Articles of Association of the Company apply to the class shareholders' meeting.

**Article 110** In accordance with the provisions under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, in addition to shareholders of other classes of shares, shareholders of domestic shares and overseas listed foreign investment shares are deemed to be different classes of shareholders.

The special procedures for approval by separate class shareholders shall not apply to the following circumstances:

- (1) where the Company issues domestic shares and overseas listed foreign investment shares upon approval by a special resolution at a general meeting and either separately or concurrently once every twelve months, and the number of domestic shares and overseas listed foreign investment shares so issued shall not exceed 20% of each of the then outstanding domestic shares and overseas listed foreign investment shares;
- (2) where the Company's plan to issue domestic shares and overseas listed foreign investment shares on its establishment is implemented within fifteen months from the date of approval by the Securities Commission of the State Council.

## Chapter 9 The Board

#### **Section 1** The Board

**Article 111** The Company set up the Board (the "Board"). The Board of Directors consists of 11 directors, including one chairman and one vice chairman.

**Article 112** Directors shall be elected at the general meeting of shareholders, with a term of office of 3 years. Upon expiration of the term, the directors may be re-elected and serve consecutive terms.

The written notice of the intention of the nominees of the candidates for directors and of the acceptance by the candidates to be nominated shall be served on the Company 7 days before the convening of the general meeting of shareholders.

The chairperson of the Board and deputy chairperson of the Board shall be elected or dismissed by a majority of the general body of directors. The term of office of directors and deputy directors shall be 3 years and they may be re-elected and serve consecutive terms.

Subject to the compliance of the provisions of the relevant laws and administrative regulations, the general meeting of the shareholders may dismiss by ordinary resolution any directors of whom the term of office has not expired (the claim for compensation under any contracts shall however be not affected).

The term of directors elected pursuant the Paragraph 1 of this article shall commence on the date of entering on the office, and shall end on the date the term of the board of directors expires. Prior to the expiry of the term of a director, the general meeting of shareholders shall not dismiss the duties of such director without any reasons. Where no new appointment is made upon expiry of the term of a director, the original director shall, prior to the new director entering on the office, continue to perform his or her duties as a director in accordance with the pro visions of laws and administrative regulations and the Articles of Association.

The general manager or other senior management personnel shall serve the office of director concurrently. However, the total number of directors serving the office of general manager or other senior management personnel concurrently and labour union representative holding the office of director shall not exceed half of the total number of directors of the Company.

Directors are not required to hold shares of the Company. The directors must have the necessary knowledge, skill and quality to perform the duties of directors. The directors shall discharge their duties of loyalty and to act diligently as stipulated under the "Code of Corporate Governance of Listed Companies" and the Listing Rules of the Shanghai Stock Exchange and other duties stipulated under the applicable laws, administrative regulations and/or the listing rules of the stock exchanges located in the places where the shares of the Company are listed.

The supervisors and members of the senior management of the Company shall discharge their duties in accordance with the stipulated requirements.

**Article 113** Where a director is unable to attend in person the general meeting of directors twice or has not entrusted other directors to attend, he or she shall be deemed as not performing his or her duties, and the Board shall recommend the general meeting of the shareholders to dismiss and replace such director.

**Article 114** Directors may resign before his or her term of office expires. Directors resigning shall submit notice of resignation in writing to the Board.

If the resignation of a director causes the number of directors constituting the Board to fall below the quorum, or the resignation of an independent direction causes the percentage of independent directors in the Board of Directors or the special committees to fail to meet the requirements of laws, administrative regulations or the Articles of Association, or causes the lack of accounting professionals who are independent directors, the original director shall, prior to the new director entering on the office, continue to perform his or her duties as a director in accordance with the provisions of laws and administrative regulations and the Articles of Association.

Save for the circumstances listed in the foregoing, the resignation of a director takes effect upon the notice of resignation is served.

Article 115 Upon the resignation of a director takes effect or the expiry of the term of office, such director shall duly complete all handover. The fiduciary duties owed by the director to the Company and shareholders will not be released for certain before or within a reasonable period of time after the resignation takes effect. The obligation of confidentiality of such director in relation to the commercial secrets of the Company remains effective after the term of such director ends until such commercial secrets become public information. The continuity of other obligations shall be determined on the principle of fairness, and dependent on the length of time between the incident occurs and the resignation, as well as the conditions and circumstances under which the director terminates his or her relationship with the Company.

**Article 116** Without stipulation by these Articles of Association or legal authorization by the Board, no director shall in his or her own name act for the Company or the board of directors. Where a director acts in his or her own name but a third party reasonably believes that such director is acting for the Company or the Board, such director shall declare in advance his or her position and status.

Article 117 The Board should first take into account the opinions of the Party Committee of the Company before resolving major issues such as those involving the reform development of the Company, main goals and tasks and key work arrangements. When the Board has to appoint senior management of the Company, the Party Committee shall prepare and make proposals and suggestions on the candidates nominated by the Board or the general manager.

**Article 118** The Board is accountable for the general meeting of the shareholders and shall exercise the following powers:

- (1) convention of general meetings of shareholders, and report to the general meetings;
- (2) implementation of the resolutions of the general meeting;
- (3) formulation of the business plan and investment scheme of the Company;
- (4) formulation of the annual financial budget and financial accounting policy of the Company;
- (5) formulation of the profit distribution policy and loss recovery policy of the Company;
- (6) formulation of the policy of increase or reduction of registered capital and the policy of issue of corporate bonds of the Company or other securities of the Company and proposals for listing;
- (7) drafting of the policies of material corporate acquisition, if the repurchase is made under the circumstances specified in (1), (2) of Article 27 of the Article of Association, or the merger, separation, dissolution, liquidation and change of corporate form of the Company;
- (8) making decision on the establishment of internal management system in the Company;

- (9) making decisions on the employment or dismissal of the general manager, secretary of the Board and other senior management personnel of the Company, and making decisions on their remuneration, rewards and punishments; on the basis of nomination by general manager, making decisions on the employment or dismissal of the deputy general managers, person in charge of finance and other senior management personnel of the Company; making decision on their remuneration, rewards and punishments;
- (10) formulation of the basic management system of the Company;
- (11) formulation of the proposal on amendment of these Articles of Association;
- (12) making decision on a single external guarantee where the items guaranteed satisfying the conditions of the Company involves an amount of more than 10% (or 10%) of the latest audited net assets;
- (13) making decisions on matters such as external investment, acquisition and sale of assets, mortgaged assets, external guarantee, financial management by commission, connected transaction, external donations, within the scope of authorization by the general meeting of shareholders;
- (14) management of disclosure of information of the Company;
- (15) proposal to the general meeting of shareholders on employment or replacement of accounting firm responsible for auditing for the Company;
- (16) receiving the work report of the general manager of the Company and checking the work of the general manager;
- (17) pass resolutions regarding the repurchase of the shares of the Company by the Company under the circumstances prescribed in (3), (5) and (6) of Article 27 of the Articles of Association;
- (18) other powers granted by the Articles of Association and the general meeting of shareholders.
- **Article 119** The Board shall explain to the general meeting of shareholders regarding the advice issued by the chartered accountant in relation to the financial report of the Company.
- Article 120 The Board shall formulate the rules of proceedings of the Board, for the purpose of ensuring the implementation by the Board of the resolutions of the general meeting of shareholders, enhancing work efficiency, and guaranteeing scientific decision making.

The rules of proceedings of the Board shall provide for the convincing of the meetings of Board and voting procedures.

**Article 121** The Board of Directors shall determine the authorities and establish a strict review and decision-making process for foreign investments, acquisitions and sales of assets, asset pledges, external guarantees, entrusted wealth management, related transactions and external donations. Major investment projects must be reviewed by relevant experts and professionals, and submitted to shareholders for approval.

In accordance with the relevant laws, regulations and the actual situation of the Company, the Board of the company shall determine the scope of the authorities that meet the specific requirements of the Company and the specific proportion of relevant funds in the Company's assets in the Articles of Association.

# **Article 122** Chairman of the Board shall exercise the following powers:

- (1) to preside the general meeting of shareholders, and to convene, preside the meetings of the board of directors;
- (2) to supervise and check the actual status of the board resolutions;
- (3) to sign the securities issued by the Company;
- (4) other duties assigned by the Board.

The vice chairman of the Board shall assist the Chairman. The chairman must exercise or perform his or her powers and duties, and may appoint one vice chairman to exercise powers on his or her behalf. Where a vice chairman is unable to or does not perform his or her duties, a majority of the directors may jointly elect one director to perform the duties.

Article 123 Regular meetings of the Board are required to be held at least four times a year, to be convened and presided by the chairman (or any director authorized by the chairman). Written notices of such meeting shall be issued to the directors by mail or facsimile 10 days before the date of such meeting. In the event of urgent matters, an extraordinary meeting of the Board may be convened at the proposal of one-third (inclusive) or more of the directors or the general manager of the Company.

Board meetings, in principle, are held at the Company's legal address. However, they may also be held at any other places in or outside of China as resolved by the Board.

**Article 124** Where it is necessary to convene a provisional meeting of the board of directors, written notice shall be given to all the directors by mail or facsimile at least 5 days in advance. In case of emergency situations, where a provisional meeting of board of directors is required to be convened as soon as possible, notice to convene the meeting may be given by telephone or by other verbal means. The convener of the meeting is required to give an explanation at the meeting.

Shareholders representing more than one-tenth of voting rights or more than one-third of directors, more than half of independent directors, members of the supervisory committee or managers of the Company may propose to convene a provisional meeting of Board. The chairman of the Board shall convene and preside a board meeting within ten days after receiving such proposal.

**Article 125** The meeting of Board shall be convened in the attendance of more than half of directors.

Each director shall have one vote. Resolutions made by the Board must be passed by a majority of the general body of directors.

Where number of opposing votes and that of affirmative votes are the same, the chairman of the Board shall be entitled to have one vote.

No directors shall vote on any transaction in which he or she or his or her associates ("associate" is defined in accordance with the general statutory interpretation in the jurisdiction where the shares of the Company are listed) has or have material interest, and such directors nor exercise voting rights on behalf of other directors. Such directors shall not be counted in the number of attendees of the relevant meeting of the Board. Such Board meeting shall be convened in the attendance of a majority of non-connected directors. Resolutions made by the board meetings shall be approved by a majority of non-connected directors. Where there are less than three non-connected directors in a board meeting, any matters to be deliberated shall be submitted to the general meeting of shareholders.

Article 126 Notice given in writing shall be in Chinese language. Such notice shall contain all information such as agenda, time and date, venue, period, cause, matters to be discussed of the meeting, and date of issue of such notice. If any director who attends the meeting but has not stated before or upon attendance the no notice of the meeting has been received, such director shall be deemed to have received the notice of the meeting.

**Article 127** The general meetings or extraordinary meetings of the Board can beheld via teleconference or by means of any similar communication equipments. Directors are deemed as attending the meeting personally if the attending Directors are able to clearly hear what other Directors speak and communicate with each other.

**Article 128** The Board may consider and approve resolutions in written form instead of convening a Board meeting. Draft of such resolutions must be delivered to each director through email, mail, fax or in person. The resolution so proposed will be passed as a resolution of the Board only after it is signed and approved by two-third or more of the Directors and delivered to the Secretary to the Board by one of the aforesaid means.

For any resolutions required to be passed by voting at an extraordinary board meetings, if the resolution to be passed is sent to all directors in writing (including email or fax) and the number of directors who sign and approve such resolution meets the number of directors as required to make such decision in accordance with Article 125 of the Articles of Association, such resolution is deemed effectively passed and no Board meeting is required to be convened.

**Article 129** Directors shall attend any meeting of the Board in person. Where a director is unable to attend for some reasons, he or she may authorize in writing another director to attend the board meeting on his or her behalf. The instrument of proxy shall specify the name of the proxy, the matters to be authorized, scope of authorization and validity, and the proxy shall sign on or affix a chop to such instrument.

The director attending the meeting for another director shall exercise the rights of latter director within the scope of authorization. An independent director shall not appoint a non-independent director to vote on his behalf. Any director who is unable to attend a particular board meeting without authorizing a proxy to attend shall be deemed as waiving the right to vote at that meeting.

**Article 130** Proceedings and voting procedures of meetings of the Board shall be in accordance with the Rules of Procedures for the Board of directors of the Company.

**Article 131** The Board shall cause the decisions on the matters discussed at the meeting to be recorded in the minutes with the signatures of the attending directors and the minutes-taker. The directors shall assume the liability of the resolutions of the Board. The directors who attend the meeting in which the resolution is

passed shall assume liability of indemnification for any material loss caused to the Company arising from the breach of any laws, administrative regulations or the Articles of Associations by such resolutions of the Board. However, a director's liability may be waived if it is proved that such director has raised an objection to such resolution and such objection is recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

**Article 132** The minutes of the board of directors shall be kept as records of the Company for a period of ten years. Such minutes shall include the following:

- (1) date and venue of the meeting, and the name of the convener;
- (2) names of attending directors and the directors (or proxies) attending the board meeting on behalf of others;
- (3) agenda of the meeting;
- (4) main points of the speeches of the directors;
- (5) methods and results of voting of each resolution (voting results shall specify the number of affirmative, opposing or veto votes).

**Article 133** All resolutions of the board meeting shall be recorded and kept in Chinese language for a period of not less than 10 years. The minutes of the meeting shall be given to all directors for review after each board meeting. Any director intending to make any amendment to the minutes shall propose his/her opinion in writing to the chairman within six working days upon his/her receipt of such minutes of meeting.

## **Section 2** Independent Director

Article 134 An independent director refers to a director who does not act in other capacities in the Company other than a director, and who does not have any direct or indirect interest in the Company or its substantial shareholders or de facto controller(s), or who does not have any relationship that may affect the Company or its substantial shareholders or actual controller(s) in making independent and objective judgement.

Independent directors shall perform their duties independently and shall not be influenced by the Company, its substantial shareholders, de facto controllers or other units or individuals.

Article 135 Independent directors bear fiduciary duties to the company and all shareholders and shall earnestly perform their duties in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations, provisions of the CSRC, the rules of the stock exchanges of the places where the company's shares are listed and the provisions of the Articles of Association, and shall discharge their duties including participating in decision-making, supervising and balancing, providing professional consultation on the Board of Directors, and safeguard the overall interest of the Company, and protect the legitimate rights and interests of minority shareholders.

The Company has formulated the System for In dependent Directors, specifying the qualification, appointment and dismissal of independent directors and detailing the duties and performance, performance guarantee provided for independent directors, etc.

Article 136 The Company shall appoint independent directors. The ratio of independent directors to the total number of directors in the Board of directors shall be no less than one-third. Under no circumstances shall there be less than three independent non-executive directors (independent directors shall satisfy the requirements of an independent non-executive director under the respective listing rules of stock exchanges located in the places where the shares of the Company are listed). At least one of the independent directors shall have appropriate professional qualifications in accounting as required by the securities, regulatory rules of the place where the company is listed.

#### **Section 3** Committees of the Board

Article 137 The Board of the Company sets up certain special committees. All special committees are comprised of Directors and convened by independent directors that have the largest proportion except the Strategic Development and Investment Committee. All members of Audit Committee shall be independent non-executive directors, of whom at least one independent director shall be a professional accountant and act as the convener.

- **Article 138** The committees of the Board may engage intermediary parties for the provision of professional advices and the relevant costs and expenses shall be borne by the Company.
- Article 139 The committees of the Board are accountable to the Board, and the irrespective proposals shall be submitted to the Board for consideration and approval.

**Article 140** The main duties of the Committees of the Board shall be performed in accordance with the relevant regulations stipulated in the Governance Rules for Listed Companies and the Measures for the Administration of Independent Directors of Listed Companies.

# Chapter 10 Secretary to the Board of the Company

**Article 141** The Company shall have a secretary to the Board. The secretary to the Board shall be senior management personnel of the Company.

- **Article 142** The secretary shall be a natural person with required professional knowledge and experience and appointed by the Board. The main duties of the secretary are to ensure:
  - (1) responsible for disclosing information of the Company, coordinating the information disclosure related affairs of the Company, organizing the formulation of the information disclosure management system of the Company, and urging the Company and the relevant persons who have the obligation to disclose information to comply with the provisions on information disclosure;
  - (2) responsible for managing the investor relations, coordinating information communication between the Company and securities regulators, investors and actual controllers, intermediaries, media, etc.;
  - (3) preparing and organizing meetings of the Board of Directors and general meetings, attending general meetings, meetings of the Board of Directors, meetings of the supervisory committee and relevant meetings of senior management, preparing minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors and having the same signed;
  - (4) responsible for the confidentiality of the undisclosed information and immediately reporting to the stock exchanges on which the company's shares are listed once the confidentiality of undisclosed material information has been comprised;
  - (5) paying attention to media reports and proactively verifying the authenticity thereof, and urging the Company and other relevant entities to respond promptly to enquiries from the stock exchanges on which the shares of the Company are listed;
  - (6) organizing trainings for directors, supervisors and senior management of the Company in accordance with relevant laws, administrative regulations and relevant provisions of the stock exchanges on which the Company's shares are listed and assisting them in understanding their respective duties in respect of information disclosure;
  - (7) urging directors, supervisors and senior management to comply with laws, administrative regulations, provisions of the stock exchanges on which the Company's shares are listed and the Articles of Association and to earnestly fulfill their commitments; when the secretary is aware that the Company or its directors, supervisors and senior management have made or may have made any resolution in violation of the relevant provisions, he or she shall warn the Company or any of its director, supervisor and senior management and immediately report such violation to the stock exchanges on which the Company's shares are listed;

- (8) responsible for management of movements in the Company's stocks and their derivatives; and
- (9) fulfilling other duties as required by laws, administrative regulations and the stock exchanges on which the Company's shares are listed.

**Article 143** A Director and other senior officers of the Company may hold the office of the secretary to the Board concurrently. The accountants of the accounting' firm appointed by the Company shall not act as the secretary to the board.

Where the secretary to the Board is also a Director and an act is required to be done by a Director and the secretary separately, such person who is acting both as Director and the secretary shall not perform the act in both capacities.

## **Chapter 11 General Manager of the Company**

**Article 144** The Company shall have one general manager, who shall be hired or dismissed by the board of directors. The term of office shall be three years, and such General Manager may be re-hired and serve consecutive terms.

The general manager may resign before his or her term expires. The specific procedures and methods for resignation of general manager shall be specified in the employment contract between general manager and the Company.

**Article 145** The general manager shall be responsible to the Board and shall have the following functions and duties:

- (1) to be responsible for the production and management of the Company and to arrange the implementation of the resolutions of the Board and report his work to the Board of Directors;
- (2) to arrange the implementation of the annual business plans and investment proposals of the Company;
- (3) to prepare proposals for the establishment of internal management structure of the Company;
- (4) to prepare the fundamental management systems of the Company;
- (5) to formulate the fundamental regulations of the Company;
- (6) to propose the employment and dismissal of deputy managers and persons in charge of financial matters of the Company by the Board;
- (7) to employ and dismiss management staff members except those who will be employed and dismissed by the Board as may be determined by the Board;
- (8) other functions and duties as conferred by the Articles of Association and the Board.

**Article 146** The general manager of the Company shall be present at the meetings of the Board. However, the general manager has no voting rights at the Board meetings unless he is also a Director.

The general manager and deputy manager of the Company are not allowed to change the resolutions of the general meetings or Board Meetings or act ultra vires in discharging their duties.

Article 147 When the General Manager of the Company exercising his or her powers, he or she shall perform the fiduciary obligation and due diligence, in accordance with the provisions of the laws, administrative regulations and these Articles of Association as well as the bye-laws relating to the general manager of the Company. Where the general manager violates any laws, regulations or the provisions of these Articles of Association and causes loss to the Company, the Board of the Company shall take legal action for compensation.

The bye-laws relating to the general manager are as follows:

- (1) conditions and procedures of the convening of general manager meeting and the personnel attending;
- (2) specific duties and allocation of work of the general manager and other senior management personnel;
- (3) usage of the capital or assets of the Company, licence for entering into material contract, and reporting system to the Board and supervisory committee;
- (4) other matters deemed necessary by the Board.

## **Chapter 12 Supervisory Committee**

**Article 148** The Company shall set up a supervisory committee.

**Article 149** The supervisory committee shall comprise 3 persons, one of whom shall act as chairman of the supervisory committee. The term of office of supervisor shall be 3 years and the supervisor may be re- elected and serve consecutive terms. The appointment and dismissal of the Chairman of the supervisory committee shall depend on the votes casted by more than half of the all members of the supervisory committee.

Where no new appointment is made upon expiry of the term of a supervisor, or the resignation of a supervisor causes the number of supervisors constituting the supervisory committee to fall below the quorum, the original supervisor shall, prior to the new supervisor entering on the office, continue to perform his or her duties as a supervisor in accordance with the provisions of laws and administrative regulations and the Articles of Association.

Supervisors shall guarantee the truth, accuracy and completeness of the information disclosed by the Company and sign the written confirmation of opinions on the regular reports. Supervisors shall comply with the laws, administrative regulations and these Articles of Association, and owe fiduciary obligation and due diligence. No supervisor shall abuse his or her powers and accept bribery or other unlawful proceeds, and misappropriate the assets of the Company.

No supervisor shall use his or her affiliation to injury the interest of the Company. Where any loss is thus caused to the Company, the supervisor shall be liable for compensation.

Where a supervisor violates any laws, administrative regulations, departmental regulations or the provisions of these Articles of Association in the course of performing his or her duties, and causes loss to the Company, such supervisor shall be liable for compensation.

**Article 150** The supervisory committee comprises two representatives of the shareholders and one representative of the employees. The representatives of the shareholders are elected and removed by the general meeting, whereas the representative of the employees is elected and removed through democratic election by the employees of the Company.

**Article 151** Directors, general manager and other senior management personnel shall not hold the office of supervisor concurrently.

Article 152 Meeting of the supervisory committee shall be held at least twice a year and convened by the chairman of the supervisory committee. Written notice of the meeting shall be sent to the supervisors by mail or facsimile. Notices of regular meetings or provisional meetings shall be served 10 days or five days respectively, before the date of the meeting. A notice of the meeting is required to include information such as the date, venue, duration, reasons and agenda of the meeting as well as the date of the notice. An announcement is required to be made to state the reasons for the failure of holding the meeting of the supervisory committee as scheduled.

**Article 153** The supervisory committee shall be accountable to all shareholders and shall exercise the following functions and duties:

- (1) to examine the Company's financial affairs;
- (2) to supervise the Company's directors, general manger and other senior management personnel to see whether they violate any laws, administrative regulations or these Articles of Associations when performing their duties and to propose on dismissal of directors or senior management personnel in violation of laws, administrative regulations, these Articles of Associations or resolution passed in a general meeting of shareholders;
- (3) if an act of the Company's director, manager and other senior management personnel prejudices the interests of the Company, to request such person to correct such act;

- (4) to propose convening an extraordinary general meeting, and to convene a general meeting when the Board of Directors fails to fulfill the duty of convening and chairing a general meeting required by the Company Law;
- (5) to review the Company's regular reports formulated by the board of directors and to provide written opinion on such review;
- (6) to make proposals to the general meeting of shareholders;
- (7) to institute lawsuits against directors or senior management of the Company according to Article 189 of the Company Law;
- (8) to conduct investigation upon discovering irregularities in the business operations and may appoint professional organizations such as accounting firms and/or law firms to assist in the investigation if necessary; such expenses shall be borne by the Company
- (9) other functions and powers as stipulated in the Articles of Associations.

Supervisors may attend meetings of the Board and query resolutions of the Board or give suggestions.

**Article 154** The Supervisory Committee shall be convened at least once in every 6 months. Supervisors may propose the convening of an extraordinary meeting of the supervisory committee.

Resolutions of the supervisory committee shall be passed by votes of more than half of the supervisors.

**Article 155** The supervisory committee shall formulate a set of rules for the supervisory committee to specify the rules of procedures and voting procedures of a supervisory committee in order to ensure the efficiency and scientific method in making decision.

The rules of the supervisory committee should include the convening, consideration and voting procedures of meetings of the supervisory committee.

**Article 156** The supervisory committee shall record minutes of meeting and the supervisors present at the meeting shall sign on the minutes of meeting. Supervisors shall have the right to request the minutes recording certain explanatory description on his speech in the meeting. Minutes of meetings of the supervisory committee shall be properly maintained by the Company as an important file and shall be kept for ten years.

Article 157 Notice of a meeting of the supervisors committee shall bear the following contents:

- (1) date, place and duration for convening the meeting;
- (2) reason for convening the meeting and agenda thereof;
- (3) date of notice being given.

**Article 158** Any reasonable costs and expenses incurred in engaging such professionals as lawyers, certified public accountants and certified auditors as required by the supervisory committee in discharging its duties shall be borne by the Company.

**Article 159** Supervisors shall honestly discharge their duties in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association.

# Chapter 13 Qualifications and Obligations of Directors, Supervisors, the General Manager and Other Senior Officers of the Company

**Article 160** A person will be disqualified from being a director, a supervisor, the general manager or other senior officer of the Company if one of the followings occurs:

- (1) he has no civil capacity or restricted civil capacity;
- (2) he was convicted and sentenced for an offence of corruption, bribery, unauthorized appropriation or embezzlement of properties or disturbance of social and economic order and has served out the sentence for less than 5 years; or (s) he has been deprived of political rights for committing an offence and the term of deprivation has expired for less than 5 years;
- (3) he was a director, factory manager, or general manager of a company or an enterprise which was insolvent due to poor business operation and management and for which he was personally liable and a period of less than 3 years has elapsed since the completion of the liquidation of such company or enterprise;
- (4) he was a legal representative of a company or an enterprise the business licence of which was revoked due to illegal business operation and for which he was personally liable and the period of not less than 3 years has elapsed since such revocation;
- (5) he is personally liable for a substantial loan which was due for payment but remains unpaid;
- (6) he has been denied access to the securities market facilities imposed by the CSRC and the restriction period has not yet expired;

- (7) he has been involved in criminal offences subject to investigation by judicial authorities and the case has yet to be settled;
- (8) he is not eligible for acting as a leader of a company or an enterprise according to the laws or administrative regulations;
- (9) the person is not a natural person;
- (10) he was adjudged by the competent regulatory authorities to be guilty of contravention of the provisions of securities regulations involving fraud or dishonesty and a period of less than 5 years has elapsed since the adjudgement.
- (11) other contents as required by laws, administrative regulations, the listing rules of stock exchanges located in the places where the Company's shares are listed or departmental rules.
- **Article 161** The validity of any act of a director, general manager or any other senior officer of the Company acting on behalf of the Company against any bona fide third party shall not be affected by any irregularity in his appointment, election or any defects in his qualification.
- Article 162 The fiduciary duties of the directors, the supervisors, the general manager and other senior officers of the Company do not necessarily cease upon the termination of their tenure. The obligation of confidentiality in relation to trade secrets of the Company survives the termination of their tenure. Other obligations may continue for such period as to be determined under the principle of fairness, depending on the time lapse between the termination and the act concerned and the circumstances under which the relationship between them and the Company are terminated.
- Article 163 Directors, supervisors, general manager and other senior management personnel violating the duties of a particular specific obligation shall be dismissed by the general meeting of shareholders with the knowledge, saving the circumstance stipulated in Article 37 hereof.
- **Article 164** A director, a supervisor, the general manager or any other senior officer of the Company who to his/her knowledge is in any way, directly or indirectly, materially interested in a contract, transaction or arrangement or proposed contract, transaction or arrangement with the Company, (other than his/her contract of service with the Company) shall declare the nature and extent of his/her interests to the Board at the earliest opportunity, whether or not the contract, transaction or arrangement or proposal therefor is otherwise subject to the approval of the Board.

Unless the interested director, supervisor, general manager or other senior officer of the Company discloses his/her interests to the Board in accordance with this Article and the contract, transaction or arrangement is approved by the Board at a meeting in which the interested director, supervisor, general manager or other senior officer is not counted in the quorum and has abstained from voting, the Company has the right to rescind such contract, transaction or arrangement in which such director, such supervisor, the general manager or other senior officer is interested except as against a bona fide party thereto acting without notice of the breach of duty by the interested Director, supervisor, general manager or other senior officer.

For the purposes of this Article, a director, a supervisor, the general manager or other senior officer of the Company is deemed to be interested in the contract, transaction or agreement in which an associate of him/her is interested.

Article 165 Where a director, a supervisor, the general manager or other senior officers of the Company gives to the Board a general notice in writing stating that, by reason of the facts specified in the notice, (s) he is interested in the contracts, transactions or arrangements of any description which may subsequently be made by the Company, that notice shall be deemed for the purposes of the preceding Article to be a sufficient declaration of his/her interests, so far as the content stated in such notice is concerned, provided that such general notice shall have been given before the date on which the question of entering into the relevant contract, transaction or arrangement is first considered by the Company.

**Article 166** The Company shall not in any manner pay taxes for a director, a supervisor, the general manager or any other senior officers.

**Article 167** Requirements in respect of the Company's guarantees are as follows:

#### (I) Guarantees to other parties

- i. The Company is prohibited from providing a guarantee for a loan to a controlling shareholder, a subsidiary of a shareholder, a fellow subsidiary of a shareholder and other related parties in which the Company holds less than 50% equity interests, or any non-legal persons or individuals;
- ii. For any guarantee to be provided by the Company for a guaranteed person which is a subsidiary of the Company, the guarantor may require the guaranteed person to provide legal and effective counter guarantee.

- (II) Review and approval procedures of guarantee to other parties
  - i. The provision of external guarantees by the Company must be made in accordance with the laws and administrative regulations of the PRC and the rules of the stock exchanges on which the Company's shares are listed. In addition to obtaining approval from more than half of all directors, provision of external guarantees shall also be passed by more than two thirds of directors attending the meeting of the Board of Directors, or be approved at a general meeting. The scope of authority of the Board of Directors in relation thereto are stipulated in Rules of Procedures for the Board of directors.
  - ii. Before the Board of directors decides to provide external guarantee (or submits it to general meeting for approval), adequate information in respect of the credit standing of debtors shall be obtained and sufficient analysis with respect to the benefits and risks of guarantee to be provided shall be conducted. Detailed disclosure should be made in relevant announcements.
  - iii. In case of a shareholder or director interested in the guarantee to be considered by general meetings or Board meetings, the said shareholder or director shall abstain from voting.

# (III) Accountability

If the Company or any of its subsidiaries provide guarantees in violation of the relevant laws, regulations and the Articles of Association hereof, which have resulted in the loss of the Company's property, or there has been any evidence to prove that it may have resulted in the Company's loss, the relevant person(s) shall be held accountable in accordance with the relevant provisions, and will even be referred to disciplinary and supervisory authorities for further action in case of any violation of laws or disciplines or to judicial authorities in case of suspected criminal offence.

**Article 168** Subject to the approval at the general meeting, the Company may purchase liability insurance for its directors, supervisors, general manager and other senior officers except for the liabilities as result of violating laws, regulations and these Articles of Associations.

**Article 169** Any person taking up the position other than as a director or supervisor in the organization of the Company's controlling shareholder or actual controlling party may not take up the position of senior management personnel of the Company. The salaries of the members of the senior management of the Company shall only be paid by the Company and shall not be paid by the controlling shareholders.

Article 170 Senior management personne shall dutifully fulfill their duties and uphold the best interest of the Company and all of its shareholders. If any senior manager fails to faithfully fulfill their duties or violates their fiduciary obligations, causing damage to the interests of the Company and its general public shareholders, he or she shall be responsible for compensation according to law. Senior management personnel who violates the provisions of laws, administrative regulations, departmental rules or the Articles of Association in his/her performance of duties and powers and causing the Company to suffer damages shall bear compensation liability.

# **Chapter 14 Financial Accounting System**

**Article 171** The Company shall establish its financial and accounting system in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations and PRC Accounting Standards formulated by the finance regulatory department of the State Council.

Article 172 The Board of the Company shall prepare and submit the financial statements to the shareholders at annual general meeting as required by relevant laws, administrative regulations or regulatory documents issued by regional governments and competent authorities.

**Article 173** Every shareholder of the Company is entitled to receive the financial statements as mentioned in these Articles of Associations.

The Company shall send to each shareholder of overseas listed foreign investment shares the aforesaid statements, or a summary thereof if so permitted in The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, at least 21 days before the annual general meeting through prepaid envelope mail to the address appearing on the register of members of the Company. To the extent as permitted under The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, such statements may be sent to the shareholders of H Shares through electronic means or some other means specified by Article 216 of the Articles of Association.

- **Article 174** The financial statements of the Company should be prepared in accordance with the PRC Accounting Standards and regulations.
- **Article 175** The announcement and disclosure of the interim results or financial data of the Company should be prepared in accordance with the PRC Accounting Standards and regulations.
- **Article 176** The Company shall submit its annual report to the CSRC and the stock exchange within 4 months from the end of each accounting year, and submit its interim report to the local office of the CSRC and the stock exchange within months from the end of the first half of each accounting year.

The annual report and interim report shall be prepared and disclosed in accordance with the relevant laws, administrative regulations and the rules of CSRC and the stock exchanges located in the places where the Company's shares are listed.

**Article 177** No books of accounts other than those provided in accordance with laws may be established by the Company. Assets of the Company shall not be deposited in accounts opened and maintained in the name of any individual.

# **Chapter 15 Distribution of Profits**

**Article 178** The profits of the Company after tax shall be distributed to uses in the following order:

- (1) the after-tax profit of the current year shall first be used to make up for losses if the Company's statutory reserves are insufficient to make up for the losses of previous years;
- (2) 10% of such profit shall be allocated to the Company's statutory reserves until the Company's accumulated statutory reserves are 50% or more of the Company's registered capital and no further allocation is required;
- (3) after contribution to the statutory reserves fund has been made from its after tax profits, discretionary reserves may be contributed from after-tax profit, upon a resolution approved at the general meeting;
- (4) after the losses have made up for and contributions to the reserve fund have been made, any remaining after-tax profit shall be distributed in proportion to percentage of shares held by shareholders.

No dividends shall be distributed prior to the Company making up for the losses and contributions t o the statutory and discretionary reserves.

The Board of the Company shall determine the specific proportion of profit distribution to uses as set out in sections (3), (4) above in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations and the business and development needs of the Company, and such proportion shall be submitted to the general meeting of shareholders for approval.

Where the general meeting of shareholders is in breach of the first paragraph of this Article to make profit distribution to the shareholders before offsetting the losses and contributing to the statutory surplus reserve, the shareholders shall return the profits so distributed to the Company.

The shares of the Company held by the Company shall not be entitled to the distribution of profits.

# **Article 179** The capital reserve fund comprises the following:

- (1) the amount of share premium arising from the issue in excess of the par value of shares;
- (2) any other incomes to be transferred to the capital reserve fund in accordance with the requirements of the financial regulatory authorities under the State Council prior to its transfer and increase.

**Article 180** The surplus reserve of the Company is only allowed to be used for making up losses of the Company, expansion of production facilities of the Company and conversion into capital of the Company. However, the capital reserve cannot be used for off-setting the loss of the Company.

When converting its surplus reserve fund into share capital under the resolution of shareholders at general meeting, the Company shall issue new shares to existing shareholders in proportion to their original shareholdings. When converting the statutory surplus reserve into share capital, the remaining amount of the fund unconverted must not be less than 25% of the registered capital prior to its transfer and increase.

Article 181 The Company shall distribute dividends on an annual basis. The distribution of dividends (or shares) shall be completed within two months after the Company's general meeting of shareholders has passed a resolution on profit distribution proposal, or the Board of Directors has formulated a specific plan to distribute next year's mid-term dividend in accordance with the conditions and cap of such distribution as considered and approved the annual general meeting of shareholders.

**Article 182** The profit distribution of the Company is made according to the proportion of the shares held by the shareholders, emphasizing on bringing reasonable investment returns to the investors. The profit distribution policy strives to maintain continuity and stability.

- (I) The Company's profit distribution policy is as follows:
  - 1. Principle of profit distribution:

The Company implements a stable policy of profit distribution. On making a profit distribution, the Company will comply with the statutory requirement to make the distribution in order and will take into account the provision of reasonable and stable returns on investment to the shareholders and the long-term and sustainable growth of the Company.

## 2. Method of profit distribution:

The Company may implement profit distribution in the form of cash, bonus shares or a combination of both, or such other forms which are permitted by laws and regulations. For the purpose of profit distribution, distribution in the form of cash dividend shall have priority over dividend in the form of shares. If the Company shall distribute profits in the form of bonus shares, such distribution shall be made subject to the provision of reasonable dividend in the form of cash and maintenance of an appropriate size of share capital, taking into account, among other things, the growth of the Company and dilution of the net asset value per share.

Subject to the satisfaction of the conditions for distribution of cash dividend, the Company shall distribute dividend in cash annually. The Board may, subject to conditions and base on the financial position of the Company, recommend the Company to declare interim dividends.

When the Company convenes an annual general meeting to deliberate the annual profit distribution plan, it may deliberate and approve the conditions, and the upper limit of the proportion and the amount of cash dividends in the next year. The upper limit of the interim dividends for the next year as deliberated at the annual general meeting of shareholders shall not exceed the net profit attributable to shareholders of the Company during the corresponding period. According to the resolution of the general meeting of shareholders, the Board of Directors shall formulate a specific interim dividend plan under the condition of profit distribution.

## 3. Conditions of profit distribution and minimum dividend proportion:

The Company shall pay the total amount of cash dividends so paid (including the interim dividend in cash having been distributed) shall not be less than 30% of the net profit attributable to shareholders of the Company for the year, provided that the working capital requirement for the Company's normal production and operation is met and the long-term and sustainable growth of the Company is maintained, and that there is no material investment plan or material cash expense.

Material investment plan or material cash expense means the proposed external investment, acquisition or purchase of assets by the Company in the next twelve months with accumulated expenses amounting to or exceeding 10% of the latest audited net assets of the Company.

For distribution of dividends, the Board shall take into account, among other things, features of the industries where the Company operates, stage of development, the Company's own business model, profits level, solvency and whether there is significant capital expenditure arrangement, and investor return in distinguishing the following situations and form different cash dividend distribution proposals in accordance with the procedures specified by the Articles of Association:

- (1) If the Company is at the mature stage of development and has no significant capital expenditure arrangement, the proportion of cash dividends shall be at least 80% in the profit distribution;
- (2) If the Company is at the mature stage of development and has significant capital expenditure arrangement, the proportion of cash dividends shall be at least 40% in the profit distribution;
- (3) If the Company is at the growing stage and has significant capital expenditure arrangement, the proportion of cash dividends shall be at least 20% in the profit distribution.

If it is difficult to distinguish the Company's stage of development but there is significant capital expenditure arrangement, the profit distribution may be dealt with pursuant to the provisions of previous Paragraph (3).

The proportion of cash dividends in the profit distribution shall be the cash dividend divided by the sum of cash dividend and stock dividend.

- 4. In the event of misappropriation of the Company's funds by a Shareholder, the Company can deduct the funds misappropriated from the cash dividends to be allocated to that Shareholder as repayment.
- (II) Decision-making procedures of profit distribution by the Company:

The management of the Company shall make reasonable proposals on profit distribution to the Board based on, among other things, the provisions of the Articles of Association, size of share capital, profits, investment arrangements, capital needs, cash flow and returns to the shareholders of the Company. When making specific plan for cash dividends, the Board should earnestly study and demonstrate the timing, conditions and minimum ratio for cash dividends, conditions for adjustment and their decision-making procedures, etc. and should fully and widely listen to the opinions of minority shareholders with respect to the profit distribution proposal through multiple channels and propose detailed annual or interim profit distribution plans which are scientific and reasonable.

When the profit distribution plan(s) is being considered by the Board, it shall be approved by the majority of all directors. The profit distribution plan(s) should only be submitted to the shareholders' meeting for consideration and approval after it has been considered and approved by the Board and shall be approved by shareholders present at the general meeting and who hold more than half of the voting rights.

If an independent director believes that the specific plan for cash dividends might be detrimental to the interests of the Company or minority shareholders, he or she shall have the right to express their independent opinions. If the Board of Directors does not adopt or does not fully adopt the opinion of an independent director, the opinion of the independent director and the specific reason for not adopting the opinion shall be recorded in the resolution of the Board of Directors in detail and be disclosed.

Before the specific plan is deliberated at the general meeting, the Company shall take the initiative to communicate and exchange with shareholders, in particular minority shareholders, through various channels, fully listen to the opinions and demands of minority shareholders, and promptly respond to the concerns of minority shareholders.

(III) In the event that the Company revises its profit distribution policy in response to the external business environment or its own state of operation, the Company shall first consider the protection of the shareholders' interests, make thorough consideration and state the reasons thereof. The revised profit distribution policy shall not be contrary to the relevant requirements of CSRC and stock exchanges in the PRC and Hong Kong. Any proposal on the revision of the profit distribution policy shall be thoroughly discussed and verified and the corresponding decision-making procedures shall be carried out and shall be approved by more than two-thirds of the voting rights held by shareholders attending the shareholders' meeting. When considering the revised proposal with regard to cash distribution policies, the Company should, through network voting and other ways, to provide convenience for minority shareholders in connection with their attendance at the shareholders' meeting.

(IV) The Company shall expressly disclose the details about the formulation and implementation of the cash dividend policy in its annual report, and state the details of the following matters:

- 1. Whether the policy is in compliance with the requirements of the Articles of Association or the resolutions passed at the general meeting;
- 2. Whether the basis and ratio of the distribution of dividends are specific and clear;
- 3. Whether the relevant decision making procedure and system are sound;
- 4. If the Company doesn't distribute dividends, the specific reason, the measures to be taken to enhance return for investors in the next step, etc. shall be disclosed;
- 5. Whether there are enough opportunities for minority shareholders to express their views and concerns, and whether their legal interests are sufficiently protected, etc.

If the cash dividend policy is to be adjusted or changed, the Company shall disclose the details of such policy, such as whether the conditions and procedures for the adjustments or changes are in compliance with the regulations and are transparent.

Article 183 The Company shall appoint a receiving agent for the shareholders of overseas listed foreign investment shares. The receiving agent shall receive on behalf of such shareholder the dividends distributed and other amounts payable to such shareholders by the Company in respect of the overseas listed foreign investment shares. The receiving agent appointed by the Company shall satisfy the requirements provided under the laws or relevant regulations of the stock exchange at the place of listing.

**Article 184** Dividends or other distributions declared by the Company to be payable to holders of any shares shall be denominated in Renminbi, whereas dividends or other distributions payable to holders of domestic shares are paid in Renminbi, and those payable to holders of overseas listed foreign investment shares (H shares) listed in Hong Kong are paid in Hong Kong dollars. The formula for conversion to Hong Kong dollars is as follows:

Conversion price of the dividends or other distributions

#### Dividends or other distributions in RMB

The mean of the exchange rates for each unit of the foreign currency against RMB as announced by the People's Bank of China for the calendar week preceding the date on which such dividends or other distributions are declared by the Company

## **Chapter 16** Internal Audit

**Article 185** The Company shall implement an internal audit system and hire professional audit personnel to carry out internal audit and supervision on the Company's financial income and expenses and economic activities.

**Article 186** The Company's internal audit system and the duties of the audit personnel thereof shall be implemented after approval by the Board. The audit responsible senior management personnel shall be accountable and report to the board of directors.

## **Chapter 17 Appointment of Accounting Firm**

**Article 187** The Company shall appoint an independent accounting firm which complies with the relevant requirements of the State to conduct audit on the annual financial statement and to review other financial reports (including accounting reports and verification on net assets etc.) and to provide other related services.

The first accounting firm of the Company may be appointed at the inaugural meeting of the Company before the first annual general meeting and the appointed accounting firm shall hold office until the conclusion of the first annual general meeting.

If the inaugural meeting fails to exercise its aforesaid power, this power shall be exercised by the Board.

**Article 188** The accounting firm will be appointed for a term commencing from the close of an annual general meeting and ending at the close of the following annual general meeting.

# **Article 189** The accounting firm appointed by the Company has the following rights:

- (1) to inspect at any times the books, records and vouchers of the Company, and to request the Directors, general managers or other senior officers of the Company to provide any relevant information and explanation.
- (2) to request the Company to take all reasonable steps to obtain necessary information from its subsidiaries and explain to them to perform their duties.
- (3) to attend shareholders' general meetings and to receive all notices of, and other communications relating to, such meetings which a shareholder of the Company is entitled to receive, and to speak at any shareholders' general meeting on any matter concerning its role as the accountant of the Company.
- **Article 190** The Company shall provide accurate and complete accounting vouchers, accounting books, financial and accounting reports and other accounting information to their auditor and shall not refuse to provide, conceal or give false information.
- Article 191 The remuneration for the accounting firm or the manner in such firm is to be remunerated and shall be determined at the shareholders' general meeting. The remuneration of the accounting' firm appointed by the Board shall be determined by the Board.
- **Article 192** The Company's appointment, removal or non-reappointment of an accounting' firm shall be decided by shareholders at a shareholders' general meeting. The accounting firm should be allowed to make representations on the voting of its removed.

#### **Chapter 18** Insurance

**Article 193** The Company shall purchase insurances from The People's Insurance Company of China or any other insurance companies registered in the PRC and authorized to provide insurance to companies in PRC under the PRC laws.

Types of insurance, insured amounts and the terms thereof are determined by the general meeting of the Company based on the circumstances of the Company and the practices of similar industries in other countries and the practice and legal requirements in the PRC.

## **Chapter 19 Labor Management and Trade Union**

**Article 194** The Company establishes regulations in respect of labor management, human resources management, remuneration and benefits and social insurance of the Company in accordance with the laws and administrative regulations of the PRC.

**Article 195** The Company employs the management personnel on appointment basis and all other employees on contract basis respectively. The Company has the right to recruit and dismiss its employees in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations and regulations and procedures of human resources management of the Company, and the employees have the right to resign.

**Article 196** The Company has the power to determine remuneration and benefits of its management staff and employees of various level based on its own economic efficiency and the scope of salary as required by relevant administrative regulations of the PRC.

**Article 197** The Company implements regulations and requirements issued by relevant department governing labor management under the State Council on retirement of employees and labor protection and insurance for unemployed job seekers.

**Article 198** The Company must protect the legal rights of its employees, reinforce labor protection and implement safe production.

The Company shall provide various career education and training programs for its employees so as to enhance their quality.

**Article 199** The employees of the Company have the right to form a trade union for organization of union activities and protection of legal rights of the employees in accordance with the laws. The Company shall provide necessary convenience for the trade union to organized activities. The Company shall allocate fund to the trade union for their organization of activities as required by relevant regulations of the PRC.

Article 200 In the event that the Company considers and determines such issues on the employees' vital interests as remuneration, benefits, safe production, labor protection and labor insurance, the Company shall first listen to the views of the trade union and the employees of the Company, and invite representatives of the trade union or employees to attend relevant meetings. In the event that the Company considers and determines such important issues as production and operation and the formulation of important rules and regulations, the Company shall listen to the views and suggestions of the trade union and the employees of the Company.

#### **Chapter 20** Merger and Division of the Company

Article 201 For merger or division of the Company, the Board of the Company shall put forward and submit the proposal to competent authorities for examination and approval in accordance with the laws after the same has been approved under the procedures provided in these Articles of Association. Shareholders who oppose the proposal for merger or division have the right to request the Company or the shareholders who are in favor of merger or division to purchase their shares at a fair price. The resolution of the Company on merger or division shall be reduced to a document for the inspection of the shareholders.

In respect of the holders of overseas listed foreign investment shares, the aforesaid documents shall be served to them by post or in some other manner specified by Article 216 of the Articles of Association, subject to the laws, regulations and the rules on listing of securities of the places where the shares are listed and relevant listing rules.

**Article 202** The merger of the Company may take the form of either merger by absorption or merger by new establishment. When the Company is merged, the parties to the merger shall execute a merger agreement and prepare their respective balance sheets and inventory of assets. The Company shall notify its creditors within 10 days from the date of passing of the resolution of merger and shall publish the announcement in newspapers within 30 days thereof.

The merged entity or the newly established company shall assume the liability for the debts and obligations of parties to the merger after the merger of the Company.

**Article 203** When the Company is divided, its assets must be divided accordingly. When the Company is divided, the parties to the division shall execute a division agreement and prepare their respective balance sheets and inventory of assets. The Company shall notify its creditors within 10 days from the date of passing of the resolution of division and shall publish the announcement in newspapers within 30 days thereof. The divided entities shall assume the liability for the obligations of the Company before the division.

Article 204 Where the merger or the division of the Company involves the changes to the registered particulars, such changes shall be registered with the companies registration authorities in accordance with the laws. Where the Company is dissolved, it shall apply for deregistration in accordance with the laws. In the event that a new company is set up, it shall apply for incorporation in accordance with the laws.

## Chapter 21 Dissolution and Liquidation of the Company

**Article 205** The Company shall be dissolved and liquidated pursuant to laws upon occurrence of any one of the following circumstances:

- (1) dissolution due to expiry of business operation validity;
- (2) dissolution by resolution of the general meeting of shareholders;
- (3) dissolution due to merger or separation of the Company;
- (4) the Company is declared to be bankrupt in accordance with the laws due to inability to repay debts due;
- (5) the Company is held to be close by sanction in accordance with the laws due to violation of laws or administrative regulations;

(6) in the event that the Company encounters serious difficulties in its business and its continuous operation will cause substantial losses to shareholders and such problem may not be solved by any other alternative, shareholder(s) holding 10% or more of the shares of the Company may request a people's court to proceed a mandatory dissolution of the Company.

**Article 206** If dissolved by reason of paragraphs (1) and (2) of the foregoing Article, the Company shall establish a liquidation committee within 15 days and the committee members shall be determined by an ordinary resolution at general meeting.

If dissolved by reason of paragraph (3) of the foregoing Article, the Company shall be liquidated by a liquidation committee comprising shareholders, the relevant authorities and professionals, to be established by the People's Court in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations.

If dissolved by reason of paragraph (4) of the foregoing Article, the Company shall be liquidated by a liquidation committee comprising shareholders, the relevant authorities and professionals, to be established by the relevant competent authorities.

If dissolved by reason of paragraph (6) of the foregoing Article, the liquidation proceedings of the company shall commence by establishing a liquidation committee within 15 days from the date on which the circumstances leading to dissolution of the Company occurred. The liquidation committee shall be comprised of the personnel determined by the directors or general meeting. If a liquidation committee is failed to be established within the aforesaid period for conducting the proceedings of liquidation, the creditor(s) may apply to court for forming a liquidation committee, comprising the relevant personnel designated by the court, to conduct the proceedings of liquidation.

**Article 207** The liquidation task force shall notify the creditors within ten days from the date of its establishment and publish the announcement in newspapers within 60 days. The creditors may, within 30 days from receipt of the notice (or within 45 days for those creditors who did not receive the notice), declare their creditors' rights to the liquidation task force.

Creditors declaring their creditors' rights shall provide details of the creditors' rights and the relevant proof. The liquidation task force shall register the creditors' rights.

During the declaration period, the liquidation task force shall not settle any creditors' rights.

**Article 208** During the liquidation period, the liquidation committee exercises the following functions and powers:

- (1) to sort out the Company's assets and prepare a balance sheet and an inventory of assets respectively;
- (2) to notify the creditors by notice or public announcement;
- (3) to dispose of and liquidate any business of the Company that has not been wound up;

- (4) to pay all outstanding taxes;
- (5) to settle claims and debts;
- (6) to distribute any remaining assets after the full settlement of the debts by the Company;
- (7) to represent the Company in any civil proceedings.

**Article 209** Members of the liquidation task force shall perform their duties diligently and perform liquidation obligations in accordance with laws.

Members of the liquidation task force shall not abuse their duties and rights to accept bribes or other illegal income and shall not convert the Company assets.

Members of the liquidation task force shall bear compensation liability towards the Company or its creditors for damages suffered by the Company or its creditors due to an intentional or serious mistake of the member(s) of the liquidation task force.

**Article 210** After the liquidation committee has sorted out the assets of the Company, and prepared a balance sheet and an inventory of assets, it shall prepare and submit a liquidation proposal to the shareholders' general meeting or relevant competent authorities for approval. The assets of the Company shall be distributed in the following order:

- (1) liquidation fees;
- (2) wages due to the employees of the Company and social security contribution during three years immediately before the date of liquidation;
- (3) taxes overdue and surtaxes payable in accordance with relevant administrative regulations of the PRC;
- (4) bank loans, bonds and other debts of the Company.

The Company's remaining assets after repayment of its debts in accordance with the provisions of the preceding paragraph shall be distributed to its shareholders according to the class and proportion of their shareholdings.

The Company is not allowed to commence any new business activities during liquidation.

**Article 211** If the Company is liquidated by reason of dissolution and the liquidation committee, having sorted out the Company's assets and prepared a balance sheet and inventory of assets, discovers that the value of the Company's assets are insufficient to settle its debt in full, it shall immediately apply to the People's Court for a declaration of insolvency.

After the People's Court has declared the Company insolvent, the company's liquidation committee shall turn over any matters regarding the liquidation to the People's Court.

**Article 212** Upon the completion of liquidation of the Company, the liquidation committee shall prepare a liquidation report, a statement of income and expense and accounts and books for the period of liquidation which shall be audited by the PRC certified public accountants and submitted to the shareholders' general meeting or relevant competent authorities for confirmation.

The liquidation committee shall also within 30 days after such confirmation by shareholders' general meeting or relevant competent authorities, submit the aforesaid documents to the company registration authority and apply for the deregistration of the Company, and publish an announcement relating to the dissolution of the Company.

## **Chapter 22** Alterations to the Articles of Association of the Company

**Article 213** The Company may amend these Articles of Association in accordance with the provisions of the laws, administrative regulations and these Articles of Association.

**Article 214** If the amendments to the Articles of Association as resolved at the general meeting are subject to the approval of competent authorities, such amendments shall be submitted to the competent authority for approval, and any change shall be registered according to law if any registered item of the Company is changed.

## **Chapter 23** Settlement of Disputes

**Article 215** The Company shall act according to the following principles to settle disputes:

Whenever there occur any disputes or claims between shareholders of the Company and the Company, shareholders and any director, supervisor, the general manager or any other senior manager of the Company, or holders of the overseas listed foreign investment shares and the Company's directors, supervisors, the general manager or any other senior officers, or holders of the overseas listed foreign investment shares and holders of domestic shares regarding the rights or obligations relating to the affairs of the Company conferred or imposed by the Articles of Association, the Company Law or any other relevant laws and administrative regulations, the parties concerned may seek to enforce their rights by instituting legal proceedings in the courts of the place of incorporation of the Company or the courts of Hong Kong.

## **Chapter 24 Notices**

**Article 216** Except as otherwise provided in the Articles of Association, notices, materials or written statements issued by the Company to its shareholders may be delivered in the following way:

- (1) By hand;
- (2) By mail;
- (3) By facsimile transmission or e-mail;
- (4) By posting on the websites designated by the Company and the stock exchange where the Company's shares are listed, on the premise of complying with laws, administrative regulations and the listing rules of the stock exchanges of the places where the Company's shares are listed:
- (5) By announcement;
- (6) By some other methods agreed by the Company or the notified parties in advance or recognized by the notified parties after receipt of a notice; or
- (7) some other methods recognized by the securities regulator and the stock exchanges of the places where the shares of the Company are listed or stipulated in the Articles of Association.

## **Article 217**

- (1) For the purpose of delivering or making available of corporate communications to holders of overseas listed foreign shares as required under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, compliance with the laws and regulations of the places where the Company's shares are listed and the relevant listing rules, the Company may select to issue the corporates communications in the form prescribed in Article 216 (4) of the Articles of Association or in such other forms as may be prescribed by the listing rules and the securities regulatory authorities of the places where the Company's shares are listed in lieu of delivering such corporate communications by hand or by mail. The term "Corporate Communications" shall mean any document issued or to be issued by the Company for the information or action by holders of any securities of the Company, including but not limited to:
  - 1. reports of the Board of Directors, the annual accounts of the Company together with the auditor's report and, where applicable, the financial summary report;
  - 2. interim reports and, where applicable, interim summary reports;
  - 3. notices of meetings;

- 4. listing documents;
- 5. circulars; and
- 6. proxy forms.
- (2) When a notice is sent by post, it shall be clearly addressed with postage prepaid, and mailed in an envelope, and the letter containing the notice shall be deemed to have been received by the shareholders forty eight hours after it is sent. Any member who fails to provide a registered address shall be deemed to have received the notice, provided that the Company display and retain the notice at the its legal address for 24 hours.
- (3) Notices issued by the Company to the holders of domestic shares must be published at the websites of the stock exchanges or in one or more newspapers which satisfied the conditions stipulated by the securities regulatory authorities under the State Council. Upon publication of that announcement, all the holders of the domestic shares shall be deemed to have received the notice.
- (4) In the Articles of Association, a "public announcement" or "announcement" shall, unless the context otherwise requires, means an announcement published on the websites of the PRC domestic stock exchange or overseas stock exchange and/or in the newspapers in the places where the stock exchanges are located. The relevant newspapers must satisfy the conditions stipulated under the laws, regulations, rules of those places or the requirements stipulated by the securities regulatory authorities of those places.

**Article 218** Any notices, documents, material or written statements to be served to the Company by the shareholders, directors or supervisors may be served to the Company's domicile by hand or by registered mail.

**Article 219** In order to prove that such notices, documents, material or written statements have been served to the Company, the shareholders, directors or supervisors shall provide evidence to prove that such notices, documents, material or written representations have been served within the prescribed time by way of ordinary delivery with postage prepaid to the correct address of the Company.

Article 220 Subject to the laws, administrative regulations, securities regulators of the places where the Company's shares are listed or listing rules of the stock exchanges of the places where the Company's shares are listed, notices of the Company given by public announcement shall be deemed received by all relevant personnel upon such announcement is made.

Notices of the Company given by hand delivery shall be deemed received to be upon signature (or chop affixation) on the delivery receipt by the recipient and the date of receipt shall be the date of such signature. Date of receipt of notices of the Company given by mail shall be the third day from such notice is posted at a post office. Date of receipt of notices of the Company given by public announcement shall be the date of the first announcement is published.

## **Chapter 25** Interpretation and Definitions of These Articles of Association

**Article 221** The Board is responsible for the interpretation of these Articles of Association. Where there are matters not contained in these Articles of Association, these matters shall be proposed by the Board for approval by way of special resolution at the shareholders' general meeting.

If the provisions under these Articles of Association conflict with the relevant rules and regulations, such as the laws, rules and regulatory documents of the places at which the shares of the Company are listed or the rules of the stock exchanges, the laws, rules and regulatory documents of the places at which the shares of the Company are listed or the rules of the stock exchanges shall prevail.

**Article 222** The Rules of Procedures for Shareholders' Meetings, The Rules of Procedures for the Board of Directors and the Rules of Procedures for the supervisory committee shall be formulated in accordance with these Articles of Association. The aforesaid rules shall be made as appendices to these Articles of Association, and become effective upon approval by general meetings of the Company.

**Article 223** In the Articles of Association, the following expressions have the following meanings:

"Articles of Association"	the existing Articles of Association of the Company in force;
"Board"	the board of directors of the Company;
"PRC"	the People's Republic of China;
"Renminbi" or "RMB"	the lawful currency of the PRC;
"Chop"	common chop used and the formal chop (if any) kept by the Company or either one of the two (as the case may be) from time to time;
"Business Day"	the opening day (not including Saturday) of the banks in the normal business hours located in China.

**Article 224** The accounting firm referred in these Articles of Association should have the same meaning as "auditors".