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**MEMORANDUM**  
**AND**  
**ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**CHINA EVERBRIGHT INTERNATIONAL LIMITED**  
**(中國光大國際有限公司)**

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**Incorporated the 10th day of July, 1961.**

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**Company Limited by Shares**

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**MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION**

OF

**CHINA EVERBRIGHT INTERNATIONAL LIMITED**

(中國光大國際有限公司)

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\*1. The name of the Company is “**CHINA EVERBRIGHT INTERNATIONAL LIMITED** (中國光大國際有限公司)”.

2. The Registered Office of the Company will be situate in the Colony of Hong Kong.
3. The objects for which the Company is established are:–
  - (a) To carry on all or any of the business usually carried on by Land Development Companies, Land Investment Companies, Land Mortgage Companies, and Building Estate Companies in all their several branches.
  - (b) To develop and turn to account any land acquired by the Company or in which it is interested, and in particular by laying out and preparing the same for building purposes, constructing, altering, pulling down, decorating, maintaining, fitting up, and improving buildings, and by planting, paving, draining, farming, cultivating and letting on building lease or building agreement, and by advancing money to and entering into contracts and arrangements of all kinds with builders and others.
  - (c) To purchase for investment or resale, and to traffic in land and house and other property of any tenure and any interest therein, and to create, sell, and deal in, land or houses or other property, or any interest therein, and generally to deal in, traffic by way of sale, lease, exchange, or otherwise with any land or other property whether real or personal.
  - (d) To purchase, take on lease, or in exchange, or otherwise acquire for any estate or interest, land or hereditaments of any tenure.
  - (e) To lay out and prepare for building purposes any lands belonging to or in which the Company has an interest and to deal with or dispose of any land and property belonging to the Company or in which the Company has an interest in any manner which may appear to the Company to be in the best interests of the members thereof.
  - (f) To construct and maintain or contribute to or procure the construction or maintenance of roads, sewers, pleasure-grounds, and other buildings, works and conveniences which the Company may think directly or indirectly conducive to the development of any property in which it is interested.

*\*The name of the Company was changed to its present name on 26th October, 1993.*

- (g) To carry on all or any of the following businesses, namely, builders and contractors, decorators, house and estate agents, and other businesses the carrying on of which the Company may think directly or indirectly conducive to the development of any property in which it is interested.
- (h) To carry on in any part of the world the business of export and import merchants and general traders and dealers either wholesale or by retail in all kinds of goods whether manufactured or otherwise, wares, produce and merchandise, and to prepare for market, and otherwise turn to account any product, materials or things acquired by the Company in the course of its business.
- (i) To carry on in any part of the world the business of general merchants, indentors, manufacturers and general agents and to deal in all kinds of goods by purchase and sale or otherwise.
- (j) To carry on in any part of the world business as financiers, capitalists, concessionaires, commercial agents, mortgage and bullion brokers, financial agents and advisers, exporters and importers of goods and merchandise of all kinds and merchants generally.
- (k) To borrow, raise or secure the payment of money in such manner and on such terms as the Company shall think fit.
- (l) To issue debentures, debenture stock, bonds, obligations and securities of all kinds, and to frame, constitute and secure the same, as may seem expedient, with full power to make the same transferable by delivery, or by instrument of transfer or otherwise, and either perpetual or terminable, and either redeemable or otherwise, and to charge or secure the same by trust deed, or otherwise, on the undertaking of the Company, or upon any specific property and rights, present and future, of the Company (including, if thought fit, uncalled capital), or otherwise howsoever.
- (m) To give any guarantee in relation to the payment of any debentures, debenture stock, bonds, obligations or securities, or to advance and lend money and assets of all kinds upon such terms as may be arranged and either with or without security, or to establish agencies in any part of the world and to regulate and discontinue the same.
- (n) To acquire and hold, trade or deal in shares, stocks, debentures, debenture stock, bonds, obligations and securities issued or guaranteed by any company constituted in the Colony of Hong Kong or elsewhere and carrying on any business which the Company is authorised to carry on, or any business the carrying on of which may be in anywise calculated directly or indirectly to advance the interests of the Company or to enhance the value of or render profitable any of the Company's investments, property or rights, and any debentures, debenture stock, bonds, obligations or securities issued or guaranteed by any government, sovereign ruler, commissioners, public body or authority, supreme, municipal, local or otherwise, whether in the said Colony or elsewhere.
- (o) To enter into any arrangements with any governments or authorities, supreme, municipal, local or otherwise, that may seem conducive to the Company's objects or any of them; and to obtain from any government or authority any rights, privileges and concessions which the Company may think it desirable to obtain and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions.
- (p) To carry on any other business, which may seem to the Company capable of being conveniently carried on in connection with any of the before specified objects, or calculated directly or indirectly to enhance the value of or render profitable any of the Company's property or rights.
- (q) To sell or dispose of the undertaking of the Company or any part thereof in such manner and for such consideration as the Company may think fit, and in particular for shares (fully or partly paid-up), debentures, debenture stock or securities of any other company, whether promoted by the Company for the purpose or not, and to improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, dispose

of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the Company.

- (r) To employ experts to investigate and examine into the condition, prospects, value, character and circumstances of any business concerns and undertakings, and generally of any assets, property or rights.
- (s) To transact or carry on all kinds of agency business, and in particular in relation to the investment of money, the sale of property and the collection and receipt of money.
- (t) To acquire and undertake the whole or any part of the business, property and liabilities of any person or company carrying on any business which the Company is authorised to carry on or possessed of property suitable for the purposes of this Company.
- (u) To enter into any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interests, co-operation, joint venture or reciprocal concession, with any person or company carrying on or engaged in, or about to carry on and engage in, any business or transaction which the Company is authorised to carry on or engage in, or any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company. And to take or otherwise acquire shares and securities of any such company, and to sell, hold, re-issue, with or without guarantee, or otherwise deal with the same.
- (v) To establish branches or appoint agencies for or in connection with any of the objects of the Company and to transact all kinds of agency business, and in particular in relation to the investment of money, the sale of property and the collection and receipt of money, and to act as Managing Agents of any firm or company.
- (w) To establish and support, or aid in the establishment and support of associations, institutions, funds, trusts and conveniences calculated to benefit employees or ex-employees of the Company, or its predecessors in business, or the dependents or connections of such persons, and to grant pensions and allowances, and to make payment towards insurance, and to subscribe or guarantee money for charitable or benevolent objects, or for any exhibition or for any public, general or useful object.
- (x) To obtain any provisional order or Ordinance of the Government of Hong Kong for enabling the Company to carry any of its objects into effect, or for effecting any modification of the Company's constitution, or for any other purpose which may seem expedient and to oppose any proceedings or applications which may seem calculated, directly or indirectly, to prejudice the Company's interests.
- (y) To sell, lease, grant licences, easements and other rights over and in any other manner deal with or dispose of the undertaking, property, assets, rights and effects of the Company, or any part thereof, for such consideration as the Company may think fit, and in particular for shares, debentures or securities of any other company.
- (z) To promote or join in the promotion of any company or companies for the purpose of acquiring all or any of the property, rights and liabilities of the Company, or for any other purpose which may seem directly or indirectly calculated to benefit the Company and to underwrite shares and securities therein.
- (aa) To invest and deal with the moneys of the Company, not immediately required, in such manner as may from time to time be determined.
- (bb) To draw, make, accept, indorse, discount, execute and issue bills of exchange, promissory notes, bills of lading, warrants, debentures and other negotiable or transferable instruments or securities.

- (cc) To remunerate any person or company for services rendered, or to be rendered in placing or assisting to place or guaranteeing the placing of any shares in the Company's capital, or any debentures, debenture stock or other securities of the Company, or in or about the formation or promotion of the Company, or the acquisition of property by the Company, or the conduct of its business.
- (dd) To sell, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, mortgage, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the Company for the time being.
- (ee) To distribute any of the property of the Company in specie among the Members.
- (ff) To do all or any of the above things either as principals, agents, trustees or otherwise, and by or through agents, trustees or otherwise, and either alone or in conjunction with others.
- (gg) Generally to purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire, or otherwise acquire any immovable or movable property and any rights or privileges, which the Company may think necessary or convenient for the purposes of its business.
- (hh) To do all such other things as may be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

And it is hereby declared that the word "company" (save when used in reference to this Company) in this Clause shall be deemed to include any partnership or other body of persons, whether incorporated or not incorporated and wherever domiciled, and that the objects set forth in any Sub-clause of this Clause shall not, except when the context expressly so requires, be in anywise limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any other Sub-clause, or by the name of the Company. None of such Sub-clauses or the objects therein specified or the powers thereby conferred shall be deemed subsidiary or auxiliary merely to the objects mentioned in the first Sub-clause of this Clause, but the Company shall have full power to exercise all or any of the powers conferred by any part of this Clause in any part of the world and notwithstanding that the business; undertaking, property or acts, proposed to be transacted, acquired, dealt with or performed do not fall within the objects of the first Sub-clause of this Clause.

4. The liability of the Members is limited.

\*5. The Capital of the Company is HK\$500,000,000.00 divided into 5,000,000,000 shares of HK\$0.10 each.

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1. *By an Ordinary Resolution passed on 4th July 1963, the authorised capital of the Company was increased from HK\$1,000,000.00 to HK\$2,000,000.00 by the creation of 10,000 additional new shares of HK\$100.00 each.*
2. *By an Ordinary Resolution No. 1 passed on 19th February 1973, the authorised capital of HK\$2,000,000.00 divided into 20,000 shares of HK\$100.00 each be and is hereby subdivided into 2,000,000 shares of HK\$1.00 each.*
3. *By an Ordinary Resolution No. 2 passed on 19th February 1973, the authorised capital was increased from HK\$2,000,000.00 to HK\$50,000,000.00 by the creation of 48,000,000 additional shares of HK\$1.00 each.*
4. *By an Ordinary Resolution passed on 28th December 1989, each of the existing shares of HK\$1.00 each in the capital of the Company be and is hereby subdivided into 10 shares of HK\$0.10 each.*
5. *By an Ordinary Resolution passed on 24th March 1994, the authorised capital was increased from HK\$50,000,000 to HK\$110,000,000 by the creation of 600,000,000 additional shares of HK\$0.10 each.*
6. *By an Ordinary Resolution passed on 16th January 1995, the authorised capital was increased from HK\$110,000,000 to HK\$180,000,000 by the creation of 700,000,000 additional shares of HK\$0.10 each.*

7. *By an Ordinary Resolution passed on 20th March 1997, the authorised capital was increased from HK\$180,000,000 to HK\$215,000,000 by the creation of 350,000,000 additional shares of HK\$0.10 each.*
8. *By an Ordinary Resolution passed on 28th August 1997, the authorised capital was increased from HK\$215,000,000 to HK\$280,000,000 by the creation of 650,000,000 additional shares of HK\$0.10 each.*
9. *By an Ordinary Resolution passed on 29th June 1999, the authorised capital was increased from HK\$280,000,000 to HK\$500,000,000 by the creation of 2,200,000,000 additional shares of HK\$0.10 each.*

WE, the several persons whose names, addresses and descriptions are hereto subscribed, are desirous of being formed into a Company in pursuance of this Memorandum of Association, and we respectively agree to take the number of shares in the capital of the Company set opposite to our respective names:

Names, Addresses and Descriptions of Subscribers	Number of Shares taken by each Subscriber
<p style="text-align: center;">RAYMOND EDWARD MOORE, 39, Shouson Hill Road, Hong Kong, Solicitor.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JAMES C.B. SLACK, 20, Tung Shan Terrace, Hong Kong, Solicitor.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">One</p> <p style="text-align: center;">One</p>
Total Number of Shares Taken . . .	Two

Dated the 10th day of July, 1961.

WITNESS to the above signatures:

KENNETH K.C. WONG,  
*Solicitor,*  
HONG KONG.

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**PART 1 - SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

**SHARE CAPITAL**

\*1. (A) The authorised share capital of the Company is 50,000,000 Hong Kong dollars divided into 500,000,000 shares of ten Hong Kong cents each.

**BORROWING POWERS**

(B) The Board of Directors (the “Board”) may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money to guarantee and to mortgage or charge all or any part of the undertaking, property and assets (present and future) and uncalled capital of the Company and, subject to the Companies Ordinance (the “Ordinance”), to issue debentures and other securities, whether outright or as collateral security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party.

**VOTING RIGHTS**

(C) Subject to any special terms as to voting upon which any shares may be issued or may for the time being be held, on a show of hands every Member who is present in person at a general meeting of the Company shall have one vote, and on a poll every Member who is present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every share held by him.

**DIRECTORS**

(D) Unless and until otherwise determined by ordinary resolution of the Company, the Directors (disregarding alternate Directors) shall be not less than two nor more than 25 in number.

(E) Each of the Directors shall be paid a fee at such rate as may from time to time be determined by the Board.

(F) No shareholding qualification for Director shall be required.

*\*The authorised share capital as at the date of reprinting these Articles of Association is HK\$500,000,000 divided into 5,000,000,000 shares of HK\$0.10 each. Please refer to the clause 5 of the Memorandum of Association for details of the authorised share capital.*

(G) Without prejudice to any of the provisions for disqualification of Directors or for retirement by rotation hereinafter contained, the office of a Director shall be vacated if by notice in writing delivered to the Office or tendered at a meeting of the Board his resignation is requested by all of the other Directors and all of the other Directors are not less than three in number.

### **PROVISION FOR EMPLOYEES**

(H) The Board may by resolution exercise any power conferred by the Ordinance to make provision for the benefit of persons employed by the Company or any of its subsidiaries in connection with the cessation or the transfer to any person of the whole or part of the undertaking of the Company or that subsidiary.

### **UNTRACED SHAREHOLDERS**

(I) The Company shall be entitled to sell the shares of a Member or the shares to which a person is entitled by virtue of transmission on death or bankruptcy if and provided that:—

- (i) during a period of 12 years (at least three in number) all warrants and cheques in respect of the shares in question sent in the manner authorised by these presents have remained uncashed;
- (ii) the Company shall on expiry of the said period of 12 years have inserted advertisements in newspapers circulating in Hong Kong according to the requirements of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, giving notice of its intention to sell the said shares;
- (iii) During the said period of 12 years and the period of three months following the publication of the said advertisements the Company shall have not received any indication neither of the whereabouts or of the existence of such Member or person; and
- (iv) notice shall have been given to each stock exchange on which any of the shares of the Company are (with the consent of the Company) for the time being listed.

To give effect to any such sale, the Company may appoint any person to execute as transferor an instrument of transfer of the said shares and such instrument of transfer shall be as effective as if it had been executed by the registered holder of, or person entitled by transmission to, such shares and the title of the transferee shall not be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings relating thereto. The net proceeds of sale shall belong to the Company which shall, subject as set out below, be obliged to account to the former Member or other person previously entitled as aforesaid for an amount equal to such proceeds and shall enter the name of such former Member or other person in the books of the Company as a creditor of such amount. No trust shall be created in respect of the debt, no interest shall be payable in respect of the same and the Company shall not be required to account for any money earned on the net proceeds, which may be employed in the business of the Company or invested in such investments as the directors may from time to time think fit. Any such debt unclaimed after a period of twelve years from the date of sale of the relevant shares shall become irrecoverable and the Company may then or at any time thereafter cease to include in its books of account any provision in respect of any such debt.”

## **PART 2 - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **TABLE A**

2. No regulations set out in any schedule to any Ordinance concerning companies shall apply as regulations or articles of the Company.

## INTERPRETATION

3. In these Articles unless the context otherwise requires:–

“these Articles” means these Articles of Association in their present form or as from time to time altered;

“associate”, in relation to any Director, shall have the same meaning as that set out in the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited;

“Board” means the Board of Directors of the Company or the Directors present at a meeting of Directors at which a quorum is present;

“Director” means a director of the Company for the time being;

“electronic communication” means a communication sent by electronic transmission in any form through any medium, cable and telex message;

“entitled person” shall have the meaning ascribed to it under the Ordinance;

“Executive Director” means a Managing Director, Joint Managing Director or Assistant Managing Director of the Company or a Director who is the holder of any other employment or executive office with the Company;

“the holder” in relation to any shares means the Member whose name is entered in the Register as the holder of such shares;

“Hong Kong Dollars” and “Hong Kong Cents” mean the lawful currency for the time being of Hong Kong;

“Member” means a shareholder of the Company;

“Office” means the registered office of the Company;

“the Ordinance” means the Companies Ordinance and every other Ordinance incorporated therewith, or any Ordinance or Ordinances substituted therefor; and in case of any such substitution the references in these presents to the provisions of the Ordinance shall be read as references to the provisions substituted therefor in the new Ordinance or Ordinances;

“paid up” means paid up or credited as paid up;

“Register” means the Register of Members of the Company;

“relevant financial information” shall have the meaning ascribed to it under the Ordinance;

“Seal” means the common seal and/or securities seal of the Company or any official seal that the Company may be permitted to have under the Ordinance;

“Secretary” includes a temporary or assistant or deputy Secretary and any person or body corporate appointed by the Board to perform any of the duties of the Secretary;

“summary financial information” shall have the meaning ascribed to it under the Ordinance;

“statutes” means the prevailing laws of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China including any statutory modification from time to time;

“written” and “in writing” means printed or printed by lithography, printed by photography,

typewritten, or produced by any other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form, or to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with the statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations, any visible substitute for writing (including an electronic communication), or partly in one visible form and partly in another visible form;

References to a document being executed include references to it being executed under hand or under seal or, to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with the statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulation, by electronic signature or by any other method. Reference to a document, to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with the statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations, include references to any information in visible form whether having physical substance or not;

any words or expressions defined in the Ordinance in force at the date when these Articles or any part thereof are adopted shall bear the same meaning in these Articles or such part (as the case may be) save that “company” shall where the context permits include any company or body incorporated in Hong Kong or elsewhere;

where for any purpose an ordinary resolution of the Company is required, a special resolution shall also be effective;

references to a meeting shall not be taken as required more than one person to be present if any quorum requirement can be satisfied by one person; and

in the event of any conflict between Part 1 and Part 2 of these Articles, Part 1 shall prevail.

#### **REGISTERED OFFICE**

4. The Office shall be at such place in Hong Kong as the Board shall from time to time appoint.

#### **SHARE RIGHTS**

5. Subject to any special rights conferred on the holders of any shares or class of shares, any share in the company may be issued with or have attached thereto such preferred, deferred, qualified or other special rights or such restrictions, whether in regard to dividend, voting, return of capital or otherwise, as the Company may by ordinary resolution determine or, if there has not been any such determination or so far as the same shall not make specific provision, as the Board may determine.

6. Subject to the Ordinance and to any special rights conferred on the holders of any shares or class of shares, any shares may, with the sanction of a special resolution, be issued on terms that they are, or at the option of the Company or the Member are liable, to be redeemed. The terms and manner of redemption shall be provided for by alteration of these Articles.

#### **MODIFICATION OF RIGHTS**

7. Subject to the Ordinance, all or any of the special rights for the time being attached to any class of shares for the time being issued may from time to time (whether or not the Company is being wound up) be altered or abrogated with the consent in writing of the holders of not less than three-fourths of the issued shares of that class or with the sanction of a special resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of such shares. To any such separate general meeting all the provisions of these Articles as to general meetings of the Company shall *mutatis mutandis* apply, but so that the necessary quorum shall be two persons holding or representing by proxy not less than one-third of the issue shares of the class, that every holder of shares of the class shall be entitled on a poll to one vote for every such share held by him, that any holder of shares of the class present in person or by proxy may demand a poll and that at any adjourned meeting of such holders one holder present in person or by proxy (whatever the number of shares held by him) shall be quorum.

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

## **ISSUE OF SHARES**

9. Subject to the Ordinance and these Articles, the unissued shares of the Company (whether forming part of the original or any increased share capital) shall be at the disposal of the Board, which may offer, allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to such persons, at such times and for such consideration and upon such terms and conditions as the Board may determine.

10. The Company may in connection with the issue of any shares exercise all powers of paying commission and brokerage conferred or permitted by the Ordinance.

11. Except as ordered by a Court of competent jurisdiction or as required by law, no person shall be recognised by the Company as holding any share upon any trust and the Company shall not be bound by or required in any way to recognise (even when having notice thereof) any equitable, contingent, future or partial interest in any share or any interest in any fractional part of a share or (except only as otherwise provided by these Articles or by law) any other right in respect of any share except an absolute right to the entirety thereof in the registered holder.

12. (A) The Company may issue warrants (hereinafter called “Share Warrants”) stating that the bearer is entitled to the share therein specified, and may provide by coupons or otherwise howsoever for the payment of future dividends on the shares included in such warrants. The Directors may determine, and from time to time vary, the conditions upon which share warrants shall be issued, and, in particular the conditions upon which a new share warrant or coupon will be issued in place of one worn out, defaced, lost or destroyed, (provided that no new warrant shall be issued except on proof beyond reasonable doubt that the original warrant has been destroyed), or upon which a share warrant may be surrendered, and the name of the bearer entered in the Register in respect of the shares therein specified. The bearer of a share warrant shall be subject to the conditions for the time being in force, whether made before or after the issue of such warrant.

(B) The bearer of a share warrant shall from the date of any share warrant at any time after the incorporation of the Company be deemed to be a member of the Company within the meaning of the Ordinance to the full extent and for all the purposes thereof.

## **COMPANY TO PURCHASE OR TO FINANCE PURCHASE OF ITS OWN SHARES**

12A. The Company may exercise any powers conferred on the Company or permitted by or not prohibited by or not inconsistent with the Ordinance or any other applicable ordinance, statute, act or law from time to time to acquire shares in the Company or to give directly or indirectly, by means of a loan, guarantee, the provision of security or otherwise, financial assistance for the purpose of or in connection with a purchase made or to be made by any person of any shares in the Company and should the Company acquire its own shares neither the Company nor the Board shall be required to select the shares to be acquired rateably or in any other particular manner as between the holders of shares of the same class or as between them and the holders of shares of any other class or in accordance with the rights as to dividends or capital conferred by any class of shares provided always that any such acquisition or financial assistance shall only be made or give in accordance with any relevant rules or regulations issued by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited or the Securities & Futures Commission from time to time.

## **CERTIFICATES**

13. Every person whose name is entered as a holder of any shares in the Register shall be entitled, without payment, to receive after allotment to him of the shares in respect of which he is so registered one

certificate for all such shares of any one class or several certificates each for one or more of such shares of such class upon payment for every certificate after the first of such reasonable out-of-pocket expenses as the Board from time to time determine. In the case of a share held jointly by several persons, delivery of a certificate to one of several joint holders shall be sufficient delivery to all. A Member who has transferred part of the shares comprised in his registered holding shall be entitled to a certificate for the balance upon payment of a fee not exceeding such maximum amount as The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited may from time to time determine.

14. If a share certificate is defaced worn out lost or destroyed it may, subject to the Ordinance, be replaced on payment of a fee not exceeding HK\$2.50 (or such other amount as shall for the time being be approved by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited) and on such terms (if any) as to evidence and indemnity and to payment of any exceptional costs and the reasonable out-of-pocket expenses of the Company in investigating such evidence and preparing such indemnity as the Board may think fit and, where it is defaced or worn out, after delivery of the old certificate to the Company.

15. All forms of certificate for share or loan capital or other securities of the Company (other than letters of allotment, scrip certificates and other like documents) shall, except to the extent that the terms and conditions for the time being relating thereto otherwise provide, be issued under a Seal and, if issued under an official seal, need not be signed by any person. The Board may also by resolution determine, either generally or in any particular case or cases, that any signatures or any such certificates need not be authentic but may be affixed to such certificate by some mechanical method or system.

#### **LIEN**

16. The Company shall have a first and paramount lien on every share (not being a fully paid share) for all amounts payable (whether presently or not) in respect of such share. The Company's lien on a share shall extend to all dividends and distributions payable thereon. The Board may at any time either generally or in any particular case waive any lien that has arisen, or declare any share to be wholly or in part exempt from the provisions of this Article.

17. The Company may sell, in such manner as the Board may think fit, any share on which the Company has a lien, but no sale shall be made unless some sum in respect of which the lien exists is presently payable nor until the expiration of fourteen days after a notice in writing, stating and demanding payment of the sum presently payable and giving notice of the intention to sell in default of such payment, has been served on the holder for the time being of the share.

18. The net proceeds, after payment of the costs, of the sale by the Company of any shares on which it has a lien shall be applied in or towards payment or discharge of the debt or liability in respect of which the lien exists so far as the same is presently payable, and any residue shall (subject to a like lien for debts or liabilities not presently payable as existed upon the share prior to the sale and upon surrender, if required by the Company, for cancellation of the certificate for the shares sold) be paid to the holder immediately before such sale of the share. For giving effect to any such sale the Board may authorise some person to transfer the share sold to the purchaser thereof. The purchaser shall be registered as the holder of the share and he shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money, nor shall his title to the share be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings relating to the sale.

#### **CALLS ON SHARES**

19. The Board may from time to time make calls upon the Members in respect of any moneys unpaid on their shares (whether or account of the nominal amount of the shares or by way of premium) and not by the terms of issue thereof made payable at a date fixed by or in accordance with such terms of issue, and each Member shall (subject to the Company serving upon him at least fourteen days' notice specifying the time or times and place of payment) pay to the Company at the time or times and place so specified the amount called on his shares. A call may be revoked or postponed as the Board may

determine. A person upon whom a call is made shall remain liable on such call notwithstanding the subsequent transfer of the shares in respect of which the call was made.

20. A call may be made payable by instalments and shall be deemed to have been made at the time when the resolution of the Board authorising the call was passed.

21. The joint holders of a share shall be jointly and severally liable to pay all calls in respect thereof.

22. If a sum called in respect of a share shall not be paid before or on the day appointed for payment thereof, the person from whom the sum is due shall pay interest on the sum from the day appointed for payment thereof to the time of actual payment at such rate, not exceeding 20 per cent. per annum, as the Board may determine, but the Board shall be at liberty to waive payment of such interest wholly or in part.

23. Any sum which, by the terms of issue of a share, becomes payable on allotment or at any date fixed by or in accordance with such terms of issue, whether on account of the nominal amount of the share or by way of premium, shall for all the purposes of these Articles be deemed to be a call duly made, notified and payable on the date on which, by the terms of issue, the same becomes payable and, in case of non-payment, all the relevant provisions of these Articles as to payment of interest, forfeiture or otherwise shall apply as if such sum had become payable by virtue of a call duly made and notified.

24. The Board may on the issue of shares differentiate between the allottees or holders as to the amount of calls to be paid the times of payment.

25. The Board may, if it thinks fit, receive from any Member willing to advance the same all or any part of the money uncalled and unpaid upon any shares held by him and upon all or any of the money so advanced may (until the same would, but for such advance, become presently payable) pay interest at such rate, not exceeding (unless the Company by ordinary resolution shall otherwise direct) 15 per cent. per annum, as may be agreed upon between the Board and the Member paying such sum in advance.

### **FORFEITURE OF SHARES**

26. If any call or instalment of a call remains unpaid on any share after the day appointed for payment thereof, the Board may at any time serve a notice on the holder of such share requiring payment of so much of the call or instalment as is unpaid, together with any interest which may have accrued.

27. The notice shall name a further day (not being less than fourteen days from the date of the notice) on or before which, and the place where, the payment required by the notice is to be made and shall state that in the event of non-payment on or before the day and at the place appointed, the shares in respect of which such call was made or instalment is payable will be liable to be forfeited. The Board may accept the surrender of any share liable to be forfeited hereunder and, in such case, references in these Articles to forfeiture shall include surrender.

28. If the requirements of any such notice as aforesaid are not complied with, any share in respect of which such notice has been given may at any time thereafter, before payment of all calls or instalments and interest due in respect thereof has been made, be forfeited by a resolution of the Board to that effect. Such forfeiture shall include all dividends declared in respect of the forfeited shares and not actually paid before the forfeiture.

29. When any share has been forfeited, notice of the forfeiture shall be served upon the person who was before forfeiture the holder of the share; but no forfeiture shall be in any manner invalidated by any omission or neglect to give such notice as aforesaid.

30. Until cancelled in accordance with the requirements of the Ordinance, a forfeited share shall be deemed to be the property of the Company and may be sold, re-allotted or otherwise disposed of either

to the person who was, before forfeiture, the holder thereof or entitled thereto or to any other person upon such terms and in such manner as the Board shall think fit, and at any time before a sale, re-allotment or disposition the forfeiture may be annulled by the Board on such terms as the Board may think fit.

31. A person whose shares have been forfeited shall thereupon cease to be a Member in respect of the forfeited shares but shall, notwithstanding the forfeiture, remain liable to pay to the Company all moneys which at the date of forfeiture were presently payable by him to the Company in respect of the shares with interest thereon at the rate fixed by the terms of issue of the shares or, if no such rate is fixed, at the rate of 20 per cents. per annum (or such lower rate as the Board may determine) from the date of forfeiture until payment, and the Company may enforce payment without being under any obligation to make any allowance for the value of the shares forfeited or for any consideration received on their disposal.

32. A statutory declaration that the declarant is a Director or the Secretary of the Company and that a share has been duly forfeited on the date stated in the declaration shall be conclusive evidence of the facts therein stated as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share. The Company may receive the consideration (if any) given for the share on the sale, re-allotment or disposition thereof and the Board may authorise some person to transfer the share to the person to whom the same is sold, re-allotted or disposed of, and he shall thereupon be registered as the holder of the share and shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money (if any) nor shall his title to the share be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings relating to the forfeiture, sale, re-allotment or disposal of the share.

## **TRANSFER OF SHARES**

33. Subject to such of the restrictions of these Articles as may be applicable, any Member may transfer all or any of his shares by an instrument of transfer in the usual common form or in any other form which the Board may approve.

34. The instrument of transfer of a share shall be signed by or on behalf of the transferor and (in the case of a partly paid share) the transferee, and the transferor shall be deemed to remain the holder of the share until the name of the transferee is entered in the Register in respect thereof. The Board may resolve, either generally or in any particular case and upon request by either the transferor or transferee, to accept machine imprinted signatures on the instrument of transfer. All instruments of transfer, when registered, may be retained by the Company.

35. The Board may, in its absolute discretion and without assigning any reason therefor, decline to register any transfer of any share which is not a fully paid share.

36. The Board may also decline to register any transfer unless:—

- (a) the instrument of transfer is lodged with the Company accompanied by the certificate for the shares to which it relates, and such other evidence as the Board may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer;
- (b) the instrument of transfer is in respect of only one class of share; and
- (c) in the case of a transfer to joint holders, the number of joint holders to whom the share is to be transferred does not exceed four.

37. If the Board declines to register a transfer it shall, within two months after the date on which the instrument of transfer was lodged, send to the transferee notice of the refusal.

38. A fee not exceeding HK\$2.50 (or such other amount as shall for the time being be approved by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited) may be charged by the Company for registering any transfer, or other document relating to or affecting the title to any share, or for otherwise making any entry in the Register of Members relating to any share.

## **TRANSMISSION OF SHARES**

39. In the case of the death of a Member the survivor or survivors, where the deceased was a joint holder, and the executors or administrators of the deceased, where he was a sole holder, shall be the only persons recognised by the Company as having any title to his shares; but nothing herein contained shall release the estate of a deceased holder from any liability in respect of any share held by him solely or jointly with other persons.

40. Any person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a Member or otherwise by operation of law may, subject as hereinafter provided and upon such evidence being produced as may from time to time be required by the Board as to his entitlement, either be registered himself as the holder of the share or elect to have some person nominated by him registered as the transferee thereof. If the person so becoming entitled elects to be registered himself, he shall deliver or send to the Company a notice in writing signed by him stating that he so elects. If he shall elect to have his nominee registered, he shall signify his election by signing an instrument of transfer of such share in favour of his nominee. All the limitations, restrictions and provisions of these Articles relating to the right to transfer and the registration of transfers of share shall be applicable to any such notice or instrument of transfer as aforesaid as if the death or bankruptcy of the Member or other event giving rise to the transmission had not occurred and the notice or instrument of transfer was an instrument of transfer signed by such Member.

41. A person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a Member or otherwise by operation of law shall (upon such evidence being produced as may from time to time be required by the Board as to his entitlement) be entitled to receive and may give a discharge for any dividends or other money payable in respect of the share, but he shall not be entitled in respect of the share to receive notices of or to attend or vote at general meetings of the Company or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares in the Company or, save as aforesaid, to exercise in respect of the share any of the rights or privileges of a Member until he shall have become registered as the holder thereof. The Board may at any time give notice requiring any such person to elect either to be registered himself or to transfer the share and if the notice is not complied with within sixty days the Board may thereafter withhold payment of all dividends and other money payable in respect of the share until the requirements of the notice have been complied with.

## **CHANGES IN SHARE CAPITAL**

42. The Company may from time to time by ordinary resolution increase its capital by such sum to be divided into shares of such amounts as the resolution shall prescribe.

43. Subject to the Ordinance, the Company may, by the resolution increasing the capital, direct that the new shares or any of them shall be offered in the first instance to all the holders for the time being of shares of any class or classes in proportion to the number of such shares held by them respectively or may make any other provisions as to issue of the new shares. The new shares shall be subject to all the provisions of the Articles with reference to lien, the payment of calls, forfeiture, transfer, transmission and otherwise.

44. The Company may from time to time by ordinary resolution:—

- (a) Consolidate and divide all or any of its share capital into shares of larger amount than its existing shares;
- (b) sub-divide its shares or any of them into shares of smaller amount than is fixed by the Memorandum of Association (subject, nevertheless, to the Ordinance) and so that the resolution whereby any share is sub-divided may determine that as between the holders of the shares resulting from such sub-division one or more of the shares may have any such preferred or other special rights over, or may have such deferred or qualified rights or be subject to any

such restrictions as compared with, the other or others as the Company has power to attach to unissued or new shares;

- (c) cancel any shares which at the date of the passing of the resolution have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person and diminish the amount of its authorised share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled;

and may also by special resolution:—

- (d) subject to any confirmation or consent required by law, reduce its authorised and issued share capital or any capital redemption reserve or any share premium account in any manner.

Where any difficulty arises in regard to any consolidation and division under paragraph (a) of this Article, the Board may settle the same as it thinks expedient and in particular may issue fractional certificates or arrange for the sale of the shares representing fractions and the distribution of the net proceeds of sale in due proportion amongst the Members who would have been entitled to the fractions, and for this purpose the Board may authorise some person to transfer the shares representing fractions to or in accordance with the directions of the purchaser thereof. The transferee shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money nor shall his title to the shares be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings relating to the sale.

### **GENERAL MEETING**

45. The Board shall convene and the Company shall hold general meetings as annual general meetings in accordance with the requirements of the Ordinance at such times and places as the Board shall appoint. Any general meeting of the Company other than an annual general meeting shall be called an extraordinary general meeting.

- 46. The Board may, whenever it thinks fit, convene an extraordinary general meeting.

### **NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS**

47. An annual general meeting and a meeting called for the passing of a special resolution shall be called by not less than twenty-one days' notice in writing and a meeting other than an annual general meeting or a meeting called for the passing of a special resolution shall be called by not less than fourteen days' notice in writing. The notice shall be exclusive of the day on which it is served or deemed to be served and of the day for which it is given, and shall specify the place, day and time of meeting, and, in the case of special business, the general nature of that business. The notice convening an annual general meeting shall specify the meeting as such, and the notice convening a meeting to pass a special resolution shall specify the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution. Notice of every general meeting shall be given in manner hereinafter mentioned to all Members other than such as, under the provisions of these Articles or the terms of issue of the shares they hold, are not entitled to receive such notices from the Company, and also to the Auditors for the time being of the Company.

Notwithstanding that a meeting of the Company is called by shorter notice than that specified in this Article, it shall be deemed to have been duly called if it is so agreed.—

- (a) in the case of a meeting called as an annual general meeting, by all the Members entitled to attend and vote thereat; and
- (b) in the case of any other meeting, by a majority in number of the Members having a right to attend and vote at the meeting, being a majority together holding not less than 95 per cent. in nominal value of the shares giving that right.

48. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting or (in cases where instruments of proxy are sent out with the notice) the accidental omission to send such instrument of proxy to, or the non-receipt

of notice of a meeting or such instrument of proxy by, any person entitled to receive such notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

### **PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

49. All business shall be deemed special that is transacted at an extraordinary general meeting and also all business that is transacted at an annual general meeting with the exception of:—

- (a) the declaration and sanctioning of dividends;
- (b) the consideration and adoption of the accounts and balance sheet and the reports of the Directors and other documents required to be annexed to the accounts;
- (c) the election of Directors in place of those retiring (by rotation or otherwise);
- (d) the appointment of Auditors where special notice of the resolution for such appointment is not required by the Ordinance; and
- (e) the fixing of, or the determining of the method of fixing, the remuneration of the Directors and of the Auditors.

50. No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present when the meeting proceeds to business, but the absence of a quorum shall not preclude the appointment choice or election of a chairman which shall not be treated as part of the business of the meeting. Save as otherwise provided by these Articles, two Members present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote shall be a quorum for all purposes. A corporation being a Member shall be deemed for the purpose of these Articles to be present in person if represented by proxy or in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance.

51. If within five minutes (or such longer time not exceeding one hour as the chairman of the meeting may determine to wait) after the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of Members, shall be dissolved. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to such other day (not being less than fourteen or more than twenty-eight days thereafter) and at such other time or place as the chairman of the meeting may determine and at such adjourned meeting one Member present in person or by proxy (whatever the number of shares held by him) shall be a quorum. The Company shall give not less than seven days' notice in writing of any meeting adjourned through want of a quorum and such notice shall state that one Member present in person or by proxy (whatever the number of shares held by him) shall be a quorum.

52. Each Director shall be entitled to attend and speak at any general meeting of the Company and at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares in the Company.

53. The Chairman (if any) of the Board or, in his absence, a Deputy Chairman (if any) shall preside as chairman at every general meeting. If there is no such Chairman or Deputy Chairman, or if at any meeting neither the Chairman nor a Deputy Chairman is present within five minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, or if neither of them is willing to act as chairman, the Directors present shall choose one of their number to act, or if one Director only is present he shall preside as chairman if willing to act. If no Director is present, or if each of the Directors present declines to take the chair, the persons present and entitled to vote on a poll shall elect one of their number to be chairman.

54. The chairman may with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting except business which might lawfully have been transacted at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. When a meeting is adjourned for three months or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting.

55. Save as expressly provided by these Articles, it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

## VOTING

56. At any general meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands or on the withdrawal of any other demand for a poll) a poll is duly demanded or unless a poll is taken as may from time to time be required under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited or under any other applicable laws, rules or regulations. Subject to the Ordinance, a poll may be demanded by:—

- (a) the chairman of the meeting; or
- (b) at least three Members present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote; or
- (c) any Member or Members present in person or by proxy and representing in the aggregate not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all Members having the right to attend and vote at the meeting; or
- (d) any Member or Members present in person or by proxy and holding shares conferring a right to attend and vote at the meeting on which there have been paid up sums in the aggregate equal to not less than one-tenth of the total sum paid up on all shares conferring that right.

Unless a poll is so demanded and the demand is not withdrawn or unless a poll is taken as may from time to time be required under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited or under any other applicable laws, rules or regulations, a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried or carried unanimously or by a particular majority or not carried by a particular majority or lost shall be final and conclusive, and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the meeting shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded for or against such resolution.

57. If a poll is duly demanded or if a poll is taken as may from time to time be required under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited or under any other applicable laws, rules or regulations it shall be taken in such manner as the chairman shall direct and he may appoint scrutineers (who need not be members). The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.

58. A poll demanded on the election of a chairman, or on a question of adjournment, shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken either forthwith or at such time (being not later than three months after the date of the demand) and place as the chairman shall direct. It shall not be necessary (unless the chairman otherwise directs) for notice to be given of a poll.

59. The demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuance of a meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which the poll has been demanded, and it may be withdrawn with the consent of the chairman at any time before the close of the meeting or the taking of the poll, whichever is the earlier.

60. On a poll votes may be given either personally or by proxy.

61. A person entitled to more than one vote on a poll need not use all his votes or cast all the votes he uses in the same way.

62. In the case of an equality of votes at a general meeting, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairman of such meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.

63. In the case of joint holders of a share the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders, and for this purpose seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the Register of Members in respect of the joint holding.

64. A Member in respect of whom an order has been made by any competent court or official on the ground that he is or may be suffering from mental disorder or is otherwise incapable of managing his affairs may vote, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, by any person authorised in such circumstances to do so on his behalf and such person may vote on a poll by proxy. Evidence to the satisfaction of the Board of the Authority of the person claiming to exercise the right to vote shall be delivered at the Office (or at such other place as may be specified in accordance with these Articles for the delivery of instruments appointing a proxy) not later than the last time at which a valid instrument of proxy could be so delivered.

65. No Member shall, unless the Board otherwise determines, be entitled to vote at any general meeting unless all calls or other sums presently payable by him in respect of shares in the Company have been paid.

66. (A) If (i) any objection shall be raised to the qualification of any vote or (ii) any votes have been counted which ought not to have been counted or which might have been rejected or (iii) any votes are not counted which ought to have been counted, the objection or error shall not vitiate the decision of the meeting or adjourned meeting on any resolution unless the same is raised or pointed out at the meeting or, as the case may be, the adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is given or tendered or at which the error occurs. Any objection or error shall be referred to the chairman of the meeting and shall only vitiate the decision of the meeting on any resolution if the chairman decides that the same may have affected the decision of the meeting. The decision of the chairman on such matters shall be final and conclusive.

(B) Where the Company has knowledge that any Member is, under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, required to abstain from voting on any particular resolution or restricted to voting only for or only against any particular resolution, any votes cast by or on behalf of such Member in contravention of such requirement or restriction shall not be counted.

## PROXIES

67. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or of his attorney authorised in writing or, if the appointor is a corporation, either under its seal or under the hand of an officer, attorney or other person authorised to sign the same.

68. A proxy need not be a Member.

69. The instrument appointing a proxy and (if required by the Board) the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a notarially certified copy of such power or authority, shall be delivered at the Office (or at such other place in Hong Kong as may be specified in the notice convening the meeting or in any notice of any adjournment or, in either case, in any document sent therewith) not less than forty-eight hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote or, in the case of a poll taken subsequently to the date of a meeting or adjourned meeting, not less than forty-eight hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll and in default the instrument of proxy shall not be treated as valid. No instrument appointing a proxy shall be valid after the expiration of twelve months from the date named in it as the date of its execution. Delivery of an instrument appointing a proxy shall not preclude a Member from attending and voting in person at the meeting or poll concerned.

70. Instruments of proxy shall be in any common form or in such other form as the Board may approve (such form shall indicate that the proxy may vote for or against the proposed resolution) and the

Board may, if it thinks fit, send out with the notice of any meeting forms of instrument of proxy for use at the meeting. The instrument of proxy shall be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a poll and to vote on any amendment of a resolution put to the meeting for which it is given as the proxy thinks fit. The instrument of proxy shall, unless the contrary is stated therein, be valid as well for any adjournment of the meeting as for the meeting to which it relates.

71. A vote given or poll demanded by proxy or by the duly authorised representative of a corporation shall be valid notwithstanding the previous determination of the authority of the person voting or demanding a poll, unless notice in writing of such determination was received by the Company at the Office (or such other place in Hong Kong as may be specified for the delivery of instruments of proxy in the notice convening the meeting or other document sent therewith) two hours at least before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote is given or the poll demanded or (in the case of a poll not taken on the same day as the meeting or adjourned meeting) the time appointed for taking the poll.

## **APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS**

72. Subject to the provisions of these Articles and the Ordinance, the Company may by ordinary resolution elect any person to be a Director, either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing Board, but so that the total number of Directors shall not at any time exceed any maximum number fixed by or in accordance with these Articles.

## **CORPORATION ACTING BY REPRESENTATION AT MEETINGS**

72A. (a) Any corporation which is a member of the Company may, by resolution of its directors or other governing body or by power of attorney, authorise such person as it thinks fit to act as its representative at any meeting of the Company or of any class of members of the Company, and the person so authorised shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the corporation which he represents as that corporation could exercise if it were an individual member of the Company. References in these Articles to a member present in person at a meeting shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include a corporation which is a member represented at the meeting by such duly authorised representative.

(b) If a recognised clearing house within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance of Hong Kong (or its nominee) is a member of the Company, it may, by resolution of its directors or other governing body or by power of attorney, authorise such person or persons as it thinks fit to act as its representative or representatives at any general meeting of the Company or at any meeting of any class of members of the Company provided that, if more than one person is so authorised, the authorisation must specify the number and class of shares in respect of which each such person is so authorised. The person so authorised will be entitled to exercise the same power on behalf of the recognised clearing house (or its nominee) which he represents as that clearing house (or its nominee) could exercise if it were an individual member of the Company.

73. Without prejudice to the power of the Company in general meeting in pursuance of any of the Articles to appoint any person to be a Director and subject to the Ordinance, the Board shall have power at any time and from time to time to appoint any person to be a Director, either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing Board, but so that the total number of Directors shall not at any time exceed any maximum number fixed by or in accordance with the Articles. Any Director so appointed by the Board shall hold office only until the next following annual general meeting and shall then be eligible for re-election.

74. The Company may by ordinary resolution remove any Director (including a managing or other executive director, but without prejudice to any claim for damages under any contract) before the expiration of his period of office and may (subject to these Articles) by ordinary resolution appoint another person in his place. Any person so appointed shall be subject to retirement at the same time as if he had become a Director on the day on which the Director in whose place he is appointed was last elected a Director.

75. No person other than a Director retiring at the meeting shall, unless recommended by the Board, be eligible for election to the office of Director at any general meeting unless during the period commencing no earlier than the day after the despatch of the notice of the meeting appointed for such election and ending no later than 7 days prior to the date of such meeting, there has been given to the Secretary notice in writing by some Member (not being the person to be proposed) entitled to attend and vote at the meeting for which such notice is given of his intention to propose such person for election and also notice in writing signed by the person to be proposed of his willingness to be elected.

### **DISQUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS**

76. Without prejudice to the provisions for retirement by rotation hereinafter contained, the office of a Director shall be vacated in any of the events following, namely:—

- (a) if (not being an Executive Director whose contract precludes resignation) he resigns his office by notice in writing delivered to the Office or tendered at a meeting of the Board;
- (b) if he becomes of unsound mind or a patient for any purpose of any statute relating to mental health and the Board resolves that his office is vacated;
- (c) if, without leave, he is absent from meetings of the Board (whether or not an alternate Director appointed by him attends) for six consecutive months, and the Board resolves that his office is vacated;
- (d) if he becomes bankrupt or compounds with his creditors;
- (e) if he is prohibited by law from being a Director;
- (f) if he ceases to be a Director by virtue of the Ordinance or is removed from office pursuant to these Articles.

### **ROTATION OF DIRECTORS**

77. Subject to the manner of retirement by rotation of Directors as from time to time prescribed under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, and notwithstanding any contractual or other terms on which any Director may be appointed or engaged, at each annual general meeting one third of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not a multiple of three (3), the number nearest to but not less than one-third) shall retire from office by rotation provided that every Director (including those appointed for a specific term) shall be subject to retirement at least once every three years.

78. The Directors to retire on each occasion shall be those who have been longest in office since their last election, but as between persons who became or were re-elected Directors on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot. The Directors to retire on each occasion (both as to number and identity) shall be determined by the composition of the Board at the date of the notice convening the annual general meeting, and no Director shall be required to retire or be relieved from retiring by reason of any change in the number or identity of the Directors after the date of such notice but before the close of the meeting.

79. A retiring Director shall be eligible for re-election.

80. Subject to the provisions of these Articles, the Company at the meeting at which a Director retires in manner aforesaid may fill the vacated office by electing a person thereto and in default the retiring Director shall, if willing to continue to act, be deemed to have been re-elected, unless at such meeting it is expressly resolved not to fill such vacated office or unless a resolution for the re-election of such Director shall have been put to the meeting and lost.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

81. The Board may from time to time appoint one or more of its body to be a Managing Director, Joint Managing Director or Assistant Managing Director or to hold any other employment or executive office with the Company for such period (subject to the Ordinance) and upon such terms as the Board may determine and may revoke or terminate any of such appointments. Any such revocation or termination as aforesaid will be without prejudice to any claim for damages that such Director may have against the Company or the Company may have against such Director for any breach of any contract of service between him and the Company which may be involved in such revocation or termination.

82. An Executive Director shall receive such remuneration (whether by way of salary, commission, participation in profits or otherwise) as the Board may determine, and either in addition to or in lieu of his remuneration as a Director.

83. (A) Each Director shall have the power to appoint any person to be his alternate Director and may at his discretion remove such alternate Director. If such alternate Director is not another Director, such appointment, unless previously approved by the Board, shall have effect only upon and subject to it being so approved. Any appointment or removal of an alternate Director shall be effected by notice in writing signed by the appointor and delivered to the Office or tendered at a meeting of the Board, or in any other manner approved by the Board. An alternate Director shall, if his appointor so requests, be entitled to receive notices of meetings of the Board or of committees of the Board to the same extent as, but in lieu of, the Director appointing him and shall be entitled to such extent to attend and vote as a Director at any such meeting at which the Director appointing him is not personally present and generally at such meeting to exercise and discharge all the functions, powers and duties of his appointor as a Director and for the purposes of the proceedings at such meeting the provisions of these Articles shall apply as if he were a Director.

(B) Every person acting as an alternate Director shall (except as regards power to appoint an alternate Director and remuneration) be subject in all respects to the provisions of these Articles relating to Directors and shall alone be responsible to the Company for his acts and defaults and shall not be deemed to be the agent of or for the Director appointing him. An alternate Director may be paid expenses and shall be entitled to be indemnified by the Company to the same extent *mutatis mutandis* as if he were a Director but shall not be entitled to receive from the Company any fee in his capacity as an alternate Director.

(C) Every person acting as an alternate Director shall have one vote for each Director for whom he acts as alternate (in addition to his own vote if he is also a Director). The signature of an alternate Director to any resolution in writing of the Board or a committee of the Board shall, unless the notice of his appointment provides to the contrary, be as effective as the signature of his appointor.

(D) An alternate Director shall *ipso facto* cease to be an alternate Director if his appointor ceases for any reason to be a Director provided that, if at any meeting any Director retires by rotation or otherwise but is re-elected at the same meeting, any appointment made by him pursuant to this Article which was in force immediately before his retirement shall remain in force as though he had not retired.

## ADDITIONAL REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

84. Each Director may be paid his reasonable travelling, hotel and incidental expenses of attending and returning from meetings of the Board or committees of the Board or general meetings or any other meeting which as a Director he is entitled to attend and shall be paid all expenses properly and reasonably incurred by him in the conduct of the Company's business or in the discharge of his duties as a Director. Any Director who, by request, goes or resides outside the jurisdiction in which he normally resides for any purposes of the Company or who performs services which in the opinion of the Board go beyond the ordinary duties of a Director may be paid such extra remuneration (whether by way of salary, commission, participation in profits or otherwise) as the Board may determine and such extra remuneration shall be in addition to any remuneration provided for by or pursuant to any other Article.

## **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS**

85. (A) A Director may hold any other office or place of profit with the Company (except that of Auditor) in conjunction with his office of Director for such period and upon such terms as the Board may determine, and may be paid such extra remuneration therefor (whether by way of salary, commission, participation in profits or otherwise) as the Board may determine, and such extra remuneration shall be in addition to any remuneration provided for by or pursuant to any other Article.

(B) A Director may act by himself or his firm in a professional capacity for the Company (otherwise than as Auditor) and he or his firm shall be entitled to remuneration for professional services as if he were not a Director.

(C) A Director of the Company may be or become a director or other officer of, or otherwise interested in, any company promoted by the Company or in which the Company may be interested, and shall not be liable to account to the Company or the Members for any remuneration, profit or other benefit received by him as a director or officer of or from his interest in such other company. The Board may also cause the voting power conferred by the shares in any other company held or owned by the Company to be exercised in such manner in all respects as it thinks fit, including the exercise thereof in favour of any resolution appointing the Directors or any of them to be directors or officers of such other company, or voting or providing for the payment of remuneration to the directors or officers of such other company.

(D) A Director shall not vote or be counted in the quorum on any resolution of the Board concerning his own appointment as the holder of any office or place of profit with the Company or any other company in which the Company is interested (including the arrangement or variation of the items thereof, or the termination thereof).

(E) Where arrangements are under consideration concerning the appointment (including the arrangement or variation of the terms thereof, or the termination thereof) of two or more Directors to offices or places of profit with the Company or any other company in which the Company is interested, a separate resolution may be put in relation to each Director and in such case each of the Directors concerned shall be entitled to vote (and be counted in the quorum) in respect of each resolution except that concerning his own appointment (or the arrangement or variation of the terms thereof, or the termination thereof) and except (in the case of an office or place of profit with any such other company as aforesaid) where the other company is a company in which the Director or his associates own 5 per cent. or more.

(F) Subject to the Ordinance and to the next paragraph of this Article, no Director or proposed or intending Director shall be disqualified by his office from contracting with the Company, either with regard to his tenure of any office or place of profit or as vendor, purchaser or in any other manner whatever, nor shall any such contract or any other contract or arrangement in which any Director is in any way interested be liable to be avoided, nor shall any Director so contracting or being so interested be liable to account to the Company or the Members for any remuneration, profit or other benefits realised by any such contract or arrangement by reason of such Director holding that office or of the fiduciary relationship thereby established.

(G) A Director who to his knowledge is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in a contract or arrangement or proposed contract or arrangement with the Company shall declare the nature of his interest at the meeting of the Board at which the question of entering into the contract or arrangement is first taken into consideration, if he knows his interest then exists, or in any other case at the first meeting of the Board after he knows that he is or has become so interest. For this purpose, a general notice to the Board by a Director to the effect that (a) he is a member of a specified company or firm and is to be regarded as interested in any contract or arrangement which may after the date of the notice be made with that company or firm or (b) he is to be regarded as interested in any contract or arrangement which may after the date of the notice be made with a specified person who is connected with him, shall be deemed to be a sufficient declaration of interest in relation to any such contract or arrangement; provided that no such notice shall be effective unless either it is given at a meeting of the Board or the

Director takes reasonable steps to secure that it is brought up and read at the next Board meeting after it is given.

(H) Save as otherwise provided by the Articles, a Director shall not vote (nor be counted in the quorum) on any resolution of the Board in respect of any contract or arrangement or proposal in which he or any of his associates is, to the knowledge of such Director, materially interested, but this prohibition shall not apply to any of the following matters namely:—

- (i) any contract or arrangement or proposal for giving to such Director or his associate(s) any security or indemnity in respect of money lent by him or any of them or obligations incurred or undertaken by him or any of them at the request of or for the benefit of the Company or any of its subsidiaries;
- (ii) any contract or arrangement or proposal for the giving by the Company of any security or indemnity to a third party in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiaries for which the Director or his associate(s) has himself/themselves assumed responsibility in whole or in part and whether alone or jointly under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;
- (iii) any contract or arrangement by a Director or his associate(s) to subscribe for shares or debentures or other securities of the Company to be issued pursuant to any offer or invitation to the members or debenture holders or to the public which does not provide the Director or his associate(s) any privilege not accorded to any other members or debenture holders or to the public;
- (iv) any contract or arrangement concerning an offer of shares or debentures or other securities of or by the Company or any other company which the Company may promote or be interested in for subscription or purchase, where the Director or his associate(s) is/are or is/are to be interested as a participant in the underwriting or sub-underwriting of the offer;
- (v) any contract or arrangement or proposal in which the Director or his associate(s) is/are interested in the same manner as other holders of such shares or debentures or other securities of the Company by virtue only of his/their interest in shares or debentures or other securities of the Company;
- (vi) any contract or arrangement or proposal concerning any other company in which the Director or his associate(s) is/are interested only, whether directly or indirectly, as an officer or executive or shareholder or in which the Director or his associate(s) is/are beneficially interested in shares of that company, provided that the Director and any of his associate(s) are not in aggregate beneficially interested in 5 per cent. or more of the issued shares of any class of such company (or of any third company through which his interest or that of his associate(s) is derived) or of the voting rights;
- (vii) any proposal or arrangement concerning the adoption, modification or operation of any employees' share scheme or any share incentive scheme or share option scheme under which the Director or his associate(s) may benefit;
- (viii) any proposal or arrangement concerning the adoption, modification or operation of a pension fund or retirement, death or disability benefits scheme which relates both to Directors, his associate(s) and employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries and does not provide in respect of any Director or his associate(s) as such any privilege or advantage not generally accorded to the class of persons to which such scheme or fund relates.

(I) A company shall be deemed to be a company in which a Director and/or his associate(s) own 5 per cent. or more if and so long as (but only if so long as) he and/or his associate(s) is/are (either

directly or indirectly) the holder(s) of or beneficially interested in 5 per cent. or more of any class of the equity share capital of such company (or of any third company through which his interest or that of his associate(s) is derived) or of the voting rights available to members of such company. For the purpose of this paragraph there shall be disregarded any shares held by a Director or his associate(s) as bare or custodian trustee and in which he or any of them has no beneficial interest, any shares comprised in a trust in which the Director's or his associates' interest is in reversion or remainder if and so long as some other person is entitled to receive the income thereof, and any shares comprised in an authorised unit trust scheme in which the Director or his associate(s) is/are interested only as a unit holder.

(J) Where a company in which a Director and/or his associate(s) hold 5 per cent. or more is materially interested in a transaction, then that Director and/or his associate(s) shall also be deemed materially interested in such transaction.

(K) If any question shall arise at any meeting of the Board as to the materiality of the interest of a Director and/or his associate(s) (other than the chairman of the meeting) or as to the entitlement of any Director (other than such chairman) to vote or be counted in the quorum and such question is not resolved by his voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting or not to be counted in the quorum, such question shall be referred to the chairman of the meeting and his ruling in relation to such other Director shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of the Director and/or his associate(s) concerned as known to such Director has not been fairly disclosed to the Board. If any question as aforesaid shall arise in respect of the chairman of the meeting such question shall be decided by a resolution of the Board (for which purpose such chairman and other interested directors shall not be counted in the quorum nor shall they vote thereon) and such resolution shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of such chairman as known to such chairman has not been fairly disclosed to the Board.

## **POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD**

86. The business of the Company shall be managed by the Board, which may pay all expenses incurred in forming and registering the Company and may exercise all powers of the Company (whether relating to the management of the business of the Company or otherwise) which are not by the Ordinance or by these Articles required to be exercised by the Company in general meeting, subject nevertheless to the provisions of the Ordinance and of these Articles and to such regulations, being not inconsistent with such provisions, as may be prescribed by the Company in general meeting, but no regulations made by the Company in general meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Board which would have been valid if such regulations had not been made. The general powers given by this Article shall not be limited or restricted by any special authority or power given to the Board by any other Article.

87. The Board may establish any boards or agencies for managing any of the affairs of the Company, either in Hong Kong or elsewhere, and may appoint any persons to be members of such boards, may appoint any managers or agents (and in particular, but without limitation, may appoint any company, firm or person to be the Company's investment manager), and may in each case fix their remuneration. The Board may delegate to any such board, manager or agent any of the powers, authorities and discretions vested in or exercisable by the Board, with power to sub-delegate and may authorise the members of any such board or any of them to fill any vacancies therein and to act notwithstanding vacancies. Any such appointment or delegation may be made upon such terms and subject to such conditions as the Board may think fit, and the Board may remove any person appointed as aforesaid, and may revoke or vary such delegation, but no person dealing in good faith and without notice of any such revocation or variation shall be affected thereby.

88. The Board may by power of attorney appoint any company, firm or person or any fluctuating body of persons, whether nominated directly or indirectly by the Board, to be the attorney or attorneys of the Company for such purposes and with such powers, authorities and discretions (not exceeding those vested in or exercisable by the Board under these Articles) and for such period and subject to such

conditions as it may think fit, and any such power of attorney may contain such provisions for the protection and convenience of persons dealing with any such attorney as the Board may think fit, and may also authorise any such attorney to sub-delegate all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions vested in him.

89. The Board may entrust to and confer upon any Director any of the powers exercisable by it upon such terms and conditions and with such restrictions as it thinks fit, and either collaterally with, or to the exclusion of, its own powers, and may from time to time revoke or vary all or any of such powers but no person dealing in good faith and without notice of such revocation or variation shall be affected thereby.

90. The Company may exercise all the powers conferred by the Ordinance with regard to having official seals, and such powers shall be vested in the Board.

91. Subject to the provisions of the Ordinance, the Company may keep an overseas or local or other register in any place, and the Board may make and vary such regulations as it may think fit respecting the keeping of any such register.

92. All cheques, promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange and other instruments, whether negotiable or transferable or not, and all receipts for moneys paid to the Company shall be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed, as the case may be, in such manner as the Board shall from time to time by resolution determine.

93. The Board shall cause minutes or records to be made in books provided for the purpose:—

- (a) of all appointment of officers made by the Board;
- (b) of the names of the Directors present at each meeting of the Board or committee of the Board; and
- (c) of all resolutions and proceedings at all meetings of the Company and of the holders of any class of shares in the Company and of the Board and of any committee of the Board.

94. The Board on behalf of the Company may exercise all the powers of the Company to grant pensions, annuities or other allowances and benefits in favour of any person including any Director or former Director or the relations, connections or dependants of any Director or former Director provided that no pension, annuity or other allowance or benefit (except such as may be provided for by any other Article) shall be granted to a Director or former Director who has not been an Executive Director or held any other office or place of profit under the Company or any of its subsidiaries or to a person who has no claim on the Company except as a relation, connection or dependant of a Director or former Director without the approval of an ordinary resolution of the Company. A Director or former Director shall not be accountable to the Company or the Members for any benefit of any kind conferred under or pursuant to this Article and the receipt of any such benefit shall not disqualify any person from being or becoming a Director of the Company.

### **PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD**

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

96. Notice of a Board meeting shall be deemed to be duly given to a Director if it is given to him personally or by word of mouth or sent in writing to him at his last known address or any other address given by him to the Company for this purpose. A Director absent or intending to be absent from Hong Kong may request the Board that notices of Board meetings shall during his absence be sent in writing to him at his last known address or any other address given by him to the Company for this purpose, but such

notices need not be given any earlier than notices given to Directors not so absent and in the absence of any such request it shall not be necessary to give notice of a Board meeting to any Director who is for the time being absent from Hong Kong. A Director may waive notice of any meeting either prospectively or retrospectively.

97. (1) The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Board may be fixed by the Board and, unless so fixed at any other number, shall be two. Any Director who ceases to be a Director at a Board meeting may continue to be present and to act as a Director and be counted in the quorum until the termination of the Board meeting if no other Director objects and if otherwise a quorum of Directors would not be present.

(2) Any Director may participate in any meeting of the Board by means of a conference telephone, electronic or other communications equipment through which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously and, for the purpose of counting a quorum, such participation shall constitute presence at a meeting as if those participating were present in person.

98. The continuing Directors or a sole continuing Director may act notwithstanding any vacancy in the Board but, if and so long as the number of Directors is reduced below the minimum number fixed by or in accordance with these Articles, the continuing Directors or Director, notwithstanding that the number of Directors is below the number fixed by or in accordance with these Articles as the quorum or that there is only one continuing Director, may act for the purpose of filling vacancies in the Board or of summoning general meetings of the Company but not for any other purpose.

99. The Board may elect a Chairman and one or more Deputy Chairman of its meetings and determine the period for which they are respectively to hold such office. If no such Chairman or Deputy Chairman is elected, or if at any meeting neither the Chairman nor the Deputy Chairman is present within five minutes after the time appointed for holding the same, the Directors present may choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.

100. A meeting of the Board at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all the powers, authorities and discretions for the time being vested in or exercisable by the Board.

101. The Board may delegate any of its powers authorities and discretions to any committee, consisting of such Directors of the Company and such other persons as it thinks fit, provided that the majority of the members of any such committee are Directors of the Company and that no meeting of any such committee shall be quorate for the purpose of exercising any of such powers authorities or discretions unless a majority of those present are Directors of the Company. Any committee so formed shall, in the exercise of the powers, authorities and discretions so delegated, conform to any regulations which may be imposed on it by the Board.

102. The meetings and proceedings of any committee consisting of two or more members shall be governed by the provisions contained in these Articles for regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Board so far as the same are applicable and are not superseded by any regulations imposed by the Board under the last preceding Article.

103. A resolution in writing signed by all the Directors for the time being entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the Board (provided that number is sufficient to constitute a quorum) or by all the members of a committee for the time being shall be as valid and effectual as a resolution passed at a meeting of the Board or, as the case may be, of such committee duly called and constituted. Such resolution may be contained in one document or in several documents in like form each signed by one or more of the Directors or members of the Committee concerned.

104. All acts done by the Board or by any committee or by any person acting as a Director or member of a committee, shall, notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect

in the appointment of any member of the Board or such committee or person acting as aforesaid or that they or any of them were disqualified or had vacated office, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified and had continued to be a Director or member of such committee.

### **SECRETARY**

105. The Secretary shall be appointed by the Board for such term, at such remuneration and upon such conditions as it may think fit; and any Secretary so appointed may be removed by the Board.

106. A provision of the Ordinance or these Articles requiring or authorising a thing to be done by or to a Director and the Secretary shall not be satisfied by its being done by or to the same person acting both as Director and as, or in place of, the Secretary.

### **SEALS**

107. (A) The Directors shall provide for the safe custody of the Seal. The Seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of a resolution of the Board and (except as hereinafter provided) two Directors or one Director and the Secretary or such other person or persons as the Board may from time to time by resolution appoint for the purpose shall sign every instrument to which the Seal is so fixed.

(B) Every certificate of shares, stock, debentures or debenture stock of the Company shall be issued under the Seal or a Securities Seal provided that, with the authority of a resolution of the Board, any such certificate may be issued under the Seal or a Securities Seal but without such signatures or with such signatures made or fixed by means of some mechanical method or system.

(C) The Company may exercise the powers conferred by the Ordinance with regard to having an official seal for use abroad, and such powers shall be vested in the Directors.

### **DIVIDENDS**

108. Subject to the Ordinance and as hereinafter set out, the Company in general meeting may from time to time declare dividends to be paid to the shareholders according to their rights in the profits available for distribution, but no dividend shall be declared in excess of the amount recommended by the Board. Surpluses arising from the revaluation of investments shall not be available for dividend.

109. Except in so far as the rights attaching to, or the terms of issue of, any share otherwise provide:—

- (a) all dividends shall be declared and paid according to the amount paid up on the shares in respect of which the dividend is paid, but no amount paid up on a share in advance of calls shall be treated for this purpose as paid-up on the share; and
- (b) All dividends shall be apportioned and paid pro rata according to the amounts paid up on the shares during any portion or portions of the period in respect of which the dividends are paid.

110. The Board may from time to time pay to the shareholders such interim dividends as appear to the Board to be justified by the position of the Company; the Board may also pay any fixed dividend which is payable on any shares of the Company half-yearly or on any other dates, whenever such position, in the opinion of the Board, justifies such payment. If the share capital is divided into different classes, the Board may pay interim dividends on shares which confer deferred or non-preferred rights with regard to dividend as well as on shares which confer preferential rights with regard to dividend, but no interim dividend shall be paid on shares carrying deferred or non-preferred rights if, at the time of payment, any preferential dividend is in arrear. Provided the Directors act in good faith, they shall not incur any liability to the holders of shares conferring preferred rights for any loss they may suffer by the lawful payment of an interim dividend on any shares having deferred or non-preferred rights.

111. The Board may deduct from any dividend or other moneys payable to a Member by the Company on or in respect of any shares all sums of money (if any) presently payable by him to the Company on account of calls or otherwise in respect of shares of the Company.

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

113. (A) In respect of any dividend proposed to be paid or declared by the Board or by the Company in general meeting, the Board may propose and announce prior to or contemporaneously with the payment or declaration of such dividend:–

- (i) that such dividend be satisfied wholly or in part in the form of an allotment of shares credited as fully paid up provided that Members entitled thereto will be entitled to elect to receive such dividend (or part thereof) in cash in lieu of such allotment. In such case, the following provisions shall apply:–
  - (a) the basis of any such allotment shall be determined by the Board;
  - (b) the Board, after determining the basis of allotment, shall give not less than two weeks' notice in writing to the holders of the shares of the right of election accorded to them and shall send with such notice forms of election and specify the procedure to be followed and the place at which and the latest date and time by which duly completed forms of election must be lodged in order to be effective;
  - (c) the right of election may be exercised in respect of the whole or part of that portion of the dividend in respect of which the right of election has been accorded;
  - (d) the dividend (or that part of the dividend to be satisfied by the allotment of shares as aforesaid) shall not be payable in cash on shares in respect whereof the cash election has been duly exercised (“the non-elected shares”) and in lieu and in satisfaction thereof shares shall be allotted credited as fully paid up to the holders of the non-elected shares on the basis of allotment determined as aforesaid and for such purpose the Board shall capitalise and apply out of any part of any of the Company’s reserve accounts (including any share premium account or capital redemption reserve fund) or profit and loss account or amounts otherwise available for distribution as the Board may determine such sum as may be required to pay up in full the appropriate number of shares for allotment and distribution to and amongst the holders of the non-elected shares on such basis; or
- (ii) that Members entitled to such dividend be entitled to elect to receive an allotment of shares credited as fully paid up in lieu of the whole or such part of the dividend as the Board may think fit. In such case, the following provisions shall apply:–
  - (a) the basis of any such allotment shall be determined by the Board;
  - (b) the Board, after determining the basis of allotment, shall give not less than two weeks' notice in writing to the holders of the shares of the right of election accorded to them and shall send with such notice forms of election and specify the procedure to be followed and the place at which and the latest date and time by which duly completed forms of election must be lodged in order to be effective;
  - (c) the right of election may be exercised in respect of the whole or part of that portion of the dividend in respect of which the right of election has been accorded;
  - (d) the dividend (or that part of the dividend in respect of which a right of election has been accorded) shall not be payable or shares in respect whereof the share election

has been duly exercised (“the elected shares”) and in lieu and in satisfaction thereof shares shall be allotted credited as fully paid up to the holders of the elected shares on the basis of allotment determined as aforesaid and for such purpose the Board shall capitalise and apply out of any part of any of the Company’s reserve accounts (including share premium account and capital redemption reserve fund) or profit and loss account or amounts otherwise available for distribution as the Board may determine such sum as may be required to pay up in full the appropriate number of shares for allotment and distribution to and amongst the holders of the elected shares on such basis.

(B) The shares allotted pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (A) of this Article shall rank *pari passu* in all respects with the shares then in issue save only as regards participations:–

- (i) in the relevant dividend (or the right to receive or to elect to receive an allotment of shares in lieu thereof as aforesaid); or
- (ii) in any other distribution, bonus or rights paid, made, declared or announced prior to or contemporaneously with the payment or declaration of the relevant dividend unless, contemporaneously with the announcement by the Board of its proposal to apply the provisions of subparagraph (i) or (ii) of paragraph (A) of this Article in relation to the relevant dividend or contemporaneously with its announcement of the distribution, bonus or rights in question, the Board shall specify that the shares to be allotted pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (A) of this Article shall rank for participation in such distribution, bonus or rights.

(C) The Board may do all acts and things considered necessary or expedient to give effect to any capitalisation pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (A) of the Article with full power to the Board to make such provisions as it thinks fit in the case of shares becoming distributable in fractions (including provisions whereby, in whole or in part, fractional entitlements are aggregated and sold and the net proceeds distributed to those entitled or are disregarded or rounded up or down, or whereby the benefit of fractional entitlements accrues to the Company rather than to the Members concerned). The Board may authorise any person to enter into, on behalf of all Members interested, an agreement with the Company providing for such capitalisation and matters incidental thereto and any agreement made pursuant to such authority shall be effective and binding on all concerned.

114. Any dividend, interest or other sum payable in cash to the holder of shares may be paid by cheque or warrant sent through the post addressed to the holder at his registered address or, in the case of joint holders, addressed to the holder whose name stands first in the Register in respect of the shares at his address as appearing in the Register or addressed to such person and at such address as the holder or joint holders may in writing direct. Every such cheque or warrant shall, unless the holder or joint holders otherwise direct, be made payable to the order of the holder or, in the case of joint holders, to the order of the holder whose name stands first on the Register in respect of such shares, and shall be sent at his or their risk and payment of the cheque or warrant by the bank on which it is drawn shall constitute a good discharge to the Company. Any one of two or more joint holders may give effectual receipts for any dividends or other moneys payable or property distributable in respect of the shares held by such joint holders.

### **UNCLAIMED DIVIDENDS**

115. (A) The Company shall be entitled to cease sending dividend warrants by post to any Member if the dividend warrants to such Member have been left uncashed on two consecutive occasions or if such a dividend warrant is returned undelivered.

(B) The Company shall be entitled to forfeit unclaimed dividends of any Member six years after the date of declaration of the dividend.

116. Any general meeting declaring a dividend may by ordinary resolution, upon the recommendation of the Board, direct payment or satisfaction of such dividend wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets, and in particular of paid up shares or debentures of any other company, and the Board shall give effect to such direction, and where any difficulty, arises in regard to such distribution the Board may settle it as it thinks expedient, and in particular may issue fractional certificates or authorise any person to sell and transfer any fractions or may ignore fractions altogether, and may fix the value for distribution purposes of any such specific assets and may determine that cash payments shall be made to any Members upon the footing of the value so fixed in order to secure equality of distribution and may vest any such specific assets in trustees as may seem expedient to the Board.

### **RESERVES**

117. The Board may, before recommending any dividend, set aside out of the profits of the Company such sums as it thinks proper as reserves which shall, at the discretion of the Board, be applicable for any purpose for which the profits of the Company may be properly applied and pending such application may, also at such discretion, either be employed in the business of the Company or be invested in such investments as the Board may from time to time think fit. The Board may also without placing the same to reserve carry forward any profit which it may think prudent not to distribute.

### **CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS**

118. The Company may, upon the recommendation of the Board, at any time and from time to time pass an ordinary resolution to the effect that it is desirable to capitalise all or any part of any amount for the time being standing to the credit of any reserve or fund (including the profit and loss account) whether or not the same is available for distribution and accordingly that such amount be set free for distribution among the Members or any class of Members who would be entitled thereto if it were distributed by way of dividend and in the same proportions, on the footing that the same is not paid in cash but is applied either in or towards paying up the amounts for the time being unpaid on any shares in the Company held by such Members respectively or in payment up in full of unissued shares, debentures or other obligations of the Company, to be allotted and distributed credited as fully paid up among such Members, or partly in one way and partly in the other, and the Board shall give effect to such resolution provided that, for the purposes of this Article, a share premium account and a capital redemption reserve, and any reserve or fund representing unrealised profits, may be applied only in paying up in full unissued shares of the Company to be allotted to such Members credited as fully paid.

119. Where any difficulty arises in regard to any distribution under the last preceding Article the Board may settle the same as it thinks expedient and in particular may issue fractional certificates or authorise any person to sell and transfer any fractions or may resolve that the distribution should be as nearly as may be practicable in the correct proportion but not exactly so or may ignore fractions altogether, and may determine that cash payments shall be made to any Members in order to adjust the rights of all parties, as may seem expedient to the Board. The Board may appoint any person to sign on behalf of persons entitled to participate in the distribution any contract necessary or desirable for giving effect thereto and such appointment shall be effective and binding upon the Members.

### **RECORD DATES**

120. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles the Company or the Board may fix any date as the record date for any dividend, distribution, allotment or issue and such record date may be on or at any time before or after any date on which such dividend, distribution, allotment or issue is declared, paid or made.

### **ACCOUNTING RECORDS**

121. The Board shall cause to be kept accounting records sufficient to give a true and fair view of

the state of the Company's affairs and to show and explain its transactions, in accordance with the Ordinance.

122. The accounting records shall be kept at the Office or, subject to the Ordinance, at such other place or places as the Board may think fit and shall always be open to inspection by the officers of the Company. No Member (other than an officer of the Company) shall have any right of inspecting any accounting record or book or document of the Company except as conferred by law or authorised by the Board.

123. (a) The Board shall from time to time in accordance with the Ordinance caused to be prepared and laid before the Company at its annual general meeting the relevant financial information;

(b) Subject to Article 123(c), the Company shall in accordance with the statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations, deliver or send to every member of, and every holder of debentures of, the Company and to every other person who is entitled to receive notices of general meetings of the Company under the provisions of the statutes or of these Articles a copy of the relevant financial documents of the Company or a copy of the summary financial report in place of a copy of the relevant financial documents from which the report is derived, not less than twenty-one days before the date of the general meeting of the Company concerned (or such other time as is permitted under the statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations) Provided that this Article shall not require a copy of these documents to be sent to more than one of the joint holders of any shares or debentures or to any member of, or any holder of debentures, who is not entitled to receive notices of general meetings of the Company and of whose address the Company is unaware, but any member or holder of debentures of the Company to whom a copy of these documents has not been sent, shall be entitled to receive a copy of these documents free of charge on application at the Office;

(c) Where any entitled person has, in accordance with the statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations, agreed to his having access to the relevant financial documents and/or the summary financial report of the Company on the Company's computer network as mentioned in Article 127(e) or, to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with the statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations, in any other manner (including any other form of electronic communication) instead of being sent the documents or report, as the case may be (an "assenting person"), the publication or making available by the Company, in accordance with the statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations, on the Company's computer network referred to above of the relevant financial documents and/or the summary financial report throughout the period beginning not less than twenty-one days before the date of the general meeting of the Company concerned and ending on such date in accordance with the statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations (or such other period or time as is permitted under the statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations) or in such other manner, shall be treated as having sent a copy of the relevant financial documents or a copy of the summary financial report to an assenting person in satisfaction of the Company's obligations under Article 123(b).

## **AUDIT**

124. Auditors shall be appointed and their duties regulated in accordance with the Ordinance.

## **NOTICES**

125. Every member, holder or debentures of the Company and any other person who is entitled to receive notices of general meetings of the Company under the provisions of the statutes or of these Articles, shall register with the Company an address either in Hong Kong or elsewhere to which notices can be sent and if any member shall fail so to do, notice may be given to such member by sending the same in any of the manners hereafter mentioned to his last known place of business or residence, or if there be none, by posting the same for one day at the Office or by posting the same on the website of the Company or any other electronic means.

126. All notices required to be given to the members shall, with respect to any share to which persons are jointly entitled, be given to whichever of such persons is named first in the Register of Members in respect of the joint holding and notice so given shall be sufficient notice to all the joint holders.

127. Any notice or document (including any “corporate communications” as defined in the Rules of Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and any amendments thereto for the time being in force), whether or not to be given or issued under the statutes, other applicable laws, rules and regulations or these Articles from the Company, may be served or delivered by the Company upon any member of, and any holder of debentures of, the Company and to any other person who is entitled to receive notices of general meeting of the Company under the provisions of the statutes and of these Articles:

- (a) personally;
- (b) by sending it through the post in a prepaid envelope or wrapper addressed to such person at his registered place of address;
- (c) by advertisement in English in at least one English language newspaper and in Chinese in at least one Chinese language newspaper being in each case a newspaper published daily and circulating generally in Hong Kong and specified or permitted for this purpose by the statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations, and for such period as the Directors shall think fit to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with the statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations;
- (d) by sending or transmitting it as an electronic communication to such person at any telex or facsimile, number or electronic number or electronic address or computer network or website supplied by him to the Company for the giving of notice or document from the Company to him to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with the statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations;
- (e) by publishing it on the Company’s computer network and giving to such person a notice in accordance with the statutes, other applicable laws, rules and regulations stating that the notice or other document is available there (“notice of publication”) to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with the statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations. The notice of publication may be given to such person by any of the means set out in Articles 127(a) to 129(d) or 129(f); or
- (f) by sending or otherwise making available to such person through such means to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Subject to the statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations, any notice or other document (including corporate communications abovementioned) may be given by the Company in the English language only, in the Chinese language only or in both. Where a person has in accordance with the statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations consented to receive notices and other documents (including corporate communications abovementioned) from the Company in the English language only or the Chinese language only but not both, it shall be sufficient for the Company to serve on or deliver to him any such notice or document in such language only in accordance with these Articles unless and until there is a notice of revocation or amendment of such consent given or deemed to have been given by such person to the Company in accordance with the statutes and other applicable laws, rules and regulations which shall have effect in respect of any notice or document to be served on or delivered to such person subsequent to the giving of such notice of revocation or amendment.

128. Any notice or document (including any corporate communications referred to in Article 127) given or issued by or on behalf of the Company:—

- (a) if served or delivered in person, shall be deemed to have been served or delivered at the time of personal service or delivery, and in proving such service or delivery, a certificate in writing signed by the Secretary (or other officer of the Company or such other person appointed by the Directors) that the notice or document was so served or delivered shall be conclusive evidence thereof;
- (b) if served or delivered by post, shall be deemed to have been served or delivered on the day following that on which the envelope or wrapper containing the same is posted, and in proving such service or delivery, it shall be sufficient to prove that the envelope or wrapper containing the notice or document was properly prepaid, addressed and put into the post. A certificate in writing signed by the Secretary (or such other officer of the Company or such other person appointed by the Directors) that the envelope or wrapper containing the notice or document was so prepaid, addressed and put into the post shall be conclusive evidence thereof;
- (c) if sent or transmitted as an electronic communication in accordance with Article 127(d) or through such means in accordance with Article 127(f), shall be deemed to have been served or delivered at the time of the relevant despatch or transmission. A notice or document published in the Company's computer network in accordance with Article 127(e), shall be deemed to have been served or delivered on the day following that on which a notice of publication is sent to the entitled person. In proving service pursuant to this Article, a certificate in writing signed by the Secretary (or such other officer of the Company or such other person appointed by the Directors) as to the fact and time of such service, delivery, despatch, transmission or publication shall be conclusive evidence provided that no notification that the electronic communication has not reached its recipient has been received by the sender, except that any failure in transmission beyond the sender's control shall not invalidate the effectiveness or the notice or document being served; and
- (d) if served by advertisement in newspaper in accordance with Article 127(c), shall be deemed to have been served on the day on which such notice or document is first published.

129. Any notice or document delivered or sent by post to, or left at, the registered address of any member shall, if such member be then deceased, and whether or not the Company has notice of his death, be deemed to have been duly served on his legal personal representative.

130. Every person who, by operation of law, transfer, transmission, or other means whatsoever, shall become entitled to any share, shall be bound by every notice in respect of such share, which, previously to his name and address being entered in the Register of Members as the registered holder of such share, shall have been duly given to the person from whom he derives the title to such share.

### **DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS**

131. The Company may destroy:—

- (a) any share certificate which has been cancelled at any time after the expiry of one year from the date of such cancellation;
- (b) any dividend mandate or any variation or cancellation thereof or any notification of change of name or address at any time after the expiry of two years from the date such mandate variation cancellation or notification was recorded by the Company;
- (c) any instrument of transfer of shares which has been registered at any time after the expiry of six years from the date of registration; and

- (d) any other document on the basis of which any entry in the Register is made at any time after the expiry of six years from the date on entry in the Register was first made in respect of it;

and it shall conclusively be presumed in favour of the Company that every share certificate so destroyed was a valid certificate duly and properly cancelled and that every instrument of transfer as destroyed was a valid and effective instrument duly and properly registered and that every other document destroyed hereunder was a valid and effective document in accordance with the recorded particulars thereof in the books or records of the Company. Provided always that:—

- (i) the foregoing provisions of this Article shall apply only to the destruction of a document in good faith and without express notice to the Company that the preservation of such document was relevant to a claim;
- (ii) nothing contained in this Article shall be construed as imposing upon the Company any liability in respect of the destruction of any such document earlier than as aforesaid or in any case where the conditions of proviso (i) above are not fulfilled; and
- (iii) references in this Article to the destruction of any document include references to its disposal in any manner.

### **WINDING UP**

132. If the Company shall be wound up, the liquidator may, with the sanction of a special resolution of the Company and any other sanction required by the Ordinance, divide amongst the Members in specie or kind the whole or any part of the assets of the Company (whether they shall consist of property of the same kind or not) and may, for such purpose, set such values as he deems fair upon any property to be divided as aforesaid and may determine how such division shall be carried out as between the Members or different classes of Members. The liquidator may, with the like sanction, vest the whole or any part of such assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of the contributories as the liquidator, with the like sanction, shall think fit, but so that no Member shall be compelled to accept any shares or other assets upon which there is a liability.

### **INDEMNITY**

133. Every Director, Executive Director, manager, secretary, officer and auditor of the Company shall be indemnified out of the funds of the Company against all liabilities incurred by him in relation to the Company in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in his favour, or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application under Section 358 of the Ordinance in which relief from liability is granted to him by the court (as defined in the Ordinance).

134. The Company shall have power to purchase and maintain for any Director, Executive Director, manager, secretary, officer of the Company, or any person employed by the Company as auditor –

- (i) insurance against any liability to the Company, a related company or any other party in respect of any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust (save for fraud) of which he may be guilty in relation to the Company or a related company; and
- (ii) insurance against any liability incurred by him in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, taken against him for any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust (including fraud) of which he may be guilty in relation to the Company or a related company.

For the purpose of this Article, related company means any company which is the Company's subsidiary or holding company or a subsidiary of the Company's holding company.

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