

# Appendix 19

## SPONSOR'S DECLARATION

To: The Listing Division  
The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

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We, ....., are the sponsor appointed by .....  
..... (the "Company") on [Date] for the purpose referred to in rule 3A.02 of the Rules  
Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Exchange  
Listing Rules") and have offices located at .....

Under rule 3A.13 we declare to The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Exchange") that:

- (a) all of the documents required by the Exchange Listing Rules, the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance, the Securities and Futures (Stock Market Listing) Rules and the Code on Takeovers and Mergers (where applicable) to be submitted to the Exchange on or before the date of issue of the Company's listing document and in connection with the Company's listing application have been submitted;
- (b) having made reasonable due diligence inquiries, we have reasonable grounds to believe and do believe that:
  - (i) [Repealed 1 January 2009]
  - (ii) the Company is in compliance with all the conditions in Chapter 8 of the Exchange Listing Rules (except to the extent that compliance with those rules has been waived by the Exchange in writing or are not applicable);
  - (iii) the Company's listing document contains sufficient particulars and information to enable a reasonable person to form as a result thereof a valid and justifiable opinion of the shares, the financial condition and profitability of the Company at the time of the issue of the listing document;
  - (iv) the information in the non-expert sections of the listing document:
    - (A) contains all information required by relevant legislation and rules;
    - (B) is true, accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive in any material respect, or, to the extent it consists of opinions or forward looking statements by the Company's directors or any other person, such opinions or forward looking statements have been made after due and careful consideration and on bases and assumptions that are fair and reasonable; and

- (C) does not omit any matters or facts the omission of which would make any information in the non-expert sections of a listing document or any other part of the listing document misleading in a material respect;
  - (v) the Company has established procedures, systems and controls (including accounting and management systems) which are adequate having regard to the obligations of the Company and its directors under the Exchange Listing Rules and other relevant legal and regulatory requirements (in particular rules 13.09, 13.10, 13.46, 13.48 and 13.49, Chapters 14 and 14A and Appendix 16, and Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance) and which provide a reasonable basis to enable the Company's directors to make a proper assessment of the financial position and prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries, both immediately before and after listing;
  - (vi) the Company's directors collectively have the experience, qualifications and competence to manage the Company's business and comply with the Exchange Listing Rules, and individually have the experience, qualifications and competence to perform their individual roles, including an understanding of the nature of their obligations and those of the Company as an issuer under the Exchange Listing Rules and other legal or regulatory requirements relevant to their role; and
  - (vii) there are no other material issues bearing on the Company's application for listing of and permission to deal in its securities which, in our opinion, should be disclosed to the Exchange;
- (c) in relation to each expert section in the listing document, having made reasonable due diligence inquiries, we have reasonable grounds to believe and do believe (to the standard reasonably expected of a sponsor which is not itself expert in the matters dealt with in the relevant expert section) that:
- (i) where the expert does not conduct its own verification of any material factual information on which the expert is relying for the purposes of any part of the expert section, such factual information is true in all material respects and does not omit any material information. Factual information includes:
    - (A) factual information that the expert states it is relying on;
    - (B) factual information we believe the expert is relying on; and
    - (C) any supporting or supplementary information given by the expert or the Company to the Exchange relating to an expert section;

- (ii) all material bases and assumptions on which the expert sections of the listing document are founded are fair, reasonable and complete;
  - (iii) the expert is appropriately qualified, experienced and sufficiently resourced to give the relevant opinion;
  - (iv) the expert's scope of work is appropriate to the opinion given and the opinion required to be given in the circumstances (where the scope of work is not set by a relevant professional body);
  - (v) the expert is independent from the Company and its directors and controlling shareholder(s); and
  - (vi) the listing document fairly represents the views of the expert and contains a fair copy of or extract from the expert's report; and
- (d) in relation to the information in the expert reports, we, as a non-expert, after performing reasonable due diligence inquiries, have no reasonable grounds to believe and do not believe that the information in the expert reports is untrue, misleading or contains any material omissions.

Signed: .....

Name: .....

For and on behalf of: ..... *[insert the name of sponsor]*

Dated: .....

- Notes:** (1) The Exchange expects that this form would be signed by the Principal(s) who act(s) as the supervisor(s) of the Transaction Team (as defined in the SFC Sponsor Provisions) undertaking the listing assignment. However, notwithstanding who signs this form on behalf of the sponsor, the Management (as defined in the SFC Sponsor Provisions) of the sponsor will be ultimately responsible for supervision of the work carried out by the sponsor firm and quality assurance in respect of that work. The Exchange reminds sponsors of their obligations to have effective internal systems and controls and proper supervision and oversight including but not limited to those obligations under the SFC Sponsor Provisions.
- (2) Each and every director of the sponsor firm, and any officer or representative of the sponsor firm supplying information sought in this form, should note that this form constitutes a record or document which is to be provided to the Exchange in connection with the performance of its functions under "relevant provisions" (as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap 571) as amended from time to time) and is likely to be relied upon by the Exchange. Therefore, you should be aware that giving to the Exchange any record or document which is false or misleading in a material particular will render relevant persons liable for prosecution for an offence under subsection 384(3) of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap 571) as amended from time to time. If you have any queries you should consult the Exchange or your professional adviser immediately.