

China National Building Material Company Limited

中國建材股份有限公司

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

(Stock Code: 3323)

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CHAPTER 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1.1 China National Building Material Company Limited* (the "Company") is a joint stock limited company incorporated pursuant to the Company Law of the People's Republic of China (the "Company Law"), the Special Regulations of the State Council on the Overseas Offer and Listing of Shares by Joint Stock Limited Companies (the "Special Regulations") and other relevant laws and administrative regulations.

With the approval of the State Asset Administration Commission of the State Council ("SAAC") as shown in its document No. [2005] 282, the Company was established on 10 March 2005 by means of promotership and obtained the business licence of the Company following registration with the State Administration for Industry & Commerce ("SAIC") on 28 March 2005 with the Business Licence number of 100000000003498.

Promoters of the Company: China National Building Material Group Corporation, Beijing New Building Material (Group) Company Limited, China National Building Material Import and Export Company, China Cinda Asset Management Co., Ltd. and China Building Materials Academy.

Article 1.2 Registered Name of the Company

In Chinese: 中國建材股份有限公司

In English: China National Building Material Company Limited*

Article 1.3 The Company's legal residence: No. A-11, Sanlihe Road, Haidian District, Beijing

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Article 1.4 The Company's legal representative is the Chairman of the Board.

Article 1.5 The Company is a joint stock limited company with unlimited term of operation.

Article 1.6 Upon adoption by special resolution at the general meeting of the Company and approval by the relevant authorities of the PRC, the Articles of Association shall take effect as from the date of registration with the industry and commerce administration authorities, and shall completely replace the articles of association formerly registered with such industry and commerce administration authorities.

From the date of the Articles of Association becoming effective, the Articles of Association constitute a legally binding document regulating the Company's organization and behavior, and the rights and obligations between the Company and its shareholders and between and among the Company's shareholders.

Article 1.7 These Articles of Association shall be binding on the Company and its shareholders, Directors, supervisors, general managers and other senior management members, who shall have the right to make any claims and propositions regarding the Company's affairs in accordance with the Articles of Association.

The shareholders of the Company may pursue actions against the Company and the Company may pursue actions against its shareholders, both being on the basis of these Articles of Association. The shareholders of the Company may pursue actions against the Directors, supervisors, general manager and other senior management members of the Company.

The actions aforementioned include the institution of legal proceedings with a court proceedings or application to an arbitration institution for arbitration.

Article 1.8 The Company may invest in other limited liability companies and joint stock limited companies, and shall be liable for the invested companies to the extent of the amount of its capital contribution.

Subject to the approval from the company's approving department authorized by the State Council, the Company may operate as a holding company as prescribed in paragraph 2 of Article 12 of the Company Law according to its operational and management needs.

CHAPTER 2 OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF BUSINESS

Article 2.1 The business objectives of the Company are: committed to adopting new technologies to provide high-quality building material products and building material project contracting services for industries such as building materials industry, construction industry and real estate industry both at home and abroad. While seeking sustainable growth, the Company adheres to the philosophy of dual focus on both economic and social benefits, cherish the environment, well utilized resources, and ensure the health of its employees and provide them with abundant development opportunities.

Article 2.2 The business scope of the Company shall be as approved by the company registration authorities.

The business scope of the Company is: the manufacturing of new style building materials and related products, the technology research and development and manufacturing and sale of new style housing, cement and related products, glass fiber and related products, and composite material and related products; storage, delivery and distribution of building material; technology research and development, project design and project contracting of cement and glass production lines; project design and project contracting of new style building materials; and technology consultation and provision of information services relating to the aforesaid businesses; contracting of overseas building materials, project contracting, survey, consultation, design and supervision for construction and light textile industries; export of the equipment and materials required by the above overseas projects; as well as dispatching labourers required by such overseas projects.

CHAPTER 3 SHARES AND REGISTERED CAPITAL

- Article 3.1 The Company shall have ordinary shares at any and all times. Subject to the approval from the companies approving department authorized by the State Council, the Company may issue other classes of shares when needed.
- Article 3.2 All shares issued by the Company shall have a nominal value, with each share having a nominal value of RMB1 yuan.
- Article 3.3 Subject to the approval of the securities regulatory authority of the State Council, the Company may issue shares to domestic and foreign investors.

The foreign investors referred to in the preceding paragraph mean those investors from foreign countries, the regions of Hong Kong, Macau or Taiwan who subscribe for shares issued by the Company. Domestic investors mean those investors within the territory of the PRC other than those from the regions referred to in the preceding sentence who subscribe for shares issued by the Company.

Article 3.4 Shares issued by the Company to domestic investors for subscription in Renminbi are called domestic shares. Shares issued by the Company to foreign investors for subscription in a foreign currency are called foreign shares. Foreign shares listed outside overseas are called overseas listed foreign shares.

Both the holders of domestic shares and overseas listed foreign shares are the shareholders of ordinary shares, and have the same rights and obligations.

Upon the approval of the State Council or the securities regulatory authority authorized by the State Council, and in accordance with relevant regulations of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, domestic shares of the Company may be converted to overseas listed foreign shares.

Article 3.5 As approved by the companies approving department authorized by the State Council, the number of ordinary shares issued by the Company prior to the initial public offering of H shares totalled 1,387,760,000 shares, all of which were subscribed by the promoters, including:

368,280,000 shares subscribed by China National Building Material Group Corporation through contribution of net assets, representing 26.54% of the total issuable ordinary shares upon establishment of the Company;

820,290,000 shares subscribed by Beijing New Building Material (Group) Company Limited through contribution of net assets, representing 59.11% of the total issuable ordinary shares upon establishment of the Company;

125,740,000 shares subscribed by China National Building Material Import and Export Company through contribution of net assets, representing 9.06% of the total issuable ordinary shares upon establishment of the Company;

72,800,000 shares subscribed by China Cinda Asset Management Co., Ltd. through contribution of net assets, representing 5.24% of the total issuable ordinary shares upon establishment of the Company; and

650,000 shares subscribed by China Building Materials Academy through capital contribution in cash, representing 0.05% of the total issuable ordinary shares upon establishment of the Company.

Article 3.6 As approved by the securities regulatory authority of the State Council, the Company issued additional 1,311,753,131 H shares upon its establishment, during which the holders of State-owned shares downsize their holdings in the Company by 127,832,817 shares, and such shares were subsequently converted into H shares.

Upon completion of the aforesaid issue of H shares, the Company's share capital structure was as follows: 2,699,513,131 ordinary shares, of which 333,481,261 shares were held by China National Building Material Group Corporation, a promoter of the Company, representing 12.35% of the Company's total ordinary shares in issue; 742,783,478 shares were held by Beijing New Building Material Group Company Limited, a promoter of the Company, representing 27.52% of the Company's total ordinary shares in issue; 113,859,765 shares were held by China National Building Material Import and Export Company, a promoter of the Company, representing 4.22% of the Company's total ordinary shares in issue; 69,216,154 shares were held by China Cinda Asset Management Co., Ltd., a promoter of the Company, representing 2.56% of the Company's total ordinary shares in issue; 586,525 shares were held by China Building Materials Academy, a promoter of the Company, representing 0.02% of the Company's total ordinary shares in issue; and 1,439,585,948 shares were held by holders of H shares, representing 53.33% of the Company's total ordinary shares in issue.

Upon distribution of bonus shares to the existing shareholders, the Company's share capital structure was as follows: 5,399,026,262 ordinary shares, of which 666,962,522 shares were held by China National Building Material Group Corporation, a promoter of the Company, representing 12.35% of the Company's total ordinary shares in issue; 1,485,566,956 shares were held by Beijing New Building Material Group Company Limited, a promoter of the Company, representing 27.52% of the Company's total ordinary shares in issue; 227,719,530 shares were held by China National Building Material Import and Export Company, a promoter of the Company, representing 4.22% of the Company's total ordinary shares in issue; 138,432,308 shares were held by China Cinda Asset Management Co., Ltd., a promoter of the Company, representing 2.56% of the Company's total ordinary shares in issue; 1,173,050 shares were held by China Building Materials Academy, a promoter of the Company, representing 0.02% of the Company's total ordinary shares in issue; and 2,879,171,896 shares were held by holders of H shares, representing 53.33% of the Company's total ordinary shares in issue.

Article 3.7 Upon approval by the securities regulatory authority of the State Council of the proposal for issuing overseas listed foreign shares and domestic shares, the Board may make implementation arrangements of separate issues.

The Company's proposal for separate issues of overseas listed foreign shares and domestic shares pursuant to the preceding paragraph may be implemented within fifteen (15) months from the date of approval by the securities regulatory authority of the State Council.

- Article 3.8 Where the Company issues overseas listed foreign shares and domestic shares separately within the total number of shares as stated in the issuance proposal, every such issue of the offered shares shall be fully subscribed for in one time. If they cannot be fully subscribed for in one time under special circumstances, these shares may be issued in several issues subject to the approval of the securities regulatory authority of the State Council.
- **Article 3.9** The Company's registered capital is RMB5,399,026,262.
- **Article 3.10** The Company may, based on its operation and development needs and in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Articles of Association, approve an increase of its capital.

The Company may increase its capital in the following manners:

- (1) offer of new shares to unspecified investors;
- (2) rights issue of to existing shareholders;
- (3) allotment of new shares to its existing shareholders;
- (4) any other methods as permitted by laws and administrative regulations.

The Company's increase of its capital by issuing new shares shall, after having been approved in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association, be conducted in accordance with the procedures stipulated by the relevant laws and administrative regulations.

Article 3.11 Unless otherwise provided by laws and administrative regulations, fully-paid-up shares of the Company are freely transferable and without any liens attached.

CHAPTER 4 REDUCTION OF CAPITAL AND REPURCHASE OF SHARES

- **Article 4.1** In accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association, the Company may reduce its registered capital.
- Article 4.2 The Company shall prepare a balance sheet and an inventory of assets when it reduces its registered capital.

The Company shall notify its creditors within ten (10) days from the date of the Company's resolution on reduction of capital and shall publish a public announcement in the newspapers at least three times within thirty (30) days from the date of such resolution. A creditor has the right, within thirty (30) days of receiving the notice from the Company or, in the case of a creditor who does not receive the notice, within ninety (90) days from the date of the first announcement, to require the Company to repay its debt or provide a corresponding guarantee for such repayment.

The registered share capital of the Company following the reduction of its capital shall not fall below the minimum statutory amount.

- Article 4.3 The Company may, upon the passing of the procedures under the Articles of Association, and subject to the approval of the relevant governing authority of the state, repurchase its issued shares under the following circumstances:
 - (1) to cancel shares for the purpose of capital reduction;
 - (2) to merge with another company that holds shares in the Company;
 - (3) other circumstances as permitted by laws and administrative regulations.

- Article 4.4 The Company may, with the approval of the relevant governing authority of the State for repurchasing its shares, conduct the repurchase in one of the following manners:
 - (1) to make an offer to repurchase its shares to all of its shareholders on a pro rata basis;
 - (2) to repurchase its shares through public trading on a stock exchange;
 - (3) to repurchase its shares through an off-market agreement.
- Article 4.5 Where the Company repurchases its shares through an off-market agreement, it shall seek prior approval of the shareholders at the general meeting in accordance with the Articles of Association. The Company may rescind or vary a contract so entered into by the Company or waive any of its rights thereunder upon prior approval by shareholders at general meeting obtained in the same manner.

The contract to repurchase shares as referred to in the preceding paragraph includes, but not limited to, an agreement whereby obligations to repurchase are undertaken and rights to repurchase are acquired.

The Company shall not assign a contract for repurchasing its shares or any of its right thereunder.

Where the Company has the rights to repurchase the redeemable shares:

- (1) if the repurchases are not made through the market or by tender, it shall be limited to a maximum price;
- (2) if the repurchases are made by tender, the tender shall be available to all shareholders alike.

Article 4.6 Shares repurchased in accordance with the laws by the Company shall be cancelled within the period prescribed by laws and administrative regulations and the Company shall apply to the original company registration authority for registration of the change of its registered share capital.

The registered capital of the Company shall be reduced by the aggregate nominal value of the shares cancelled.

- **Article 4.7** Unless the Company is in the course of liquidation, it must comply with the following provisions in respect of repurchase of its issued shares:
 - (1) where the Company repurchases its shares at par value, payment shall be made out of book balance of the distributable profits of the Company or out of proceeds of a fresh issue of shares made for that purpose;
 - (2) where the Company repurchases its shares at a premium to their par value, payment up to the par value shall be made out of the book balance of distributable profits of the Company or out of the proceeds of a fresh issue of shares made for that purpose. Payment of the portion in excess of the par value shall be effected as follows:
 - (i) if the shares being repurchased were issued at par value, payment shall be made out of the book balance of the distributable profits of the Company;
 - (ii) if the shares being repurchased were issued at a premium to their par value, payment shall be made out of the book balance of the distributable profits of the Company or out of the proceeds of a fresh issue of shares made for that purpose, provided that the amount paid out of the proceeds of the fresh issue shall not exceed the aggregate of premiums received by the Company on the issue of the shares repurchased nor the amount standing to the credit of the Company's share premium account (or capital reserve account) at the time of such repurchase (including the premiums on the fresh issue);

- (3) payment by the Company for the following purposes shall be made out of the Company's distributable profits:
 - (i) acquisition of rights to repurchase shares of the Company;
 - (ii) variation of any contract for repurchasing shares of the Company;
 - (iii) discharge of any of the Company's obligations under any contract for repurchasing its shares.
- (4) after the Company's registered share capital has been reduced by the total par value of the cancelled shares in accordance with the relevant provisions, the amount deducted from the distributable profits of the Company for payment of the par value portion of the shares repurchased shall be accounted for in the Company's share premium account (or capital reserve account).

CHAPTER 5 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE REPURCHASE OF SHARES IN THE COMPANY

Article 5.1 The Company and its subsidiaries shall not, by any means at any time, provide any kind of financial assistance to a person who is acquiring or is proposing to acquire shares in the Company. The said acquirer of shares in the Company includes a person who directly or indirectly incurs any obligations due to the acquisition of shares in the Company.

The Company and its subsidiaries shall not, by any means at any time, provide financial assistance to the said acquirer for the purpose of reducing or discharging the obligations of that person.

This provision does not apply to the circumstances stated in Article 5.3.

- Article 5.2 The financial assistance referred to in this Chapter includes (without limitation) financial assistance provided by the following means:
 - (1) gift;
 - (2) guarantee (including the assumption of liability by the guarantor or the provision of assets by the guarantor to secure the performance of obligations by the obligor), or compensation (other than compensation in respect of the Company's own default) or release or waiver of any rights;
 - (3) provision of loan or entry into any agreement under which the obligations of the Company are to be fulfilled before the obligations of other parties, or a change in the parties to, or the assignment of rights under, such loan or agreement;
 - (4) any other form of financial assistance given by the Company when the Company is insolvent or has no net assets or when its net assets would thereby be reduced to a material extent.

The expression "Incurring an obligation" referred to in this Chapter includes the incurring of obligations by the obligor as a result of the changing of the its financial position by way of contract or the making of an arrangement (whether enforceable or not, and whether made on its own account or jointly with any other persons), or by any other means.

- **Article 5.3** The following activities shall not be deemed to be activities prohibited by Article 5.1:
 - (1) the provision of financial assistance by the Company where the financial assistance is given in good faith in the interest of the Company, and the principal purpose of giving the financial assistance is not for the acquisition of shares in the Company, or the giving of the financial assistance is an incidental part of a master plan of the Company;
 - (2) the lawful distribution of the Company's assets by way of dividend;
 - (3) the payment of any dividend by way of an allotment of shares;

- (4) a reduction of registered capital, a repurchase of shares or a reorganization of the shareholding structure of the Company effected in accordance with these Articles of Association;
- (5) the lending of money by the Company within its scope of business and in the ordinary course of its business (provided that the net assets of the Company are not thereby reduced or that, to the extent that such net assets are thereby reduced, such financial assistance is provided out of the distributable profits of the Company);
- (6) the provision of money by the Company for contributions to staff and workers' share schemes (provided that the net assets of the Company are not thereby reduced or that, to the extent that such net assets are thereby reduced, such financial assistance is provided out of the distributable profits of the Company).

CHAPTER 6 SHARE CERTIFICATES AND REGISTER OF SHAREHOLDERS

Article 6.1 Share certificates of the Company shall be in registered form.

In addition to those provided in the Company Law, a share certificate of the Company shall also contain any other particulars required to be specified therein by the stock exchange(s) on which the shares of the Company are listed.

Article 6.2 Shares in the Company may be transferred, disposed of by way of gift, inherited and pledged in accordance with the relevant laws, administrative regulations and the provisions of these Articles of Association.

Assignment or transfer of such shares shall be registered with the share registrar appointed by the Company.

Article 6.3 Share certificates shall be signed by the Chairman. Where the stock exchange on which the shares of the Company are listed requires such share certificates to be signed by other senior management members of the Company, such share certificates shall also be signed by such other senior management members. Such share certificates shall become valid after the seal of the Company has been affixed thereto by way of printing or otherwise. The seal of the Company shall be affixed to such share certificates with the authority of the Board. The signatures of the Chairman of the Company or other relevant senior management members on such share certificates may also be in printed form.

- **Article 6.4** The Company shall establish a register of shareholders, in which the following particulars shall be entered:
 - (1) the name, address (residence), occupation or nature of each shareholder;
 - (2) the class and number of shares held by each shareholder;
 - (3) the amount paid up or payable in respect of shares held by each shareholder;
 - (4) the identification numbers of the shares held by each shareholder;
 - (5) the date on which each shareholder is registered as such;
 - (6) the date on which each shareholder ceases to be such shareholder.

The register of shareholders shall be the sufficient evidence of the shareholders' shareholdings in the Company, except where there is evidence to the contrary.

Article 6.5 The Company may, in accordance with the mutual understanding and agreements between the securities regulatory authority of the State Council and overseas securities regulatory authorities, maintain its register of holders of overseas listed foreign shares outside China and appoint overseas agent(s) to manage such register. The original register of holders of overseas listed foreign shares listed in Hong Kong shall be maintained in Hong Kong.

The Company shall keep a copy of its register of holders of overseas listed foreign shares at its address. The overseas agent appointed as aforesaid shall ensure that the original and the copy of such register of holders of overseas listed foreign shares are at all times consistent.

Where the original and the copy of such register of holders of overseas listed foreign shares are inconsistent, the original shall prevail.

Article 6.6 The Company shall maintain a complete register of shareholders.

Such register of shareholders shall include the following parts:

- (1) a register of shareholders kept at the Company's legal residence (other than those under items (2) and (3) of this Article);
- (2) a register of holders of overseas listed foreign shares of the Company kept at the place where the overseas stock exchange on which such shares are listed is located;
- (3) any register of shareholders kept at such other place as the Board may consider necessary for the purpose of listing of the Company's shares.

Article 6.7 Different parts of the register of shareholders shall not overlap one another. No transfer of the shares registered under any part of the register shall, during the existence of that registration, be registered under any other part of the register of shareholders.

Alteration or rectification of each part of the register of shareholders shall be made in accordance with the laws of the place where that part of the register of shareholders is kept.

Article 6.8 All fully paid-up overseas listed foreign shares which are listed in Hong Kong are freely transferable pursuant to these Articles of Association. However, the Board may refuse to recognize any instrument of transfer without giving any reason unless the following conditions are fulfilled:

- (1) HK\$2 or such higher fee as may be agreed by the Hong Kong Stock Exchange has been paid to the Company to register the instrument of transfer of shares and other documents relating to or which may affect the title to such shares;
- (2) the instrument of transfer only relates to the overseas listed foreign shares listed in Hong Kong;
- (3) the stamp duty payable on the instrument of transfer has been paid;
- (4) the relevant share certificates and evidence reasonably required by the Board showing that the transferor has the right to transfer such shares have been provided;
- (5) if the shares are to be transferred to joint holders, the number of such joint holders shall not exceed four;
- (6) the Company does not have any lien over the relevant shares.

All transfers of overseas listed foreign shares of the Company which are listed in Hong Kong shall be effected by instruments of transfer in writing in a common or usual form or in any other form acceptable to the Board; Such instruments of transfer may be signed by hand; where the transferor or transferee is a recognized clearing house ("Recognized Clearing House") as defined by the Hong Kong laws or its nominee, the signatures to such instruments of transfer may be affixed by mechanical means. All instruments of transfer shall be kept at the legal address of the Company or such other place as the Board may specify from time to time.

Alteration or rectification of each part of the register of shareholders shall be made in accordance with the laws of the place where such part of the register of shareholders is kept.

- Article 6.9 Transfers may not be entered in the register of shareholders within thirty (30) days prior to the date of a general meeting or within five (5) days before the record date set by the Company for the purpose of distribution of dividends.
- Article 6.10 When the Company intends to convene a general meeting, distribute dividends, liquidate and engage in other activities that involve determination of shareholdings, the Board shall designate a day to be the record date for the purpose of such determination. Shareholders whose names appear in the register of shareholders at the end of the record date are shareholders of the Company.
- **Article 6.11** Any person who objects to the register of shareholders and requests to have his name entered in or removed from the register of shareholders may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for rectification of the register.
- **Article 6.12** Any shareholder who is registered in, or any person who requests to have his name entered in, the register of shareholders may, if his share certificate (the "original certificate") is lost, apply to the Company for a replacement share certificate in respect of such shares (the "relevant shares").

If a holder of domestic shares loses his share certificates and applies for their replacement, it shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of Article 150 of the Company Law.

If a holder of overseas listed foreign shares loses his share certificates and applies for their replacement, it may be dealt with in accordance with the relevant laws, the rules of the stock exchange or other relevant regulations of the place where the original register of holders of such overseas listed foreign shares is maintained.

If a holder of overseas listed foreign shares of the Company which are listed in Hong Kong loses his share certificates and applies for their replacement, such replacement shall comply with the following requirements:

- (1) The applicant shall submit an application to the Company in a standard form prescribed by the Company and accompanied by a notarial certificate or statutory declaration, containing the grounds upon which the application is made and the circumstances and evidence of the loss of the share certificates as well as a declaration that no other person shall be entitled to request to be registered as the shareholder in respect of the relevant shares.
- (2) no statement has been received by the Company from any person other than the applicant requesting that such person be registered as the shareholder of the relevant shares before the Company decides to issue the replacement share certificates.
- (3) the Company shall, if it decides to issue any replacement share certificates to the applicant, make an announcement of its intention to issue the replacement share certificates in such newspapers as may be designated by the Board. Such announcement shall be made at least once every thirty (30) days in a period of ninety (90) days.
- (4) the Company shall have, prior to the publication of the announcement of its intention to issue such replacement share certificates, delivered to the stock exchange on which its shares are listed a copy of the announcement to be published. The Company may publish the announcement upon receiving a confirmation from such stock exchange that the announcement has been displayed on the premises of such stock exchange. The announcement shall be displayed on the premises of such stock exchange for a period of ninety (90) days.

In case an application for a replacement share certificate has been made without the consent of the registered holder of the relevant shares, the Company shall send by post to such registered shareholder a copy of the announcement to be published.

- (5) if, upon expiration of the 90-day period under each of items (3) and (4) of this Article, the Company has not received from any person any objection to the issue of such replacement share certificates, the Company may issue such replacement share certificates to the applicant according to his application.
- (6) where the Company issues a replacement share certificate under this Article, it shall forthwith cancel the original share certificate and enter such cancellation and issue in the register of shareholders accordingly.
- (7) all expenses relating to the cancellation of an original share certificate and the issue of a replacement share certificate by the Company shall be borne by the applicant. The Company may refuse to take any action until a reasonable guarantee is provided by the applicant for such expenses.
- Article 6.13 Where the Company issues a replacement share certificate pursuant to these Articles of Association, the name of a bona fide purchaser who obtains the aforementioned replacement share certificate or a shareholder who thereafter becomes registered as the owner of the relevant shares (in the case that he is a bona fide purchaser) shall not be removed from the register of shareholders.
- **Article 6.14** The Company shall not be liable for any damages sustained by any person by reason of the cancellation of an original share certificate or the issuance of a replacement share certificate, unless the claimant is able to prove that the Company had acted fraudulently.

CHAPTER 7 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF SHAREHOLDERS

Article 7.1 A shareholder of the Company is a person who lawfully holds shares of the Company and whose name has been entered in its register of shareholders.

A shareholder shall enjoy the relevant rights and assume the relevant obligations in accordance with the class and number of shares he holds. Shareholders holding the same class of shares shall be entitled to the same rights and assume the same obligations.

The Company shall not exercise any of its powers to freeze or otherwise impair any of the rights attached to any shares of the Company by reason only that a person or persons who are interested directly or indirectly therein have failed to disclose their interests to the Company.

- Article 7.2 When two or more persons are registered as the joint holders of any share, they shall be deemed to be the joint owners of such share subject to the following restrictions:
 - (1) the Company shall not be obliged to register more than four persons as the joint holders of any share;
 - (2) all the joint holders of any share shall jointly and severally assume the liability to pay for all amounts payable in respect of such share.

In case one of the joint holders has deceased, only the surviving joint holders shall be deemed by the Company to be the persons having the ownership of such share, but the Board shall have the right, for the purpose of making amendments to the register of shareholders, to require the production of such death certificate in respect of such shareholder as it may deem appropriate;

For joint holding of any share, only the joint holder whose name stands first in the register of shareholders in respect of such share shall be entitled to receive from the Company the certificate for such share, and notices, and to attend and exercise all voting rights attached to such share at general meetings of the Company. Any notice served on such person shall be deemed to have been served on all the joint holders of the such share.

- Article 7.3 The ordinary shareholders of the Company shall be entitled to the following rights:
 - (1) the right to receive dividends and other distributions in proportion to the number of shares held by them;
 - (2) the right to attend or appoint a proxy to attend general meetings and to exercise voting rights thereat;
 - (3) the right to monitor the business activities of the Company and to put forward proposals or make inquiries relating thereto;
 - (4) the right to transfer shares in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations and the provisions of these Articles of Association;
 - (5) the right to obtain relevant information in accordance with the provisions of these Articles of Association, including:
 - 1. the right to obtain a copy of these Articles of Association, subject to payment of the cost of such copy;
 - 2. the right to inspect and copy, subject to payment of a reasonable charge:
 - (i) all parts of the register of shareholders;
 - (ii) personal particulars of each of the Company's Directors, supervisors, general manager and other senior management members, including:
 - (A) present name and alias and any former name and alias;
 - (B) principal address (residence);
 - (C) nationality;
 - (D) full-time and all other part-time occupations and offices;
 - (E) identification document and its number;

- (iii) a statement of the Company's share capital;
- (iv) a report showing in respect of each class of shares repurchased by the Company since the end of the last accounting year, the aggregate nominal value and the quantity of, and the maximum and minimum price paid for, such shares so repurchased, and the aggregate amount paid by the Company for such purpose;
- (v) minutes of general meetings.
- (6) in the event of the termination or liquidation of the Company, the right to participate in the distribution of remaining assets of the Company in accordance with the number of shares held by them;
- (7) other rights conferred by laws, administrative regulations and these Articles of Association.
- **Article 7.4** The ordinary shareholders of the Company shall assume the following obligations:
 - (1) to abide by these Articles of Association;
 - (2) to pay subscription monies according to the type of shares subscribed for and the method of subscription;
 - (3) other obligations imposed by laws, administrative regulations and these Articles of Association.

Shareholders are not liable to make any further contribution to the share capital of the Company other than as agreed at the time of their subscription of the relevant shares.

- Article 7.5 In addition to obligations imposed by laws or administrative regulations or required by the listing rules of the stock exchange on which the shares of the Company are listed, a controlling shareholder shall not exercise his voting rights in a manner prejudicial to the interests of all or some of the shareholders of the Company:
 - (1) to relieve a Director or supervisor of his duty to act honestly in the best interests of the Company;
 - (2) to approve the expropriation by a Director or supervisor (for his own benefit or for the benefit of another person), in any guise, of the Company's assets, including (without limitation) opportunities beneficial to the Company;
 - (3) to approve the expropriation by a Director or supervisor (for his own benefit or for the benefit of another person) of the individual rights of other shareholders, including (without limitation) rights to distributions and voting rights save in respect of a company restructuring submitted to the general meeting of shareholders for approval in accordance with these Articles of Association.
- Article 7.6 The term "controlling shareholder" referred to in the preceding article means a person who satisfies any one of the following conditions:
 - (1) he alone, or acting in concert with others, has the power to elect more than half of the Board members;
 - (2) he alone, or acting in concert with others, has the power to exercise or to control the exercise of 30% or more of the voting rights in the Company;
 - (3) he alone, or acting in concert with others, holds 30% or more of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company;
 - (4) he alone, or acting in concert with others, in any other manner controls the Company in fact.

CHAPTER 8 GENERAL MEETING

- Article 8.1 The general meeting is the organ of authority of our Company and shall exercise its functions and powers in accordance with the law.
- **Article 8.2** The general meeting may exercise the following functions and powers:
 - (1) to decide on the operating policies and investment plans of the Company;
 - (2) to elect and remove Directors and to fix the remuneration of the relevant Directors;
 - (3) to elect and remove supervisors (being shareholders' representatives), and to fix the remuneration of the relevant supervisors;
 - (4) to examine and approve the reports of the Board;
 - (5) to examine and approve the reports of the Supervisory Committee;
 - (6) to examine and approve the proposed annual financial budgets and proposed final accounts of the Company;
 - (7) to examine and approve the profit distribution plans and loss making-up plans of the Company;
 - (8) to adopt resolutions on any increase or reduction of registered capital of the Company;
 - (9) to adopt resolutions on matters such as merger, spin-off, dissolution, and liquidation of the Company;
 - (10) to adopt resolutions on the issue of bonds of the Company;
 - (11) to adopt resolutions on the appointments, dismissals or non-reappointments of accounting firms;
 - (12) to amend these Articles of Association;

- (13) to consider proposals submitted by shareholders holding not less than 5% of the Company's voting shares;
- (14) to consider other matters required by laws, administrative regulations and these Articles of Association to be resolved upon by general meeting of shareholders.

The general meeting may authorize or delegate the Board to deal with such matters as may be authorized or delegated by it.

- Article 8.3 Unless prior approval is obtained at a general meeting, the Company shall not enter into any contract with any person other than the Directors, supervisors, general managers and other senior management members pursuant to which such person shall be responsible for managing the whole or any material part of the Company's business.
- **Article 8.4** There shall be annual general meetings and extraordinary general meetings of shareholders. A general meeting of shareholders shall be convened by the Board.

Annual general meetings of shareholders shall be held once every year, with each annual general meeting to be held within six months after the end of the previous accounting year.

The Board shall convene an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders within two months of the occurrence of one of the following circumstances:

- (1) the number of Directors is less than the number required by the Company Law or less than two-thirds of the number required by these Articles of Association;
- (2) the uncovered losses of the Company amount to one third of its total share capital;
- (3) shareholders holding not less than 10% of the Company's issued voting shares request in writing that an extraordinary general meeting be held;
- (4) the Board considers it necessary or the Supervisory Committee proposes that such a meeting should be held.

Article 8.5 A written notice of a general meeting of the Company shall be given to all the Shareholders whose names appear in the register of Shareholders specifying the matters proposed to be considered and the date and place of the meeting forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the general meeting (including the date of meeting but excluding the date of the notice). Shareholders who intend to attend the meeting shall deliver their written replies stating such intention to the Company twenty (20) days prior to the date of the meeting.

- Article 8.6 In the case of an annual general meeting, shareholders holding in aggregate 5% or more of the total number of shares carrying voting rights shall be entitled to put forward any new proposal in writing to the Company, and the Company shall include such proposal in the agenda of such meeting to the extent that it falls within the powers of the shareholders' general meeting.
- Article 8.7 The Company shall, on the basis of the written replies received twenty (20) days before the date of a general meeting, calculate the number of shares carrying voting rights represented by the shareholders who intend to attend the meeting. Such meeting may be held if the number of shares carrying voting rights represented by the shareholders who intend to attend the meeting is more than one-half of the total number of shares of the Company with voting rights; otherwise the Company shall, within five (5) days, by way of an announcement notify the shareholders again of the matters to be considered at the meeting and the date and venue of the meeting. Such meeting may be held after such an announcement has been made.

An extraordinary general meeting shall not decide on matters not specified in the notice of such meeting.

Article 8.8 The notice of a general meeting shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) it shall be in written form;
- (2) it shall specify the place, date and time of the meeting;
- (3) it shall state the matters to be considered at the meeting;

- (4) it shall provide shareholders with such information and explanation as are necessary for them to make informed decisions in connection with the matters to be discussed. This principle shall include (but not be limited to), where the Company proposes to merge, repurchase its shares, restructure its share capital or carry out other reorganization, the provision of information on the specific terms and contracts (if any) of the proposed transaction and a proper explanation of the reasons for and effects of the same;
- (5) if any of the Directors, supervisors, general manager and other senior management members has a material interest in any of the matters to be discussed, the nature and extent of such interest shall be disclosed, and if the effect of any of the matters to be discussed on such Director, supervisor, general manager and other senior management member in his capacity as a shareholder is different from the effect of such matter to be discussed on the other shareholders of the same class, such differences shall also be specified;
- (6) it shall contain full text of any special resolution to be proposed at the meeting for consideration and approval;
- (7) it shall contain a clear statement that a shareholder who has the right to attend and vote at the meeting shall have the right to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote at the meeting on his behalf and that such proxies need not be shareholders;
- (8) it shall state the date and place for the lodging of proxy forms for the meeting.

Article 8.9 The notice of a general meeting shall be delivered to shareholders (regardless of whether they have the right to vote at the general meeting) personally or by prepaid mail. The addresses of the recipients shall be such addresses as shown in the register of shareholders. Such notice of the general meeting may also be given to holders of domestic shares by way of an announcement.

The announcement referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be published within a period of forty-five (45) to fifty (50) days prior to the date of the general meeting in one or more newspapers designated by the competent securities authorities under the State Council. Once such an announcement is made, all holders of the domestic shares shall be deemed to have received the notice of the general meeting.

In respect of holders of overseas listed foreign shares, notices of general meetings may also be sent or given by other applicable means specified in Article 26.1 of these Articles of Association, subject to the laws and regulations of the place of listing of the shares of the Company and the relevant requirements of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

- **Article 8.10** The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any person entitled to receive such notice shall not invalidate the meeting and the resolutions passed thereat.
- Article 8.11 Any shareholder entitled to attend and vote at a general meeting shall have the right to appoint one or several persons (who may not be shareholders) to act as his proxy or proxies to attend and vote at the meeting on his behalf. The proxy/proxies so appointed may, in accordance with the instructions of such shareholder, exercise the following rights:
 - (1) the same right as the shareholder to speak at the meeting;
 - (2) the right to demand or join in demanding a poll;
 - (3) the right to vote on a show of hands or on a poll provided that where more than one proxy is appointed, the proxies may only vote on a poll.

Article 8.12 The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointer or his attorney duly authorized in writing, or where the appointer is a legal person, either under the seal of such legal person or under the hand of a director of or an executive or attorney duly authorized by such legal person.

Article 8.13 The instrument appointing a proxy shall be deposited at the Company's residence or such other place as is specified in the notice of meeting 24 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting in respect of which such instrument is given, or 24 hours before the time appointed for taking the relevant poll. Where the instrument appointing a proxy is signed by a person under a power of attorney on behalf of the appointer, the power of attorney or other authorization document under which such instrument is signed shall be notarized. A notarially certified copy of that power of attorney or other authorization document shall, together with such instrument, be deposited at the Company's residence or such other place as is specified in the notice of meeting.

In the case of a legal person, its legal representative or such other person as may be authorized by a resolution of its board of directors or other decision-making organ shall, as its representative, attend the general meetings of the Company on its behalf.

Where a shareholder is a recognized clearing house or its nominee, such shareholder is entitled to authorize one or more persons as it deems fit to act on its behalf at any general meeting or any meeting of any class of shareholders; provided that where more than one person is so authorized, the letter of authorization shall specify the number and class of shares in respect of which each such person is so authorized. Such persons so authorized shall be entitled to exercise the rights of the recognized clearing house (or its nominee) on its behalf as if they were individual shareholders of the Company.

Article 8.14 Any form issued to a shareholder by the Board for use by him for appointing a proxy shall allow the shareholder to freely instruct the proxy to vote in favour of or against each of the resolutions relating to the matters to be considered at the relevant meeting. Such form shall contain a statement that in the absence of instructions by the shareholder, his proxy may vote as he thinks fit.

Article 8.15 Where the appointer has deceased or has been incapacitated from acting or has withdrawn the appointment of his proxy or the power of attorney under which the instrument appointing his proxy has been signed, or where the relevant shares have been transferred, a vote given by such proxy in accordance with such instrument shall remain valid provided that no written notice thereof has been received by the Company prior to the commencement of the relevant meeting.

Article 8.16 There shall be two types of resolutions of shareholders' general meetings, namely ordinary resolutions and special resolutions.

For an ordinary resolution to be passed at a general meeting, more than half of the voting rights represented by the shareholders present at the meeting in person or by proxy shall have been exercised in favour of such resolution.

For a special resolution to be passed at a general meeting, more than twothirds of the voting rights represented by the shareholders present at the meeting in person or by proxy shall have been exercised in favour of such resolution.

Article 8.17 A shareholder (including his proxy) when voting at a shareholders' general meeting may exercise voting rights in accordance with the number of shares carrying such voting rights represented by him and shall have one vote for each such share.

- Article 8.18 Voting at a general meeting shall be by a show of hands unless a poll is (before or after any voting by a show of hands) demanded by the following persons:
 - (1) the chairman of the meeting;
 - (2) at least two shareholders present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote at the meeting;
 - (3) any one or more shareholders present in person or by proxy and representing in the aggregate not less than 10% of all the shares carrying the right to vote at the meeting.

Unless a poll is demanded, a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has been passed on a show of hands 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 votes in favour of or against such resolution.

The demand for a poll may be withdrawn by the person who makes such demand.

- Article 8.19 A poll demanded on such matters as the election of chairman or the adjournment of the meeting shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other matters shall be taken at such time as the chairman may decide, and the meeting may proceed to discuss other matters, and the results of such poll shall still be deemed to be a resolution of that meeting.
- **Article 8.20** On a poll, a shareholder voting in person or by proxy and entitled to two or more votes need not cast all his votes in the same way.

If any shareholder may not exercise any voting rights or may vote only for or only against a particular resolution under the Listing Rules, any vote cast by such shareholder, in person or by proxy in violation of the above limitation or restriction shall not be taken into account when determining the voting results.

- **Article 8.21** In case of an equality of votes (whether on a show of hands or on a poll), the chairman shall have a second vote.
- **Article 8.22** The following shall be approved by an ordinary resolution passed at a shareholders' general meeting:
 - (1) work reports of the Board and the Supervisory Committee;
 - (2) plans formulated by the Board for distribution of profits and for making up losses;
 - (3) the removal of members of the Board and the Supervisory Committee and their remuneration and the methods of payment thereof;
 - (4) the Company's annual financial budgets and final accounts, balance sheets, income statements and other financial statements;
 - (5) matters other than those required by the laws and administrative regulations or by these Articles of Association to be approved by special resolutions.
- **Article 8.23** The following matters shall be approved by a special resolution passed at a shareholders' general meeting:
 - (1) increase or reduction of the share capital of the Company and issue by the Company of shares of any class, warrants or other similar securities;
 - (2) issuance of bonds of the Company;
 - (3) any spin-off, merger, dissolution or liquidation of the Company;
 - (4) amendments to these Articles of Association;
 - (5) any other matters considered by the shareholders' general meeting, by way of an ordinary resolution, to be likely to have a material impact on the Company and as matters requiring approval by a special resolution.

- **Article 8.24** The following procedures shall be followed by shareholders requesting the convening of extraordinary general meetings or class meetings:
 - (1) two or more shareholders holding in the aggregate 10% or more of the shares carrying the right to vote at the proposed meeting may request the Board to convene an extraordinary general meeting or a class meeting by signing and submitting one or several written requests which are the same in form and content and in which the matters for consideration at the meeting shall be set out clearly. An extraordinary meeting or a class meeting shall be convened by the Board as soon as practicable after receipt of the aforesaid written request. For the purposes of the preceding requirement relating to the number of voting shares held, such number shall be calculated on the basis of the number of such voting shares held on the date of submission of such written request.
 - (2) if the Board fails to issue a notice convening such meeting within thirty (30) days after receipt of the aforesaid written request, the shareholders requesting such meeting may, within four (4) months after the Board's receipt of such request, convene such meeting by themselves by following procedures which shall, as far as practicable, be the same as the procedure for convening a shareholders' meeting by the Board.

Reasonable expenses incurred by shareholders in convening and holding such meeting due to the Board's failure to convene such meeting in response to the aforesaid request shall be borne by the Company. Such expenses shall be deducted from the amounts due from the Company to the defaulting Director(s).

Article 8.25 A shareholders' general meeting shall be convened and presided over by the Chairman. In the event that the Chairman is unable to attend the meeting for any reason, the Vice Chairman shall convene the meeting and act as the chairman thereof; in the event that both the Chairman and the Vice Chairman are unable to attend the meeting, the Board may designate a Director to convene and preside over the meeting on their behalf. In the event that no chairman of the meeting is so designated, the attending shareholders shall elect one (1) person to act as the chairman of the meeting. In the event that, for any reasons, the shareholders fail to elect a chairman, then the shareholder holding the largest number of voting shares present in person or by proxy shall be the chairman of the meeting.

Article 8.26 The chairman of the meeting shall determine whether or not a resolution of the general meeting shall be passed. His decision shall be final and conclusive and shall be announced at the meeting and recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Article 8.27 In the event that the chairman of the meeting has any doubt as to the voting result in respect of a resolution, he may have the votes counted. In the event that the chairman of the meeting does not have the votes counted, any shareholder present in person or by proxy who objects to the result announced by the chairman of the meeting may demand that the votes be counted immediately after the declaration of the voting result, in which case the chairman of the meeting shall have the votes counted immediately.

Article 8.28 In the event that the votes are counted at the shareholders' general meeting, the counting results shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Minutes shall be kept of the decisions on the matters considered at a general meeting. Directors present at the meeting shall sign the minutes of the meeting.

Minutes of general meetings together with the attendance book containing the signatures of those shareholders present at general meetings and proxy forms shall be kept at the Company's residence. Article 8.29 Copies of such minutes of general meetings shall be available for inspection during business hours of the Company by any shareholder without charge. If a shareholder demands from the Company a copy of such minutes, the Company shall send a copy to him within seven (7) days after receipt of reasonable charges.

CHAPTER 9 SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR VOTING BY CLASS SHAREHOLDERS

Article 9.1 Shareholders holding different classes of shares shall be class shareholders.

Class shareholders shall be entitled to rights and assume obligations pursuant to he provisions of laws, administrative regulations and these Articles of Association.

- Article 9.2 Any variation or abrogation of the rights of any class of shareholders proposed by he Company may only be effected with the approval of a special resolution passed at a shareholders' general meeting and the approval of the shareholders of that affected class at a separate meeting held in accordance with Articles 9.4 to 9.8.
- **Article 9.3** The following circumstances shall be deemed to be a variation or abrogation of the rights of shareholders of a certain class:
 - (1) to increase or decrease the number of shares of a particular class, or increase or decrease the number of shares of another class having rights on voting, distribution or other privileges equal or superior to those of the shares of such class;
 - (2) to effect an exchange of all or part of shares of such class into shares of other classes, or to effect an exchange or grant a right of exchange of all or part of the shares of other classes into shares of such class;
 - (3) to remove or reduce rights to accrued dividends or cumulative dividends attached to shares of such class:

- (4) to reduce or remove the rights to a dividend preference or a liquidation preference to distribution of property attached to shares of such class;
- (5) to add, remove or reduce the rights to conversion, options, voting, transfer, pre-emptive rights to placement and acquire securities of the Company attached to shares of such class;
- (6) to remove or reduce rights to receive payment payable by the Company in particular currency attached to shares of such class;
- (7) to create a new class of shares having rights on voting, distribution or other privileges equal or superior to those of the shares of such class;
- (8) to impose restriction on the transfer or ownership of the shares of such class or increase such restrictions;
- (9) to issue subscription rights or share conversion rights for shares of such class or other classes;
- (10) to increase the rights and privileges of shares of other classes;
- (11) to restructure the Company where the proposed restructuring scheme will result in different classes of shareholders bearing a disproportionate burden of obligations to such restructuring;
- (12) to vary or abrogate the terms provided in this chapter.

Article 9.4 Shareholders of the affected class, whether or not having the right to vote at the shareholders' general meeting, shall nevertheless have the right to vote at class meetings on matters referred to in paragraph (2) to (8) and (11) to (12) of Article 9.3 hereof, but interested shareholders shall not be entitled to vote at class meetings.

The interested shareholders mentioned in the preceding paragraph shall have the following meanings:

- (1) in the case of a repurchase of its own shares by the Company by making offers to all shareholders on a same pro rata basis or through public dealing on a stock exchange in accordance with Article 4.4 hereof, "interested shareholder" shall refer to the controlling shareholders as defined in Article 7.6 hereof;
- (2) in the case of a repurchase of its own shares by the Company through an off-market agreement in accordance with the provisions of Article 4.4 hereof, "interested shareholders" shall refer to the shareholders to which the proposed agreement relates;
- (3) in the case of a restructuring of the Company, "interested shareholder" shall refer to a shareholder within a class who bears liabilities less than the proportion burden imposed on other shareholders of that class or who has interests different from those held by shareholders of the same class.
- Article 9.5 A resolution of the class meeting shall be voted on and passed in accordance with Article 9.4 hereof by shareholders present in the meeting representing not less than two-thirds of voting rights.

Article 9.6 Written notice of a class meeting convened by the Company shall be dispatched forty-five (45) days prior to the date of such class meeting to all shareholders of such class whose names appear on the register of members, specifying the matters to be considered and the date and place of such meeting. Shareholders who intend to attend such meeting shall serve on the Company written replies of their intention to attend twenty (20) days prior to the date of such meeting.

If the number of voting shares at such meeting held by shareholders who intend to attend such meeting reaches not less than one-half of the total number of voting shares at such meeting, the Company may hold such class meeting; if this cannot be attained, the Company shall further notify the shareholders by way of announcement within five (5) days thereof specifying the matters to be considered and the date and place of such meeting. After such announcement has been given, the Company may then hold the class meeting.

Article 9.7 Notices of a class meeting only need to be delivered to shareholders entitled to vote thereat.

The procedures for holding a class meeting shall be similar to those for holding a shareholders' general meeting as far as possible, and the provisions in the Articles of Association relating to the procedures for a shareholders' general meeting shall apply to a class meeting.

Article 9.8 Save for shareholders of shares of other classes, the shareholders of domestic shares and shareholders of overseas listed foreign shares are deemed to be different classes of shareholders.

The special procedures for voting by class shareholders shall not apply in the following circumstances:

- (1) where the Company issues, upon approval by a special resolution at a shareholders' general meeting, domestic shares and overseas listed foreign shares every twelve (12) months, either separately or concurrently, and the respective numbers of domestic shares and overseas listed foreign shares proposed to be issued do not exceed 20% of the respective numbers of the issued and outstanding domestic shares and overseas listed foreign shares;
- (2) where the Company's plan to issue domestic shares and overseas listed foreign shares at the time of its incorporation is carried out within fifteen (15) months from the date of approval by the securities regulatory authorities under the State Council.

CHAPTER 10 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Article 10.1 The Company shall establish a Board which is responsible to and reports on its work to shareholders' general meeting. The Board consists of thirteen (13) Directors. The Board shall comprise one (1) Chairman and twelve (12) Directors, including five (5) independent non-executive Directors.
- Article 10.2 Directors shall be elected at the shareholders' general meeting. The term of office of the Directors shall be three (3) years, commencing from the date on which his/her election comes into effect. Upon expiration of the current term of office, a Director may serve consecutive terms if re-elected upon the expiration of his/her term of office.

A notice of the intention to propose a candidate for election as a Director and a notice by such candidate stating his/her willingness to be elected shall be given to the Company at least seven (7) days in advance.

The period for the delivery of the aforesaid notices shall commence from the date when a notice of meeting in respect of such election is dispatched and end no later than seven (7) days prior to the date of such meeting.

The Chairman shall be elected and removed by votes of more than one-half of all Directors. The term of office of the Chairman shall be three (3) years. Chairman may serve consecutive terms if re-elected upon the expiration of his/her term of office.

The shareholders' general meeting may by ordinary resolution remove any Director before the expiration of his/her term of office (but without prejudice to such Director's right to claim damages according to any contract), subject to full compliance with the relevant laws and administrative regulations.

The Directors shall not be required to hold shares of the Company.

- **Article 10.3** The Board shall be responsible to the shareholders' general meeting and exercise the following functions and powers:
 - (1) to convene shareholders' general meetings and report on its work to the shareholders' general meeting;
 - (2) to implement the resolutions of shareholders' general meetings;
 - (3) to decide on the Company's operation plans and investment plans;
 - (4) to formulate the Company's plans on annual financial budgets and final accounts;
 - (5) to formulate the Company's plans for profit distribution (including plans for payment of dividends at the end of year) and making up the losses;
 - (6) to formulate the debt and financial policies of the Company, the proposal for increasing or decreasing the registered capital of the Company and issuance of bonds of the Company;
 - (7) to formulate plans for substantial acquisition or disposal of the Company and proposals for merger, division and dissolution of the Company;

- (8) to determine the establishment of the Company's internal management structure;
- (9) to appoint or dismiss general managers and, based on the nomination by the general manager, to appoint or dismiss deputy general manager and responsible persons in charge of financial affairs the Company and to determine upon matters concerning their remunerations;
- (10) to formulate the basic management system of the Company, including financial and personnel management systems;
- (11) to formulate proposals for amendment to the Articles of Association.

Where the Board makes a resolution in respect of the above matters, except for the Board resolutions in respect of the matters specified in paragraphs (6), (7) and (11) of this Article which shall be voted on and passed by not less than two-thirds of the Directors, the Board resolutions in respect of all other matters may be voted on and passed by more than one-half (50%) of the Directors.

Article 10.4 In cases where the expected value of fixed assets proposed for disposal by the Board, when aggregated with value of fixed assets disposed within four (4) month before the proposed disposal, exceeds 33% of the fixed assets value shown in the latest balance sheet considered at the shareholders' general meetings, the Board shall not dispose or agree to dispose such fixed assets without prior approval of the shareholders' general meeting.

The disposal of fixed assets referred in this Article includes (among other things) the transfer of certain interests in assets, but does not include the provision of guarantees created over fixed assets.

The validity of transactions regarding disposal of fixed assets by the Company shall not be affected due to a breach of the first paragraph of this Article.

Article 10.5 The Chairman shall exercise the following functions and powers:

- (1) to preside over shareholders' general meetings, and to convene and preside over Board meetings;
- (2) to check on the implementation of resolutions of the Board;
- (3) to sign the securities issued by the Company;
- (4) to exercise other functions and powers as conferred by the Board.

In cases where the Chairman is unable to perform his/her functions and powers, the Chairman may designate other Directors to perform such functions and powers on his/her behalf.

Article 10.6 Meetings of the Board shall be held at least twice a year, which shall be convened by the Chairman. All of the Directors shall be notified of the meetings ten (10) days before the date of such meetings.

In case of emergencies, an extraordinary Board meeting may be convened if proposed by more than one-third (including one-third) of the Directors or the general manager of the Company.

Article 10.7 Notices of extraordinary Board meetings should be delivered by hand, post, facsimile or email, or by phone, provided that a written confirmation is received afterward from the person being notified.

Time limit for such notices: five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting.

Article 10.8 The Board meetings may not be held unless not less than one-half of all Directors are present.

Each Director shall have a vote. Any resolution of the Board shall be adopted by the affirmative votes of more than one-half of all Directors.

In case of a tie vote, the Chairman shall have a second vote.

Article 10.9 Board meetings shall be attended by the Directors in person. If they are not able to attend the meeting due to certain reasons, they may authorize other Directors in writing to attend the meeting on their behalf. A power of attorney shall indicate the scope of authorization.

The appointed Director attending the meeting shall exercise the rights of a Director within the scope of authorization. If a Director does not attend a meeting of the Board in person, and does not authorize any representatives to attend the meeting for him/her, he/she shall be deemed to have waived the voting right in such meeting.

- Article 10.10 The Board shall keep minutes of resolutions on matters discussed at meetings. The minutes of a meeting shall be signed by the Directors present at the meeting and the person who recorded the minutes. The Directors shall be liable for the resolutions of the Board. If a resolution of the Board violates the laws, administrative regulations or the Articles of Association and thus causes serious losses to the Company, then the Directors participating in the adoption of such a resolution shall be liable for compensation to the Company. However, if a Director is proved to have expressly objected to such a resolution when it was put to a vote, and such objection is recorded in the minutes of that meeting, such Director may be released from such liability.
- Article 10.11 The Board may adopt a resolution in writing instead of holding a Board meeting, but the draft of such resolution shall be sent to each of the Directors by one of following means: by hand, by post, by facsimile or by email. If the relevant written resolution has been distributed to all Directors, and the number of Directors having signed on one or several copies of the draft (in the same form and content) indicating his/her consent reaches the necessary quorum to pass the resolution, such resolutions shall become a resolution passed by the Board upon the same having been sent to the Secretary of the Board in any of the aforesaid means and no Board meeting shall be further required to be held.
- Article 10.12 Where a Director or any of his/her associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) has interest in any resolution proposed at a Board meeting, such Director shall not be present and shall not have right to vote on such resolution. Such Director shall not be counted in the quorum of the relevant meeting.

CHAPTER 11 INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS

- Article 11.1 The Company adopts the Independent Director system. An Independent Director shall exercise his/her functions and powers and perform his/her responsibilities in accordance with the relevant laws, administrative regulations, the Articles of Association and the Rules of Procedure for Board Meetings.
- **Article 11.2** Independent Directors shall be independent of the Company and its shareholders, and shall not hold any other positions in the Company other than being an Independent Director.

Independent Directors may report directly to the shareholders' general meeting, securities regulatory authority under the State Council and other relevant authorities.

Article 11.3 The Independent Directors have the obligation to act in good faith and diligently for the Company and its all shareholders. An Independent Director shall perform his/her responsibilities conscientiously in accordance with the requirements of relevant laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association of the Company to protect the interests of the Company as a whole, especially the legal interests of minority shareholders. An Independent Director shall perform his/her responsibilities independently and not be affected by the Company's substantial shareholders, de facto controller or other entities or individuals who are interested in the listed companies.

- **Article 11.4** In order to ensure the effective performance of their responsibilities by the Independent Directors, the Company shall facilitate the Independent Directors with the following:
 - (1) The Company shall ensure Independent Directors have the same right of access to information as its other Directors. For any matter that is subject to Board decision, the Company shall serve notice on Independent Directors in advance within the legally prescribed period of time and provide sufficient information to them. If Independent Directors are of the view that the information provided is insufficient, they may request for supplementary information. When two Independent Directors consider the information provided as insufficient or inadequately explained, they may jointly propose to the Board in writing for a postponement of the Board meeting or for a postponement of review and discussion of the matters concerned. Such proposal shall be adopted by the Board. Information provided by the Company to Independent Directors shall be kept by the Company and the Independent Directors respectively for at least five (5) years;
 - (2) The Company shall provide necessary working conditions to Independent Directors for the performance of their responsibilities. The Secretary to the Board shall actively offer assistance to Independent Directors to facilitate their work, such as providing background information and materials. Where independent opinions, proposals and written statements made by Independent Directors shall be announced, the Secretary of the Board shall make timely arrangement with relevant stock exchange for such announcement;
 - (3) In the exercise of functions and powers by the Independent Directors, relevant personnel of the Company shall offer active cooperation, shall not reject, hinder or conceal, or interfere with their exercise of functions and powers independently;
 - (4) The Company shall offer appropriate allowances to Independent Directors. The rate of such allowances shall be proposed by the Board for consideration and approval by shareholders' meetings, and disclosed in the Company's annual report.

Apart from the above mentioned allowances, the Independent Directors shall obtain no other additional and undisclosed interests from the Company, its substantial shareholders or any interested institutions and individuals.

Article 11.5 Except otherwise specified in the Articles of Association, the provisions of Chapter 16 hereof in relation to Directors apply to Independent Directors.

CHAPTER 12 SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF THE COMPANY

Article 12.1 The Company shall have one Secretary of the Board, who is a senior management member of the Company.

The Board may establish its secretarial department if necessary.

- **Article 12.2** Secretary of the Board of the Company shall be a natural person with requisite professional knowledge and experience, and shall be appointed by the Board. His/her primary responsibilities are:
 - (1) to ensure that the Company has complete organizational documents and records;
 - (2) to ensure that the Company prepares and delivers the reports and documents required by competent authorities in accordance with the laws;
 - (3) to ensure that the Company's registers of shareholders are properly maintained, and that persons entitled to access to relevant records and documents are furnished with such records and documents without delay.
- **Article 12.3** Directors or other senior management members may also act as the Secretary of the Board. The accountant(s) of the certified public accountants appointed by the Company shall not act as the Secretary of the Board.

Where the office of the Secretary of the Board is held concurrently by a Director, if an act is required to be made by a Director and the Secretary of the Board separately, the person who concurrently holds the offices of Director and Secretary of the Board shall not make such act in dual capacity.

CHAPTER 13 SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

- **Article 13.1** Where necessary, the Board may establish special committees of strategic-decision, audit, remuneration and nomination etc. The Board shall seek the opinion of the special committees before making any resolutions.
- **Article 13.2** Members of each special committee under the Board shall only be Directors and be elected by the Board.
- Article 13.3 Each special committee shall have one (1) convener who shall be responsible for convening the meetings of the special committee. The composition, responsibility and operational system of each special committee shall be determined by the Board and shall be in compliance with the laws and regulations of the PRC and the place where the shares of the Company are listed, as well as the relevant requirements of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

CHAPTER 14 GENERAL MANAGER AND OTHER SENIOR MANAGEMENT MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY

- **Article 14.1** The Company shall have one (1) general manager (i.e. the president) who shall be appointed and dismissed by the Board.
- **Article 14.2** The Company shall have several deputy general managers (i.e. the deputy presidents) and one (1) person who is charge of financial affairs (i.e. chief financial officer) who shall assist the general manager in his work. They are all senior management members.

Deputy general managers and chief financial officer shall be nominated by the general manager, and shall be appointed or dismissed by the Board.

- **Article 14.3** The general manager of the Company shall be responsible to the Board and exercise the following functions and powers:
 - (1) to be in charge of the Company's production, operation and management, and to organize resources to carry out the Board's resolutions;

- (2) to organize the implementation of the Company's annual business plans and investment plans;
- (3) to draft plans for the establishment of the Company's internal management structure;
- (4) to draft plans for the establishment of branches of the Company;
- (5) to draft the Company's basic management system;
- (6) to formulate the basic rules and regulations of Company;
- (7) to propose the appointment or dismissal of the Company's deputy manager(s) and chief financial officer;
- (8) to appoint or dismiss management personnel other than those who shall be appointed or dismissed by the Board;
- (9) to exercise other functions and powers conferred by the Articles of Association and the Board.
- **Article 14.4** The general manager of the Company shall attend Board meetings and be entitled to receive notices of meetings and other relevant documents. The general manager who is not a Director shall not have any voting rights at Board meetings.
- **Article 14.5** The general manager, in exercising his/her functions and powers, shall act honestly and diligently in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association.

CHAPTER 15 SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

- **Article 15.1** The Company shall establish a supervisory committee.
- **Article 15.2** The supervisory committee shall be composed of six (6) supervisors. One of its members shall act as the chairman of the committee. The term of office of a supervisor shall be three years. A supervisor may serve consecutive terms if re-elected upon the expiration of his/her term of office.

The appointment and dismissal of the chairman of the supervisory committee shall be voted on and passed by not less than two-thirds of its members.

- Article 15.3 The supervisory committee shall comprise of two shareholder representatives, two independent supervisors and two staff representatives. Shareholder representatives and independent supervisors shall be elected or replaced by the shareholders' general meeting, while staff representatives shall be elected or replaced by the staff.
- **Article 15.4** The Directors, general manager and chief financial officer of the Company shall not hold the position of supervisors.
- Article 15.5 Meetings of the supervisory committee shall be held at least twice a year, and convened by the chairman of the supervisory committee. Notices of the meetings shall be served on all of the supervisors ten (10) days before the date of the meeting. In case of emergencies, an extraordinary meeting of the supervisory committee may be convened if proposed by more than one-third (including one-third) of supervisors. Such meeting shall not be subject to the following requirements to the notices of supervisory committee.

In principle, meetings of the supervisory committee shall be held at the Company's legal residence. However, it can be held at any other places in the PRC as approved by a resolution of the meeting of supervisory committee.

Notices of the meetings of the supervisory committee shall be served in the following manner:

- (1) Where the time and place of regular meetings of the Supervisory Committee have been specified by the supervisory committee in advance, no notice shall be served;
- (2) Except otherwise provided in paragraph (1) of this article, where the time and place of the meeting of the Supervisory Committee have not been specified by the supervisory committee in advance, notices of the meetings of the supervisory committee specifying the time and place of such meetings shall be given by the chairman to the supervisors by telex, cable, facsimile, courier, registered mail or by hand at least ten (10) days (but not more than thirty (30) days) before the date of such meeting;
- (3) The notices shall be made in Chinese and, if necessary, an English version of the same shall be enclosed therein and the notices shall include agenda of relevant meetings. Any supervisor may waive the right to receive notices of the meetings of the supervisory committee.

A supervisor shall be deemed to have received the notice of meeting if he/she is present at the meeting and does not raise the issue of the non-receipt of such notice prior to or at the time of his/her arrival at the meeting.

- **Article 15.6** The supervisory committee shall be responsible to the shareholders' general meeting and exercise the following functions and powers in accordance with the laws:
 - (1) to examine the Company's financial affairs;
 - (2) to supervise the acts of Directors, the general manager and other senior management members with regard to violation of laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association during the performance of their responsibilities;

- (3) to demand rectification from a Director, the general manager and any other senior management members when the acts of such persons are harmful to the Company's interest;
- (4) to examine the financial information such as the financial report, business report and plans for distribution of profits to be submitted by the Board to the shareholders' general meetings and, should any queries arise, to engage, in the name of the Company, certified public accountants and practicing auditors to conduct a re-audit;
- (5) to propose the convening of an extraordinary general meeting;
- (6) to deal with or take legal actions against Directors on behalf of the Company;
- (7) to exercise other functions and powers specified herein.

The supervisory committee may express its opinion on the appointment of a certified public accountants by the Company. It may appoint a different certified public accountants if necessary on behalf of the Company to examine the financial position of the Company independently, and may directly report to the securities regulatory authority under the State Council and other relevant authorities.

The external supervisors shall report independently to the shareholders' general meeting the performance of the senior management members of the Company in relation to their integrity and diligence.

Supervisors shall attend the Board meeting.

Article 15.7 The quorum of meetings of the supervisory committee shall be all members of the committee. If in special circumstances an extraordinary meeting of the supervisory committee is to be convened and certain supervisor(s) is/are unable to attend, the quorum of such meeting may be reduced to three-fifths of all members of the supervisory committee.

Resolutions of the supervisory committee shall be voted on and passed by not less than two-thirds of its members.

- **Article 15.8** All reasonable expenses incurred in respect of the employment of professionals such as lawyers, certified public accountants or practicing auditors by the supervisory committee in exercising its functions and powers shall be borne by the Company.
- **Article 15.9** A supervisor shall carry out his/her responsibilities honestly and faithfully in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations and the Articles of Association.

CHAPTER 16 QUALIFICATIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE DIRECTORS, SUPERVISORS, GENERAL MANAGER AND OTHER SENIOR MANAGEMENT MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY

- **Article 16.1** A person may not serve as a Director, supervisor, general manager or any other senior management member of the Company if any of the following circumstances applies:
 - (1) a person without civil capacity or with restricted legal capacity;
 - (2) a person who has committed an offence of corruption, bribery, infringement of property, misappropriation of property or sabotaging the social economic order or has been punished because of committing such offence; or who has been deprived of his/her political rights, in each case where less than five (5) years have elapsed since the date of the completion of implementation of such punishment or deprivation;

- (3) a person who is a former director, factory manager or general manager of a company or enterprise which has entered into insolvent liquidation because of mismanagement and he/she is personally liable for the insolvency of such company or enterprise, where less than three (3) years have elapsed since the date of the completion of the insolvency and liquidation of the company or enterprise;
- (4) a person who is a former legal representative of a company or enterprise which had its business licence revoked due to a violation of the law and who incurred personal liability, where less than three (3) years has elapsed since the date of the revocation of the business license;
- (5) a person who has a relatively large amount of debts due and outstanding;
- (6) a person who is under criminal investigation by a judicial organization for violation of the criminal law where said investigation is not yet concluded;
- (7) a person who is not eligible for being enterprise leader according to laws and administrative regulations;
- (8) a non-natural person;
- (9) a person convicted of the contravention of provisions of relevant securities regulations by a relevant competent authority, and such conviction involves a finding that he has acted fraudulently or dishonestly, where less than five (5) years has elapsed since the date of such conviction.
- **Article 16.2** The validity of an act of a Director, general manager or any other senior management member on behalf of the Company is not, vis-a-vis a bona fide third party, affected by any non-compliance in his/her office, election or any defect in his qualification.

- Article 16.3 In addition to obligations imposed by laws, administrative regulations or required by listing rules of the stock exchanges on which the Company's shares are listed, each of the Company's Directors, supervisors, general manager and other senior management members shall have the following obligations to each shareholder, in the exercise of the functions and powers of the Company entrusted to him/her:
 - (1) not to cause the Company to exceed the business scope stipulated in its business licence;
 - (2) to act honestly and in good faith in the best interest of the Company;
 - (3) not to expropriate in any way the Company's property, including (without limitation) usurpation of opportunities advantageous to the Company;
 - (4) not to expropriate the individual rights of shareholders, including (without limitation) rights to distribution and voting rights, except for a restructuring of the Company submitted to shareholders' general meeting for approval in accordance with the Articles of Association.
- **Article 16.4** Each of the Company's Directors, supervisors, general manager and other senior management members shall have obligations, in the exercise of his/her rights and performance of his/her obligations, to exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.

- Article 16.5 Each of the Company's Directors, supervisors, general manager and other senior management members shall perform his/her responsibilities in accordance with the principle of integrity and shall not put himself/herself in a position where his/her obligations and his/her interest may conflict. This principle includes (without limitation) performing the following obligations:
 - (1) to act honestly and in good faith in the best interests of the Company;
 - (2) to exercise powers within the scope of his/her functions and powers and not to exceed such scope;
 - (3) to exercise the discretion vested in him/her personally and not to allow himself/herself to act under the control of another and, unless and to the extent permitted by laws, administrative regulations or with the informed consent of shareholders given in a general meeting, not to delegate the exercise of his/her discretion;
 - (4) to treat shareholders of the same class equally and to treat shareholders of different classes fairly;
 - (5) except in accordance with the Articles of Association or with the informed consent of shareholders given in general meeting, not to enter into any contract, transaction or arrangement with the Company;
 - (6) without the informed consent of shareholders given in general meeting, not to use the Company's property for his/her own benefit by any means;
 - (7) not to exploit his/her position to accept bribes or other illegal income or expropriate the Company's property by any means, including (without limitation) opportunities advantageous to the Company;
 - (8) without the informed consent of shareholders given in general meeting, not to accept commissions in connection with the Company's transactions;

- (9) to abide by the Articles of Association, faithfully execute his/her official responsibilities and protect the Company's interests, and not to exploit his/her position and power in the Company to advance his/her own private interests;
- (10) not to compete with the Company in any form unless with the informed consent of shareholders given in general meeting;
- (11) not to misappropriate the Company's funds or lend Company's fund to others, not to open accounts in his/her own name or other names for the deposit of the Company's assets and not to provide a guarantee for debts of the shareholder(s) of the Company or other individual(s) over the Company's assets;
- (12) unless otherwise permitted by informed shareholders in general meeting, to keep in confidence information relating to the Company acquired by him/her in the course of and during his/her tenure and not to use such information in purposes other than in furtherance of the interests of the Company, save that disclosure of such information to the court or other governmental authorities is permitted if:
 - (i) disclosure is made according to the law;
 - (ii) disclosure required by the interests of the public;
 - (iii) disclosure required by the interests of the relevant Director, supervisor, general manager or other senior management member.
- **Article 16.6** Director, supervisor, general manager or other senior management member of the Company shall not procure the following persons or institutions ("associates") to do what he/she is prohibited from doing:
 - (1) the spouse or minor child of that Director, supervisor, general manager and other senior management member;
 - (2) a person acting in the capacity of trustee of that Director, supervisor, general manager or other senior management member or any person referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article;

- (3) a person acting in the capacity of partner of that Director, supervisor, general manager or other senior management member or any person referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Article;
- (4) a company in which that Director, supervisor, general manager or other senior management member, alone or jointly with one or more persons referred to in paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) above or other Directors, supervisors, general manager and other senior management members of the Company have a de facto controlling interest;
- (5) the Directors, supervisors, general manager and other senior management members of the controlled company referred to in paragraph (4) above of this Article.
- Article 16.7 The integrity obligations of the Directors, supervisors, general manager and other senior management members of the Company do not necessarily cease with the termination of their tenure. The obligation of confidence in relation to trade secrets of the Company survives the termination of their tenure. Other obligations may continue for such period as fairness may require depending on the time lapse between the termination of tenure and the occurrence of the event concerned and the circumstances under which the relationships between them and the Company are terminated.
- **Article 16.8** Except for circumstances prescribed in Article 7.5 hereof, a Director, supervisor, general manager and other senior management member of the Company may be relieved of liability for specific breaches of his/her obligations by the informed consent of shareholders given at a general meeting.

Article 16.9 Where a Director, supervisor, general manager and other senior management member of the Company is in any way, directly or indirectly, materially interested in a contract, transaction or arrangement or proposed contract, transaction or arrangement with the Company, (other than his contract of service with the Company), he shall disclose the nature and extent of his interests to the Board as soon as possible, whether or not the contract, transaction or arrangement or proposal is normally subject to the approval of the Board.

A Director shall not vote on the resolution matters of the Board in relation to any Contract, transaction, arrangement or proposal in which he or any of his associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) is materially interested, and shall not be included In the quorum of the meeting, unless otherwise permitted by the Listing Rules or the Stock Exchange.

Unless the interested Director, supervisor, general manager or other senior management member has disclosed his interests in accordance with the preceding paragraph of this Article and the matter has been approved by the Board at a meeting in which the interested Director, supervisor, general Manager or other senior management member has not been counted in the quorum and refrained from voting, the Company may rescind that contract, transaction or arrangement except as against a bona fide Party thereto acting without notice of the breach of duty by the interested Director, general manager or other senior management member.

A Director, supervisor, general manager or other senior management member of the Company is deemed to be interested in a contract, transaction or arrangement in which an associate (as defined in the Listing Rules) of him is interested.

- Article 16.10 If a Director, supervisor, general manager or other senior management member of the Company, before the company considers entering to the relevant contract, transaction or arrangement at the first time, gives to the Board a general notice in writing stating that, by reason of the facts specified in the notice, he is interested in contracts, transactions or arrangements of any description which may subsequently be made by the Company, such notice shall be deemed for the purposes of the preceding paragraph of this Article to have made a disclosure under the preceding Articles to the extent of the matters set out in that notice.
- **Article 16.11** The Company shall not in any manner pay taxes for or on behalf of its Directors, supervisors, general manager or other senior management members.
- **Article 16.12** The Company shall not directly or indirectly make a loan to, or provide any guarantee in connection with, the making of a loan to a Director, supervisor, general manager or other senior management member of the Company or of the Company's parent company or any of their respective associates.

However, the following transactions are not subject to such prohibition:

- (1) the provision by the Company of a loan or a guarantee for a loan to a company which is a subsidiary of the Company;
- (2) the provision by the Company of a loan or a guarantee in connection with the making of a loan or any other funds to any of its Directors, supervisors, general manager or other senior management members to meet expenditure incurred or to be incurred by him for the purposes of the Company or for the purpose of enabling him to perform his duties properly, in accordance with the terms of a service contract approved by the shareholders in general meeting; and

- (3) The Company may make a loan or provide a guarantee in connection with the making of a loan to any of the relevant Directors, Supervisors, general manager or other senior management members or their respective associates in the ordinary course of its business on normal commercial terms, provided that the ordinary course of business of the Company includes the lending of money or the giving of guarantees.
- **Article 16.13** A loan made by the Company in breach of the above provisions shall be forthwith repayable immediately by the recipient of the loan regardless of the terms of the loan.
- **Article 16.14** A loan guarantee provided by the Company in breach of the first paragraph of Article 16.12 shall be unenforceable against the Company, except the followings:
 - (1) lender did not know the relevant circumstances at the time the loan was advanced to an associate of any of the Directors, supervisors, general manager and other senior management members of the Company or of the Company's parent company; or
 - (2) the security provided by the Company has been lawfully disposed of by the lender to a bona fide purchaser.
- **Article 16.15** For the purposes of the foregoing provisions of this Chapter, a "guarantee" includes an undertaking of obligations or the provision of the security over the property by the guarantor to secure the performance of obligations of the obligor.
- **Article 16.16** In addition to any rights and remedies provided by the laws and administrative regulations, where a Director, supervisor, general manager and other senior management members of the Company is in breach of his duties to the Company, the Company has a right to:
 - (1) claim damages from the relevant Director, supervisor, general manager and other senior management members in compensation for losses sustained by the Company as a result of such breach;

- (2) rescind any contract or transaction entered into by the Company with the relevant Director, supervisor, general manager and other senior management members or with a third party (where such third party knows or should know that there is such a breach of duties by such Director, supervisor, general manager and other senior management members);
- (3) demand the relevant Director, supervisor, general manager and other senior management members to surrender the profits made by him in breach of his duties;
- (4) recover any monies received by the relevant Director, supervisor, general manager and other senior management members which should have been otherwise received by the Company, including (without limitation) commissions; and
- (5) demand payment of the interest earned or which may have been earned by the relevant Director, supervisor, general manager and other senior management members on the monies that should have been paid to the Company.
- **Article 16.17** The Company shall, with the prior approval of shareholders in general meeting, enter into a contract in writing with a Director or supervisor wherein his emoluments are stipulated, including;
 - (1) emoluments in respect of his service as Director, supervisor or senior management member of the Company;
 - (2) emoluments in respect of his service as Director, supervisor or senior management member of any subsidiary of the Company;
 - (3) emoluments in respect of the provision of other services in connection with the management of the affairs of the Company or any of its subsidiaries; and
 - (4) compensation for loss of office, or as consideration for or in connection with his retirement from office.

Except under a contract entered into in accordance with the foregoing, no proceedings may be brought by a Director or supervisor against the Company for any benefits in respect of the matters mentioned above.

Article 16.18 The contract for emoluments entered into between the Company and its Directors or supervisors should provide that in the event of a takeover of the Company, the Company's Directors and supervisors shall, subject to the prior approval of the shareholders in general meeting, have the right to receive compensation or other payment for loss of office or retirement.

A takeover of the Company as referred to above means:

- (1) a takeover offer made by any person to all shareholders of the Company; or
- (2) a takeover offer made by any person with a view to the offer or to become a controlling shareholder within the meaning of Article 7.6.

If the relevant Director or supervisor does not comply with this Article, any sum so received by him shall belong to those persons who have sold their shares as a result of the said offer made. The expenses incurred in making a pro rata distribution of such monies shall be borne by the relevant Director or supervisor and shall not be paid out of that sum.

CHAPTER 17 FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING SYSTEM AND PROFIT DISTRIBUTION

- **Article 17.1** The Company shall establish its financial and accounting system in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations and PRC accounting standards formulated by the finance regulatory department of the State Council.
- **Article 17.2** At the end of each fiscal year, the Company shall prepare a financial report which shall be audited and validated in compliance with the laws.
- **Article 17.3** The fiscal year of the Company shall coincide with the Gregorian calendar year, i.e. from January 1 to December 31 on the Gregorian calendar. The

Company's accounts shall be prepared in Chinese with RMB as the reporting currency.

- Article 17.4 The Board shall place before the shareholders at every annual general meeting a financial report prepared by the Company as are required by relevant laws, administrative regulations or normative documents promulgated by competent regional government and regulatory authorities.
- Article 17.5 The Company's financial reports shall be made available for shareholders' inspection at the Company twenty (20) days before the date of annual shareholders' general meeting. Each shareholder shall be entitled to obtain a copy of the financial reports referred to in this Chapter.

The Company shall at least send to each shareholder of overseas listed foreign shares by prepaid mail the abovementioned reports not later than twenty-one (21) days before the date of annual shareholders' general meeting, or send or deliver by other means as stipulated in Article 26.1 herein provided that the laws and regulations of the place where the Company's shares are listed and the relevant rules of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange are complied with.

- Article 17.6 The financial statements of the Company shall, in addition to being prepared in accordance with PRC accounting standards and regulations, be prepared in accordance with either international accounting standards or that of the overseas place where the Company's shares are listed. If there is any material difference between the financial statements prepared respectively in accordance with the two accounting standards, such difference shall be specified in the notes to the financial statements. When the Company is to distribute its after-tax profits in respective of the relevant financial year, the lower amount of the after-tax profits as shown in the two financial statements shall be adopted.
- Article 17.7 The interim results or financial information published or disclosed by the Company must also be prepared and presented in accordance with PRC accounting standards and regulations, and also in accordance with either international accounting standards or that of the overseas place where the Company's shares are listed.

- Article 17.8 The Company shall publish its financial reports twice in every fiscal year, that is, the interim financial report shall be published within sixty (60) days after the end of the first six (6) months of each fiscal year and the annual financial report shall be published within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the end of each fiscal year.
- **Article 17.9** The Company shall not keep books of accounts other than those provided by law.
- Article 17.10 The interim reports and annual reports of the Company shall, when completed, proceed with formalities and be disclosed pursuant to the relevant PRC securities laws, regulations and regulations of the stock exchange(s) where the Company's shares are listed.
- **Article 17.11** The profits of the Company after making allowances for taxes and levies shall be allocated in the following order:
 - (1) making up for losses;
 - (2) allocation to statutory common reserve fund;
 - (3) allocation to statutory public welfare fund;
 - (4) allocation to discretionary common reserve fund;
 - (5) payment of dividends in respect of ordinary shares.

The detailed distribution proportions in respect of paragraph (4) to (5) above for any year shall be formulated by the Board in accordance with the operational conditions and development need of the Company and subject to the approval of the shareholders' general meeting.

Article 17.12 The Company shall not distribute dividends before making up for losses and making allocation to the statutory common reserve fund and statutory public welfare fund.

- **Article 17.13** The Company shall allocate 10% of its after-tax profit for the Company's statutory common reserve fund. When the aggregate balance in the statutory common reserve fund has reached 50% or more of the Company's registered capital, the Company need not make any further allocations to that fund.
- **Article 17.14** The Company shall allocate 5% to 10% of its after-tax profit for the Company's statutory public welfare fund.
- Article 17.15 Allocation to the discretionary common reserve fund shall be made separately from the profit of the Company after the allocation to statutory common reserve fund and statutory public welfare fund is made, in accordance with the resolution of the shareholders' general meeting.
- **Article 17.16** The Company shall not distribute dividends or proceed with other distributions in the form of bonus dividends before offsetting the Company's losses and making allocation to the statutory common reserve fund and the statutory public welfare fund. No dividends of the Company shall bear interest unless the Company fails to pay the relevant dividends to the shareholders on the dividend payment date.

The payment made for any shares prior to the making of calls for payment for the subscribed shares are entitled to receive interest but shareholders shall not be entitled to claim dividends in respect of their advance payments for shares.

Article 17.17 Capital reserve fund includes the following items:

- (1) premium received when shares are issued at a premium to their par value;
- (2) other income required to be included in the capital reserve fund by the finance regulatory department of the State Council.

- **Article 17.18** The reserve funds of the Company can only be used for the following purposes:
 - (1) making up losses;
 - (2) expansion of the Company's production and operation;
 - (3) be converted into increase the capital of the Company. The Company may, in accordance with relevant regulations, convert its capital reserve fund and common reserve fund into capital upon a resolution adopted in shareholders' general meeting and issue new shares or increase the par value of each share to existing shareholders in proportion to their original shareholdings, provided, however, that when the statutory common reserve fund is converted into capital, the balance of such reserve fund shall not fall below 25% of the Company's registered capital.
- **Article 17.19** The Company shall apply its statutory public welfare fund for the collective welfare of the employees of the Company.
- **Article 17.20** Subject to Article 17.11, 17.12, 17.13 and 17.14, annual dividends shall be distributed in proportion to the shareholdings of the shareholders within six (6) months after the end of each fiscal year.
- Article 17.21 The Company may distribute dividends in the following manner:
 - (1) in cash; or
 - (2) by shares.
- **Article 17.22** Cash dividends or other payments payable by the Company to holders of its domestic shares shall be paid in RMB, and those payable to holders of overseas listed foreign shares shall be declared and calculated in RMB and paid in accordance with the relevant foreign exchange regulations of the State.

- Article 17.23 Unless otherwise stipulated by relevant laws and administrative regulations, when cash dividends and other payments are paid in Hong Kong dollars, the exchange rate shall be equal to the average of the People's Bank of China's closing rate of exchange on each day of the week immediately preceding the date of declaration of payment of such dividends and other payments.
- **Article 17.24** When distributing dividends to its shareholders, the Company shall, in accordance with the tax law of the PRC, withhold and pay on behalf of shareholders the tax payable on their dividend income.
- **Article 17.25** Upon being authorized by the shareholders' general meeting and in compliance with the Article 8.2 and paragraph (16) of Article 10.3 herein, the Board may resolve to distribute an interim or special dividend.
- **Article 17.26** The Company shall appoint receiving agents on behalf of the holders of overseas listed foreign shares to receive on behalf of such shareholders dividends declared and all other monies owing by the Company in respect of such shares.

The receiving agents appointed by the Company shall satisfy the relevant requirements of the laws of the place or relevant regulations of the stock exchange where the Company's shares are listed.

The receiving agents appointed on behalf of holders of overseas listed foreign shares listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange shall be a trust company registered under the Trustee Ordinance of Hong Kong.

Article 17.27 In relation to the receipt of dividends by shareholders, the Company is entitled to forfeit unclaimed dividends, provided that such power shall not exercised within six (6) years from the date of declaration of the dividends.

- Article 17.28 The Company may send dividend warrants to its shareholders, either directly or by mail through receiving agents. If the said dividend warrants are not cashed, the Company shall have the right to stop sending dividend warrants either directly or by mail through collecting agents, but the said right shall not be exercised unless such dividend warrants are not cashed for two consecutive occasions. However, where the said dividend warrants are returned upon failure of delivery to the recipients for the first time, the Company may also exercise such right.
- **Article 17.29** The Company has the right to sell, as permitted by the laws, any shares of a shareholder who is untraceable in any of the following circumstances:
 - (1) dividends have been declared the relevant shares for at least 3 times in respect of such shares within twelve (12) years, but none of such dividends was claimed; and
 - (2) the Company, after the expiration of a period of twelve (12) years, has made the advertisements on the newspaper(s) stating its intention to sell such shares, and has notified the Hong Kong Stock Exchange of such intention.

CHAPTER 18 APPOINTMENT OF ACCOUNTANTS' FIRM

Article 18.1 The Company shall appoint an independent accountants' firm which is qualified under the relevant regulations of the State to audit the Company's annual financial statements and review the Company's other financial reports.

The first accountants' firm of the Company may be appointed by the inaugural meeting of the Company before the first annual general meeting of shareholders and the accountants' firm so appointed shall hold office until the conclusion of the first annual general meeting.

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

- **Article 18.2** The term of appointment of an accountants' firm appointed by the Company shall commence from the conclusion of the annual general meeting of shareholders at which the appointment is made until the conclusion of the next annual meeting of shareholders.
- **Article 18.3** The accountants' firm appointed by the Company shall have the following rights:
 - (1) to inspect at any time the books, records or vouchers of the Company, and to require the Directors, general manager and other senior management members of the Company to provide any relevant information and explanation thereof;
 - (2) to require the Company to take all reasonable steps to obtain from its subsidiaries such information and explanation as are necessary for the performance of duties of such accountants' firm;
 - (3) to attend shareholders' general meetings and to receive all notices of, and other communications relating to, any shareholders' general meeting which any shareholder is entitled to receive, and to speak at any shareholders' general meeting in relation to matters concerning its role as the accountants' firm of the Company.
- Article 18.4 If a casual vacancy arises in the office of the accountants' firm, the Board may, prior to the holding of a shareholders' general meeting appoint an accountants' firm to fill the vacancy, but if during the continuation of any such casual vacancy the Company has another accountants' firm in office, that accountants' firm may continue to act.
- Article 18.5 The shareholders in general meeting may, by ordinary resolution, remove an accountants' firm before the expiration of its term of office, notwithstanding the stipulations in the contract between the Company and the firm, but without prejudice to the firm's right to claim, if any, for compensation arising from such removal.

- Article 18.6 The remuneration of an accountants' firm or the manner in which such firm is to be remunerated shall be determined by the shareholders in general meeting. The remuneration of an accountants' firm appointed by the Board shall be determined by the Board.
- Article 18.7 The Company's appointment of, removal of and non-reappointment of an accountants' firm shall be resolved by shareholders in general meeting. The resolution of the shareholders' general meeting shall be filed with the State Council's securities regulatory authority.
- Article 18.8 Where it is proposed that any resolution be passed at a shareholders' general meeting concerning the appointment of an accountants' firm, which is not an incumbent firm, to replace an existing accountants' firm or to fill a casual vacancy in the office of the accountants' firm, or to reappoint a retiring accountants' firm which was appointed by the Board to fill a casual vacancy, or to remove the accountants' firm before the expiration of its term of office, the following provisions shall apply:
 - (1) about the proposed resolution for appointment or removal shall be sent to the firm proposed to be appointed or proposing to leave office or the firm which has left office in the relevant fiscal year (leaving includes leaving by removal, resignation and retirement) before notice of meeting is given to the shareholders.
 - (2) If the accountants' firm leaving office makes representations in writing and requests the Company to notify the shareholders of such representations, the Company shall implement the following measures (unless the representations are received too late):
 - (i) in any notice given to shareholders about a resolution to be made, state the representations that have been made by the accountants' firm which is about to leave; and
 - (ii) attach a copy of the representations to the notice and deliver it to the shareholders in the manner stipulated in the Articles of Association.

- (3) If the firm's representations are not dispatched by the Company in accordance with paragraph (2) above, the relevant firm may require that such representations be read out at the shareholders' general meeting and may lodge further complaints.
- (4) An accountants' firm which is leaving office shall be entitled to attend:
 - (i) the shareholders' general meeting relating to the expiry of its term of office;
 - (ii) the shareholders' general meeting at which it is proposed to fill the vacancy arising from its removal; and
 - (iii) the shareholders' general meeting convened on its resignation;

An accountants' firm which is leaving office shall be entitled to receive all notices of, and other communications relating to, any such meetings, and to speak at any such meeting in relation to matters concerning its role as the former accountants' firm of the Company.

- Article 18.9 Prior to the removal or the non-renewal of the appointment of an accountants' firm of the Company, notice of such removal or non-renewal shall be given to the accountants' firm concerned and such firm shall be entitled to present its views at the shareholders' general meeting. Where the accountants' firm tendering resignation shall inform the shareholders' general meeting as to whether there has been any impropriety on the part of the Company.
- **Article 18.10** An accountants' firm may resign from its office by depositing at the Company's legal residence a resignation notice which shall become effective on the date of such deposit or on such later date as may be stipulated in such notice. Such notice shall include either of the following:
 - (1) a statement to the effect that there are no circumstances connected with its resignation which it considers should be brought to the notice of the shareholders or creditors of the Company; or

(2) a statement of any matters of which an account should be given.

The Company shall within fourteen (14) days upon its receipt of the written notice mentioned above send a copy of the notice to the supervisory authority. If the notice contains a statement referred to in subparagraph (2) above, a copy of such statement shall be placed at the Company for shareholders' inspection. The Company shall also send a copy of such statement to every holder of overseas listed foreign shares by other appropriate means specified in Article 26.1 of these Articles of Association. If such statement is sent by prepaid post, it shall be sent to the addresses recorded in the register of shareholders.

Where the notice of resignation of an accountants' firm contains a statement of any matters of which an account should be given, the accountants' firm may require the Board to convene a shareholders' extraordinary general meeting for the purpose of giving an explanation of the circumstances connected with its resignation.

CHAPTER 19 INSURANCE

- **Article 19.1** The Company's various types of insurance shall be taken out with insurance companies that are registered in the PRC and are permitted by the PRC laws to provide insurance to PRC companies.
- **Article 19.2** The insurance types, the insured amounts, the insured periods and other insured terms shall be discussed and decided by the Board by reference to the practices of companies of the same trade in other countries and the practices and legal requirements in the PRC.

CHAPTER 20 LABOUR MANAGEMENT

- **Article 20.1** The Company formulates its systems regarding labour management, personnel management, wages and welfare and social insurance in accordance with the laws, rules and relevant administrative regulations of the PRC.
- Article 20.2 The Company implements the system of appointment for all levels of management personnel and a contract system for ordinary employees. The Company may decide by itself on its staffing, and may exercise its own discretion to recruit and, dismiss management personnel as well as employees in accordance with the laws and the terms of contracts,.
- Article 20.3 The Company shall have the right to, based on its own economic efficiency, decide by itself the levels of wages and welfare benefits of various levels of management personnel and other employees to the extent as provided for in the relevant administrative regulations.
- Article 20.4 The Company shall arrange for medical insurance, retirement insurance and unemployment insurance for its management personnel and other employees in accordance with relevant administrative regulations of the PRC central and local government, and shall comply with the laws, regulations and relevant requirements regarding labour insurance for retired and unemployed staff.

CHAPTER 21 TRADE UNION

Article 21.1 The Company's employees shall have the right to organize a trade union and engages in trade union activities in accordance with the Trade Union Law of the PRC. The activities of the trade union shall be conducted in non-working hours, unless otherwise specified by the Board.

The Company shall make a monthly contribution to the trade union fund at two (2) per cent of the total amount of monthly wages paid to its employees. Such funds shall be used by the trade union of the Company in accordance with the Measures for the Management of Trade Union Funds formulated by the All China Federation of Trade Unions.

CHAPTER 22 MERGER AND DIVISION OF THE COMPANY

Article 22.1 In the event of the merger or division of the Company, a plan shall be proposed by the Board and shall be approved in accordance with the procedures stipulated in the Articles of Association and the relevant examining and approving procedures shall be carried out as required by law. Shareholders who oppose the plan of merger or division of the Company shall have the right to request that the Company or the shareholders who consent to such plan purchase their shares at a fair price. A special document of the Company's resolution on the merger or division should be prepared for inspection by the shareholders.

The aforesaid document should also be dispatched to the holders of overseas listed foreign shares by post.

Article 22.2 The merger of the Company may take the form of either merger by absorption or merger by new establishment.

In the event of a merger of the Company, all parties to the merger shall enter into a merger agreement and prepare balance sheets and inventories of assets. The Company shall notify its creditors within ten (10) days of the date of the Company's resolution on merger and shall make a public announcement in newspapers at least three (3) times within thirty (30) days of the date of the passing of a resolution on merger.

After the merger the Company, the rights and liabilities of parties to the merger shall be assumed by the company which continues to exist after the merger or the newly established company.

Article 22.3 When the Company is divided, its assets shall be split up accordingly.

In the event of a division of the Company, all parties to the division shall enter into a division agreement and prepare balance sheets and inventories of assets. The Company shall notify its creditors within ten (10) days of the date of the Company's resolution on division and shall make a public announcement in newspapers at least three (3) times within thirty (30) days of the date of the passing of a resolution on division.

The liabilities incurred by the Company before its division shall be assumed by the companies after the division in accordance with the agreement reached.

Article 22.4 Changes to registered particulars arising from a merger or division of the Company shall be registered with the company registration authority in accordance with the law. When the Company is dissolved, the Company shall cancel its registration in accordance with the law. When a new company is established, its establishment shall be registered in accordance with the law.

CHAPTER 23 DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION OF THE COMPANY

- **Article 23.1** The Company shall be dissolved and liquidated in accordance with the law upon the occurrence of any of the following events:
 - (1) a resolution on dissolution is passed by shareholders at a general meeting;
 - (2) dissolution is necessary due to a merger or division of the Company;
 - (3) the Company is legally declared bankrupt due to its failure to repay debts due;
 - (4) the Company is ordered to close down according to law because of its violation of laws and administrative regulations.
- Article 23.2 Where the Company is dissolved under paragraph (1) of the preceding Article, a liquidation committee shall be set up within fifteen (15) days, and its members shall be determined by shareholders at a general meeting by way of ordinary resolution.

Where the Company is dissolved pursuant to paragraph (3) of the preceding Article, the people's court shall, according to the relevant laws, organize to establish a liquidation committee comprising the shareholders, relevant authorities and relevant professionals to carry out the liquidation.

Where the Company is dissolved pursuant to paragraph (4) of the preceding Article, relevant supervisory authorities shall establish a liquidation committee comprising the shareholders, relevant authorities and relevant professionals to carry out the liquidation.

Article 23.3 Where the Board proposes to liquidate the Company (other than a liquidation of the Company as a result of a declaration of insolvency), the Board shall include a statement in its notice convening a shareholders' general meeting to consider the proposal to the effect that, after having made a full inquiry into the affairs of the Company, it is of the opinion that the Company will be able to pay its debts in full within twelve (12) months from the commencement of the liquidation.

Upon the passing of a resolution by the shareholders in general meeting for the liquidation of the Company, all functions and powers of the Board shall cease immediately.

The liquidation committee shall act in accordance with the instructions of the shareholders' general meeting to make a report at least once every year to the shareholders' general meeting on the committee's income and expenditure, the business of the Company and the progress of the liquidation and to present a final report to the shareholders' general meeting on completion of the liquidation.

- Article 23.4 The liquidation committee shall notify creditors within ten (10) days from the date of its establishment and make a public announcement in newspapers at least three (3) times within sixty (60) days of that date. The liquidation committee shall register the creditor's claims.
- **Article 23.5** During the liquidation period, the liquidation committee shall exercise the following functions and powers:
 - (1) to ascertain the Company's assets and separately prepare a balance sheet and an inventory of assets;
 - (2) to notify creditors by sending notice or by making announcement;
 - (3) to deal with and settle the Company's outstanding business deals in relation to the liquidation;

- (4) to settle outstanding tax payment;
- (5) to ascertain all claims and debts;
- (6) to dispose of the remaining assets of the Company after the repayment of debts;
- (7) to represent the Company in any civil proceedings.

Article 23.6 After checking the Company's assets and preparing a balance sheet and an inventory of assets, the liquidation committee shall formulate a liquidation plan and submit the same to a shareholders' general meeting or relevant supervisory authorities for confirmation.

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

- (1) liquidation costs;
- (2) outstanding salaries, social insurance premiums payable to the employees of the Company;
- (3) outstanding taxes;
- (4) bank loans and other debts of the Company.

The remaining assets of the Company after repayment of its debts in accordance with the provisions above shall be distributed to the shareholders of the Company according to the class of shares held by them and in proportion to their respective shareholdings.

During the liquidation period, the Company shall not carry out any new business activities. Article 23.7 In the event of Company's liquidation owing to dissolution, if the liquidation committee, after ascertaining the Company's assets and preparing a balance sheet and an inventory of assets, discovers that the Company's assets are insufficient to repay its debts, it shall immediately apply to the people's court for a declaration of bankruptcy.

After the Company is declared bankrupt by a ruling of the people's court, the liquidation committee shall transfer the liquidation matters to the people's court.

Article 23.8 Following the completion of liquidation, the liquidation committee shall present a report on liquidation and prepare a statement of the income and expenditure and the financial books of accounts for the period of the liquidation which shall be audited by PRC certified public accountants and then submitted to the shareholders' general meeting or relevant supervisory authorities for confirmation.

The liquidation committee shall also within thirty (30) days after such confirmation, submit the documents referred to in the preceding paragraph to the company registration authority and apply for cancellation of registration of the Company, and make a public announcement of the termination of the Company.

CHAPTER 24 PROCEDURES FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

- **Article 24.1** These Articles of Association may be amended in accordance with the laws, administrative regulations and the provisions of the Articles of Association.
- **Article 24.2** Except as otherwise provided in Article 8.6 and 8.25 hereof, any amendment to the Articles of Association shall be made in the following procedures:
 - (1) the Board shall, in accordance with the Articles of Association, adopt a resolution to propose to the shareholders' general meeting to amend the Articles of Association, and draw up a proposal for such amendments;

- (2) the amendment proposal shall be notified to shareholders, and a shareholders' general meeting shall be convened to vote on the proposal;
- (3) subject to the relevant provisions of the Articles of Association, the amendments submitted to the shareholders' general meeting for approval shall be approved by way of special resolution.
- Article 24.3 Any amendment to the Articles of Association involving anything set out in the Mandatory Provisions shall become effective upon approval by the department in charge of company approval affairs authorized by the State Council and by the China Securities Regulatory Commission. If there is any change relating to the registered particulars of the Company, application shall be made for registration of the changes in accordance with the laws.

CHAPTER 25 SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

- **Article 25.1** The Company shall act according to the following principles to settle disputes:
 - (1) Whenever any disputes or claims arise between holders of the overseas listed foreign shares and the Company, holders of the overseas listed foreign shares and the Company's Directors, supervisors, general managers or other senior management members, or holders of the overseas listed foreign shares and holders of domestic shares, based on the Articles of Association or any rights or obligations conferred or imposed by the PRC Company Law or any other relevant laws and administrative regulations concerning the affairs of the Company, such disputes or claims shall be referred by the relevant parties to arbitration.

Where a dispute or claim of rights abovementioned is referred to arbitration, the entire claim or dispute must be referred to arbitration and any person (being the Company or a shareholder, Director, supervisor, general manager or other senior management members of the Company) who has a cause of action based on the same facts giving rise to the dispute or claim or whose participation is necessary for the resolution of such dispute or claim, shall abide by the arbitration.

Disputes in relation to the identification of shareholders and disputes in relation to the register of shareholders need not be resolved by arbitration.

(2) A claimant may elect arbitration at either the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission in accordance with its rules or the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre in accordance with its Securities Arbitration Rules. Once a claimant refers a dispute or claim to arbitration, the other party must submit to the arbitral body elected by the claimant.

If a claimant elects arbitration at Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, any party to the dispute or claim may apply for a hearing to take place in Shenzhen in accordance with the Securities Arbitration Rules of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre.

- (3) If any disputes or claims of rights prescribed in paragraph (1) above are referred to arbitration, the laws of the People's Republic of China shall apply, save as otherwise provided in laws and administrative regulations.
- (4) The award of an arbitration body shall be final and conclusive and binding on all parties.

CHAPTER 26 NOTICE

- **Article 26.1** Save as otherwise provided in the Articles of Association and subject to the laws and administrative regulations and the listing rules of the place of listing, any corporate communications to be issued by the Company may be sent by any of the following means:
 - (1) by hand;
 - (2) by post;
 - (3) by facsimile, electronic mail, disc or other electronic means;

- (4) in a manner of publishing on the website designated by the Company and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange;
- (5) in the form of an announcement;
- (6) by other means agreed in advance between the Company and the recipient or such other approved means as notified to the recipient; or
- (7) by any other means approved by the regulatory authority of the place of listing or provided in these Articles of Association.

The "announcements" referred to in these Articles of Association, except as the context otherwise required, shall, in respect of the notices sent to holders of domestic shares or required to be sent in the PRC under the relevant provisions and these Articles of Association, mean the public announcements published on the newspapers and magazines in the PRC as specified by the laws or administrative regulations of the PRC or by the securities regulatory authority under the State Council; or shall, in respect of the notices sent to the holders of foreign shares or required to be sent in Hong Kong under the relevant provisions and these Articles of Association, be sent in accordance with the Hong Kong Listing Rules or other applicable rules and regulations.

In respect of the methods which can be used by the Company to send or serve corporate communications to holders of overseas listed foreign shares in accordance with the Listing Rules, the Company may also send or serve the corporate communications to or on such holders by electronic means or by using websites, subject to the laws and regulations of the place of listing of the shares of the Company and the relevant listing rules.

"Corporate communications" shall mean any documents sent or to be sent by the Company for reference or taking actions by any holders of securities of the Company, including but not limited to the following:

(1) annual reports, including report of the Board, annual accounts of the Company together with the auditor's report and (if applicable) summary financial report;

- (2) interim reports and (if applicable) summary interim reports;
- (3) notices of meetings;
- (4) listing documents;
- (5) circulars; and
- (6) forms of proxy.
- Article 26.2 Any notices delivered by hand shall be deemed to be served upon delivery. Where a notice is to be sent by post, it shall be placed in an envelope properly addressed with the name of the person addressed, postage prepaid and posted and, any such notice shall be deemed to have been received by shareholders forty-eight (48) hours after posting. For any notices sent by the Company by way of facsimile or electronic mail or published on websites, the date of first publication shall be the date of service. For any notices issued by the Company by way of public announcement on newspapers and magazines, the date of first publication shall be the date of service, and the announcement shall be published on newspapers specified in the relevant provisions.
- Article 26.3 Any notice, document, information or written statement to be served by a shareholder or Director to the Company shall be delivered by hand or by registered mail to the legal address of the Company.
- Article 26.4 Shareholders or Directors of the Company who want to prove that certain notices, documents, information or written statements have been served on the Company shall provide evidential materials showing the same has been served on the Company in accordance with Article 26.3 within the designated periods, which shall mean in respect of those sent by hand, receipt confirmation of the Company, or in respect of those sent by registered mail, evidential materials showing that the mailing address is correct and the postage is fully paid.

CHAPTER 27 INTERPRETATIONS AND DEFINITIONS OF THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Article 27.1 These Articles of Association shall be interpreted by the Board, and any matters not covered herein shall be proposed at shareholders' general meetings by the Board and passed by resolution.

Article 27.2 These Articles of Association are written in English; the Chinese version shall prevail.

Article 27.3 In the Articles of Association, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms and expressions shall have the following meanings:

"Articles of Association" the articles of association of the Company

"Board" the board of Directors of the Company

"Chairman" the chairman of the Board

"Director(s)" any director(s) of the Company

"overseas listed any overseas listed foreign shares of the

foreign shares" Company

"Company's legal residence" No. A-11 Sanlihe Road, Haidian District,

Beijing

"RMB" or "Renminbi" Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC

"Secretary of the Board" the company secretary appointed by the

Board

"PRC" and "State" the People's Republic of China

"HK" the Hong Kong dollar, the lawful currency of

Hong Kong

"Hong Kong Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"Listing Rules"

the Listing Rules issued by the Hong Kong

Stock Exchange

"Company"

China National Building Material Company

Limited*

"accountants' firm"

having the same meaning as "auditors" referred to in the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong

Kong Limited

"MP"

Mandatory Provisions for Articles of Association of Companies Listing Overseas (Zheng Wei Fa [1994] No. 21) promulgated by the former China Securities Committee under the State Council and the former State Committee on Economic System Reform;

"APP3"

Appendix 3 of the Listing Rules promulgated by the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong

Limited

"A13D"

Appendix 13D of the Listing Rules promulgated by the Stock Exchange of Hong

Kong Limited

"LR19A"

Chapter 19A of the Listing Rules promulgated by the Stock Exchange of Hong

Kong Limited

"Zheng Jian Hai Han"

Circular Regarding Comments on the Amendment of Articles of Association of Companies Listing Overseas in Hong Kong (Zheng Jian Hai Han [1995] No. 1), which was promulgated by the Overseas-Listing Department of China Securities Regulatory Commission and the Production System Department of the former State Committee on

Economic System Reform

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