#### **HKEX GUIDANCE LETTER**

## HKEX-GL90-18 (February 2018) (Last updated in November 2023)

# [Streamlined and incorporated into the Guide for New Listing Applicants in January 2024]

Subject	Pricing Flexibility for Initial Public Offerings ("IPO")
Listing Rules	Paragraph 15(2)(c) of Appendix 1A of Main Board Rules Paragraph 15(3)(c) of Appendix 1A of GEM Rules Main Board Rules 2.13 and 11.13, GEM Rules 2.18 and
	14.24
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**Important note:** This letter does not override the Listing Rules and is not a substitute for advice from qualified professional advisers. If there is any conflict or inconsistency between this letter and the Listing Rules, the Listing Rules prevail. You may consult the Listing Division on a confidential basis for an interpretation of the Listing Rules or this letter.

## 1. Purpose

- 1.1 This letter sets out the conditions under which an applicant is allowed to price the final offer price in an IPO below the indicative offer price or the bottom end of the indicative offer price range disclosed in the prospectus without triggering the need to cancel the offer and relaunch it at the revised offer price with a supplemental prospectus or a new prospectus giving investors at least three business days to consider the new information. Such pricing flexibility mechanism for IPO is referred to as "Pricing Flexibility Mechanism" below. (Updated in November 2023)
- 1.2 The Pricing Flexibility Mechanism is intended to provide an applicant with additional flexibility in pricing its shares to facilitate the determination of the optimal price (which reflects the price discovered through the book-building process) after the close of a public offer. Investors' interests are safeguarded through the conditions imposed under the Pricing Flexibility Mechanism, including price reduction limits and enhanced disclosure in the prospectus and other related documents (see section 4 below). (Updated in November 2023)

## 1.3 (Deleted in November 2023)

## 2. Relevant Listing Rules and Listing Decisions

- 2.1 Main Board Rule 2.13 (GEM Rule 2.18) states that the information contained in the document must be accurate and complete in material respects.
- 2.2 Main Board Rule 11.13 (GEM Rule 14.24) requires that:

If at any time after the issue of the listing document or a supplementary listing document as provided for by this rule and before the

commencement of dealings in any securities, the issuer becomes aware that:—

- (1) there has been a significant change affecting any matter contained in the listing document; or
- (2) a significant new matter has arisen, the inclusion of information in respect of which would have been required to be in the listing document if it had arisen before the listing document was issued,

the issuer shall, as soon as practicable, submit to the Exchange for its review and, once the Exchange has confirmed that it has no further comments thereon, issue a supplementary listing document giving details of the change or new matter, unless the Exchange agrees otherwise.

For this purpose "significant" means significant for the purpose of making an informed assessment of the matters mentioned in Main Board Rule 11.07<sup>1</sup>.

## (Added in November 2023)

- 2.3 Paragraph 15(2)(c) of Appendix 1A to the Main Board Rules (Paragraph 15(3)(c) of Appendix 1A to the GEM Rules) states that the issue price or offer price of each security must be disclosed in the prospectus.
- 2.4 A change in the offer price constitutes a material change of circumstances if there was no disclosure of such anticipated change in the prospectus. (*Updated in November 2023*)
- 2.5 (Deleted in November 2023)

#### 3. Current Practice

- 3.1 The Listing Rules require that a prospectus must disclose an offer price for shares to be listed. In practice, we also allow an offer price range to be included in the prospectus and there is generally no restriction on the size of the range.
- 3.2 If an applicant decides to change the share offer price after the launch of an offer, the applicant is required to cancel the offer and relaunch it at the revised price together with a supplemental prospectus or a new prospectus and complete the requisite associated settlement processes on the FINI platform afresh. These processes can be burdensome and costly. (Updated in November 2023)
- 3.3 (Deleted in November 2023)
- 3.4 (Deleted in November 2023)

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> GEM Rules 14.08(7) or 14.09(5).

#### 4. Guidance

- 4.1 Applicants have an option to adopt the Pricing Flexibility Mechanism. Salient features of the Pricing Flexibility Mechanism are as follows:
  - (a) applicants are allowed to price up to 10% below the indicative offer price or up to 10% below the bottom end of the indicative offer price range (subject to (b) below) disclosed in the prospectus;
  - (b) where an indicative price range is used, the range must be set with the top end of the range not more than 30% above the bottom end of the range;
  - (c) an applicant is required to make disclosures as described in paragraph 4.2 below, including the issue of a separate pricing announcement ("Price Reduction Announcement") as soon as practicable after the final offer price is determined and before the issue of the allotment results announcement; and
  - (d) for the avoidance of doubt, where the final offer price is more than 10% below the indicative offer price or more than 10% below the bottom end of the indicative offer price range, the applicant is required to first cancel the share offer and then relaunch its offer at the revised price if the applicant proceeds with the IPO.

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- 4.2 Disclosure requirements (see the suggested disclosure template in the **Attachment**):
  - (a) in the prospectus, application forms and formal notice:
    - clear and prominent disclosure of the indicative offer price or offer price range and the possibility of downward adjustment of the indicative offer price or the bottom end of the offer price range ("Downward Adjusted Offer Price");
  - (b) in the prospectus and application forms:
    - (i) detailed disclosure of how the Downward Adjusted Offer Price will affect the applicant including the change in the net proceeds from the offer and any associated change in the use of the listing proceeds, the impact on the applicant's future expansion plans, sufficiency of working capital, cash flow and (if applicable) profit forecasts, and an appropriate risk factor;
    - (ii) a clear statement that if the final offer price falls more than 10% below the indicative offer price or more than 10% below the bottom end of the indicative offer price range, the applicant is required to cancel the offer and relaunch it at the revised price if the applicant proceeds with the IPO; and
    - (iii) a clear statement that the Pricing Flexibility Mechanism does

not affect the applicant's obligation to issue a supplemental prospectus if there is a material change in circumstances not disclosed in the prospectus.

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- (c) in the Price Reduction Announcement:
  - (i) the Downward Adjusted Offer Price;
  - (ii) revisions to the net proceeds, use of proceeds, and market capitalisation; and
  - (iii) confirmation from each director of the applicant that, after taking into account the Downward Adjusted Offer Price, there is no material change of circumstances after the issue of the prospectus and there is sufficient working capital for the applicant's requirements for at least 12 months from the date of the prospectus.

Although we encourage applicants to include disclosure as set out in this letter in their draft prospectus, application form and formal notice as early as possible, we appreciate that an applicant may adopt the Pricing Flexibility Mechanism only after the listing hearing. If there is a variation to the proposed disclosure in this letter, please consult the Exchange for guidance to avoid any unnecessary delay in the listing timetable.

- 4.3 The Exchange has to be satisfied:
  - (a) with the relevant disclosure in the prospectus and related documents mentioned in paragraph 4.2; and
  - (b) that the Downward Adjusted Offer Price will not affect the applicant's suitability for listing.
- 4.4 Applicants planning to use the Pricing Flexibility Mechanism must take into account the reduced proceeds when preparing:
  - (a) the forecast memoranda required under Main Board Rule 9.11(10(a)&(b)) (GEM Rule 12.22(14a)&(14b)); and
  - (b) the directors' statement on working capital sufficiency required under paragraph 36 of Part A of Appendix I to the Main Board and GEM Rules.
- 4.5 For the avoidance of doubt, applicants who do not choose to use the Pricing Flexibility Mechanism can continue to adopt the current pricing mechanism for IPO. If the final offer price is not the indicative offer price or is outside the indicative offer price range in the prospectus and applicants wish to proceed with their IPO at the final offer price, the applicants shall first cancel their offers and relaunch them at the revised offer price and the process under Main Board Rule 11.13 (GEM Rule 14.24) will apply. (Updated in November 2023)

Suggested templates for the required disclosures (as shown underlined):

- A. Extracts of Prospectus:
  - Important section
  - Summary and other sections
  - Definitions section
  - Risk Factors section
  - Information About the Global Offering section
  - Financial Information section
  - Future Plans and Use of Proceeds section
  - Structure of the Global Offering section
- **B.** Extracts of Formal Notice
- C. Price Reduction Announcement

(Updated in November 2023)

These templates are for reference only. Listing applicants and their sponsors should exercise judgment as to the applicability of the suggested templates to their cases

For illustrative purpose, the following fixed offer price and offer price range are used in the suggested templates:

Scenario 1: Offer Price (Fixed) HK\$6.50

Scenario 2: Offer Price (Range) HK\$6.50 to HK\$8.45

IMPORTANT: If you are in any doubt about the contents of this prospectus, you should seek independent professional advice.

# [Company Logo] [Company Name]

[公司名稱]

(Incorporated in the [jurisdiction] with limited liability)

#### **GLOBAL OFFERING**

 umber of Offer Shares under the Global Offering:
 [number]

Number of Hong Kong Offer Shares: [number]

Number of International Offer Shares: [number] (subject to reallocation)

Offer Price (subject to a Downward Offer Price Adjustment):

If Fixed Offer Price is used

[HK\$[6.50] per Hong Kong Offer Share, plus brokerage of 1.0%, SFC transaction levy of 0.0027%, Stock Exchange trading fee of 0.00565% and AFRC transaction levy of 0.00015% (payable in full on application in Hong Kong dollars and subject to refund)

(If the Offer Price is set at 10% below the indicative Offer Price after making a Downward Offer Price Adjustment, the Offer Price will be HK\$[5.85] per Hong Kong Offer

Share)\* OR

If Offer Price Range is used Offer Price (subject to a Downward Offer Price Adjustment): [HK\$[6.50] to HK\$8.45] per Hong Kong Offer Share, plus brokerage of 1.0%, SFC transaction levy of 0.0027%. Stock Exchange trading fee of 0.00565% and AFRC transaction levy of 0.00015% (payable in full at the maximum offer price on application in Hong Kong dollars and subject to refund)

(If the Offer Price is set at 10% below the bottom end of the indicative Offer Price range after making a Downward Offer Price Adjustment, the Offer Price will be

HK\$[5.85] per Hong Kong Offer Share)\*

Nominal value: HK\$[nominal price] per Share

Stock code: [Company's stock code]

#### **Overall Coordinators**

(in alphabetical order)

[Logo and Name of each of Overall Coordinators]

#### **Joint Global Coordinators**

(in alphabetical order)
[Logo and Name of each of Joint Global
Coordinators]

#### **Joint Sponsors**

(in alphabetical order)

[Logo and Name of each of Joint Sponsors]

#### **Joint Bookrunners**

(in alphabetical order)

[Logo and Name of each of Joint Bookrunners]

Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited, The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited take no responsibility for the contents of this prospectus, make no representation as to its accuracy or completeness and expressly disclaim any liability whatsoever for any loss howsoever arising from or in reliance upon the whole or any part of the contents of this prospectus.

A copy of this prospectus, having attached thereto the documents specified in "Appendix VI — Documents Delivered to the Registrar of Companies and Available for Inspection", has been registered by the Registrar of Companies in Hong Kong as required by Section 342C of the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 32 of the Laws of Hong Kong). The Securities and Futures Commission and the Registrar of Companies in Hong Kong take no responsibility as to the contents of this prospectus or any other documents referred to above.

Prior to making an investment decision, prospective investors should consider carefully all of the information set out in this prospectus, including the risk factors set out in the section headed "Risk Factors". The obligations of the Hong Kong Underwriters under the Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement are subject to termination by the Overall Coordinators / Joint Global Coordinators (on behalf of the Underwriters) if certain grounds arise prior to 8:00 a.m. on the Listing Date. Such grounds are set out in the section headed "Underwriting — Underwriting Arrangements and Expenses — Hong Kong Public Offering — Grounds for Termination".

[Date of prospectus]

EXPECTED TIMETABLE			
Latest time to complete electronic applications under the White Form eIPO service through the designated website at www.eipo.com.hk	[time, date]		
Application lists open	[time, date]		
Latest time for completing payment of White Form eIPO applications by effecting internet banking transfer(s) or PPS payment transfer(s) giving electronic application instructions to HKSCC	[time, date]		
If you are instructing your broker or custodian who is a HKSCC Clearing Participant or a HKSCC Custodian Participant to apply for the Hong Kong Offer Shares on your behalf, you are advised to contact your broker or custodian for the latest time for giving such instructions which may be different from the latest time as stated above.			
Application lists close	[time, date]		
Expected Price Determination Date	[time, date]		
Where applicable, announcement of the Offer Price being set below [the indicative Offer Price]*[the bottom end of the indicative Offer Price range]* after making a Downward Offer Price Adjustment (see the section headed "Structure of the Global Offering - Determining the Offer Price" on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk and the	(in a separate announcement)²		
Company's website at www.[company's website] on or before	[time, date]		
(1) Announcement of the final Offer Price; an indication of the level of interest in the International Offering; the level of applications of the Hong Kong Public Offering; and the basis of allocation of the Hong Kong Offer Shares to be published on the Stock Exchange's website at www.hkexnews.hk and our Company's website at www.lcompany's websitel on or before	[time, date]		
(2) Results of allocations in the Hong Kong Public Offering to be available through a variety of channels (see the section headed "How to Apply for Hong Kong Offer Shares-Publication of Results")	[time, date]		
(3) Results of allocations in the Hong Kong Public Offering will be available at [the relevant website]	[time, date]		
Despatch of share certificates on or before	[time, date]		
Despatch of HK eIPO White Form e-Auto Refund payment instructions/refund cheques on or before	[time, date]		
Dealings in the Shares expected to commence on	[time, date]		

The above expected timetable is a summary only. You should read carefully the sections headed "Underwriting", "Structure of the Global Offering" and "How to Apply for Hong Kong Public Offer Shares" in this prospectus for details relating to the structure of the Global Offering, procedures on the applications for Hong Kong Public Offer Shares and the expected timetable, including conditions, effect of bad weather and the dispatch of refund cheques and Share certificates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> To be announced as soon as practicable after the Price Determination Date but before the allotment result announcement

<sup>\*</sup>Delete as appropriate

# A. Suggested Template: Extracts of Offering Statistics and Unaudited Pro Forma Adjusted Combined Net Tangible Assets in the Prospectus

#### SUMMARY

#### **OFFERING STATISTICS**

All statistics in the following table are based on the assumptions that (i) the Global Offering has been completed and [number] Shares are issued pursuant to the Global Offering; and (ii) [number] Shares are issued and outstanding following the completion of the Global Offering.

	Based on an Offer Price of HK\$[5.85] per Offer Share, after Downward Offer Price Adjustment of 10%	Based on an Offer Price of HK\$[6.50] per Offer Share	Based on an Offer Price of HK\$[8.45] per Offer Share
Market capitalisation of our Shares	HK\$[•]million	HK\$[•]million	HK\$[•]million
Unaudited pro forma adjusted net tangible asset per Share (2) Notes:	<u>HK\$[•]</u>	HK\$[•]	HK\$[•] <b>]</b> *

- (1) The calculation of market capitalisation is based on 3,000,000,000 shares expected to be in issue immediately upon completion of the Global Offering.
- (2) The unaudited pro forma adjusted net tangible asset per Share as at [date] is calculated after making the adjustments referred to in Appendix II to this prospectus and on the basis that [number] shares are expected to be in issue immediately upon completion of the Global Offering.

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#### **UNAUDITED PRO FORMA ADJUSTED COMBINED NET TANGIBLE ASSETS**

The following our unaudited pro forma adjusted combined net tangible assets has been prepared in accordance with Rule 4.29 of the Listing Rules and with reference to Accounting Guideline 7 "Preparation of Pro Forma Financial Information for Inclusion in Investment Circulars" issued by the HKICPA for illustration purpose only, and is set out below to illustrate the effect of the Global Offering on our audited combined net tangible assets as of [date] as if it had taken place on that date.

Our unaudited pro forma adjusted combined net tangible assets has been prepared for illustrative purposes only and because of its hypothetical nature, it may not give a true picture of the financial position of our Group had the Global Offering been completed as of [date] or any future date. It is prepared based on our combined net tangible assets as of [date] as set out in the section headed "Accountants' Report" in Appendix I to this prospectus, and adjusted as described below:

	Audited combined net tangible assets attributable to owners of our Company as of [date] (1) (HK\$'000)	Estimated net proceeds from the Global Offering <sup>(2)</sup> (HK\$'000)	Unaudited pro forma adjusted combined net tangible assets <sup>(3)</sup> (HK\$'000)
Based on an Offer Price of HK\$[5.85] per Offer Share,			
after a Downward Offer Price Adjustment of 10%	[•]	<u>[•]</u>	<u>[•]</u>
Based on an Offer Price of HK\$[6.50] per Offer Share	[•]	[•]	[•]
[Based on an Offer Price of HK\$[8.45] per Offer Share*	[•]	[•]	[•] <b>]</b> *

#### Notes:

- (1) The audited combined net tangible assets attributable to owners of our Company as of [date] is extracted from the Accountants' Report, which is based on the audited combined net assets attributable to owners of our Company as of [date] of approximately HK\$[•] million less the intangible assets of our Group as of [date] of approximately HK\$[•] million.
- (2) The estimated net proceeds from the Global Offering are based on [the Offer Price of HK\$[6.50]]\* per Offer Share [HK\$[6.50]]\* and HK\$[8.45] per Offer Share, being the lower end and higher end of the indicative Offer Price range respectively]\* and also based on an Offer Price of HK\$[5.85] per Offer Share after making a Downward Offer Price Adjustment of 10%, after deduction of the estimated underwriting fees and other related expenses payable by our Company.
- (3) The unaudited pro forma adjusted combined net tangible assets per Share is calculated based on [number] Shares in issue immediately following the completion of the Global Offering.

## A. Suggested Template: Extracts of Offering Statistics and Unaudited Pro Forma Adjusted Combined Net Tangible Assets in the Prospectus

### **APPENDIX II**

## **UNAUDITED PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The information set forth in this appendix does not form part of the Accountants' Report prepared by [name], Certified Public Accountants, Hong Kong, the reporting accountant of our Company, as set forth in Appendix I to this prospectus, and is included in this appendix for illustrative purposes only. The unaudited pro forma financial information should be read in conjunction with the section headed "Financial Information" in this prospectus and the Accountants' Report set forth in Appendix I to this prospectus.

#### A. UNAUDITED PRO FORMA STATEMENT OF ADJUSTED NET TANGIBLE ASSETS

The following is an illustrative and pro forma statement of adjusted net tangible assets of the Group which has been prepared in accordance with Rule 4.29 of the Listing Rules and on the basis of the notes set out below for the purpose of illustrating the effect of the Global Offering as if it had taken place on [date] and based on the audited combined net tangible assets attributable to owners of our Company as at [date] as shown in the Accountants' Report, the text of which is set out in Appendix I to this prospectus, and adjusted as described below.

This audited pro forma adjusted net tangible assets of the Group has been prepared for illustrative purposes only and, because of its hypothetical nature, it may not give a true picture of the financial position of the Group had the Global Offering been completed as at [date] or at any future date.

	Audited combined net tangible assets attributable to owners of our Company as of [date] (1) (HK\$'000)	Estimated net proceeds from the Global Offering <sup>(2)</sup> (HK\$'000)	Unaudited pro forma adjusted combined net tangible assets <sup>(3)</sup> (HK\$'000)
Based on an Offer Price of HK\$[5.85] per Offer Share, after a Downward Offer Price Adjustment of 10%—	[•]	[•]	[•]
Based on an Offer Price of HK\$[6.50] per Offer Share	[•]	[•]	[•]
[Based on an Offer Price of HK\$[8.45] per Offer Share_	[•]	[•]	[•]]*

#### Notes:

- (1) The audited combined net tangible assets of the Group attributable to the owners of the Company as at [date] are extracted from the Accountants' Report as set out in Appendix I to this prospectus, which is based on the unaudited combined net assets of the Group attributable to the owners of the Company as at [date] of approximately HK\$[•] million less the intangible assets of the Group as at [date] of approximately HK\$[•].
- (2) The estimated net proceeds from the Global Offering are based on [the Offer Price of HK\$[6.50]]\* per Offer Share [[HK\$[6.50]] and HK\$[8.45] per Offer Share, being the lower end and higher end of the indicative Offer Price range respectively]\*, and also based on an Offer Price of HK\$[5.85] per Offer Share after making a Downward Offer Price Adjustment of 10%, after the deduction of total estimated underwriting commissions and fees and other listing related expenses payable by the Company.
- (3) The unaudited pro forma adjusted combined net tangible assets of the Group attributable to owners of the Company as at [date] per Share is determined after the adjustments referred to the preceding paragraphs and on the basis of [number] Shares were in issue assuming that the Global Offering have been completed on [date].
- (4) No adjustment has been made to reflect any trading or other transactions of the Group entered into subsequent to [date].

<sup>\*</sup>Delete as appropriate

## A. Suggested Template: Extract of Definitions section in the Prospectus

#### **DEFINITIONS**

In this prospectus, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the following meanings.

"Application Form(s)" WHITE and YELLOW application form(s) or, where the context

so requires, any of them

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"Director(s)" and "our Director(s)" director(s) of the Company

"Downward Offer Price

Adjustment"

an adjustment that has the effect of setting the final Offer Price up to 10% below the [indicative Offer Price]\* [the bottom end of the

indicative Offer Price range]\*.

"Offer Price" the final price per Offer Share in [Hong Kong dollars] (exclusive of

brokerage fee of 1.0%, SFC transaction levy of 0.0027%, Stock Exchange trading fee of 0.00565% and AFRC transaction levy of 0.00015%) at which Offer Shares are to be subscribed of [HK\$[•]] per Offer Share / to be determined in the manner described in [Structure of the Global Offering] section of prospectus], subject to

any Downward Offer Price Adjustment.

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<sup>\*</sup>Delete as appropriate

## A. Suggested Template: Extracts of Risk Factors section in the Prospectus

#### **RISK FACTORS**

#### **RISKS RELATING TO THE SHARE OFFER**

#### Possible setting of the Offer Price after making a Downward Offer Price Adjustment

We have the flexibility to make a Downward Offer Price Adjustment to set the final Offer Price at up to 10% below the [indicative Offer Price/ bottom end of the indicative Offer Price range]\* per Offer Share. It is therefore possible that the final Offer Price will be set at [HK\$5.85] per Offer Share upon the making of a full Downward Offer Price Adjustment. In such a situation, the Global Offering will proceed and the requirements under Rule 11.13 of the Listing Rules will not apply. If the final Offer Price is set at [HK\$5.85], the estimated net proceeds we will receive from the Global Offering will be reduced to HK\$[amount] and such reduced proceeds will be used as described in the "Future Plans and Use of Proceeds section – Use of Proceeds" section.

<sup>\*</sup>Delete as appropriate

## A. Suggested Template: Extracts of Information About The Global Offering section in the Prospectus

#### INFORMATION ABOUT THE GLOBAL OFFERING

Issuer

[Company name]

The Offering

Global Offering of initially [number] Shares comprising (the International

Offering of initially [number] Shares

[Indicative Offer Price]\* or [Indicative Offer Price range]\*

[HK\$[6.50]]\* or [HK\$[6.50] to HK\$[8.45]]\*

**Downward Offer Price Adjustment** 

We have reserved the right to make a Downward Offer Price Adjustment to provide flexibility in pricing the Offer Shares. The ability to make a Downward Offer Price Adjustment does not affect our obligation to cancel the offer and relaunch it with a supplemental prospectus or a new prospectus if there is a material change in circumstances not disclosed in the prospectus and we decide to proceed with the offer.

If it is intended to set the final Offer Price at more than 10% below the Indicative Offer Price \*I bottom end of the indicative Offer Price range \*I bottom end of the indicative Offer Price range \*I we will first cancel the offer and then relaunch it at the revised offer price and the requirements under Rule 11.13 of the Listing Rules will apply if the Global Offering is to proceed.

**Shares outstanding** after the Offering

[number]

Lock-up undertakings by the Company and the Controlling Shareholders [details to be provided by the listing applicant].

[Dividend policy]\*

[details to be provided by the listing applicant].

**Stamp Duty** 

[details to be provided by the listing applicant].

Application for listing on the Stock Exchange

[details to be provided by the listing applicant].

[Restrictions on offers and offers for sale]\*

[details to be provided by the listing applicant].

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\*Delete as appropriate

## A. Suggested Template: Extracts of Financial Information section in the Prospectus

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### **Working capital**

Our Directors are of the opinion that, taking into consideration [the internal resources and banking facilities presently available to our Group, cash generated from our operation] and the estimated net proceeds to be received by us from the Share Offer (after a possible Downward Offer Price Adjustment setting the final Offer Price up to 10% below the [indicative Offer Price]\* [the bottom end of the indicative Offer Price range]\*), our Group has sufficient working capital for our present requirements, that is, for at least the next 12 months commencing from the date of this prospectus.

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<sup>\*</sup>Delete as appropriate

# A. Suggested Template: Extracts of Future Plans and Use of Proceeds section in the Prospectus

#### **FUTURE PLANS AND USE OF PROCEEDS**

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

See the section headed "Business - Our Strategies" for a detailed description of our future plans.

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

We estimate that we will receive net proceeds from the Global Offering of approximately HK\$[amount] million (assuming an Offer Price of [HK\$[6.50] per Offer Share]\* or [HK\$[7.48] per Offer Share, being the mid-point of the indicative Offer Price range]\*), after deducting the underwriting fees and commissions (assuming the full payment of the discretionary incentive fee) and estimated expenses payable by the Company.

We intend to use the net proceeds we will receive from the Global Offering for the following purposes:

- (1) approximately [•]% of the net proceeds will be used for [•];
- (2) approximately [•]% of the net proceeds will be used for [•];
- (3) approximately [•]% of the net proceeds will be used for [•]; and
- (4) the remaining amount will be used for providing funding for working capital and other general corporate purposes.

Our Directors believe that we have sufficient mechanism in place to ensure proper application of the use of proceeds on inventories. As part of our internal controls relating to management and procurement of inventory, we have in place a monthly procurement plan for the inventories of each product type. Our procurement plan is based on our anticipated sales level. Our finance department also closely monitors the actual procurement of inventories and the payment amount. Subsequent to the Listing, we will prepare a report on the use of proceeds, including the amount for sourcing and procurement of raw materials and inventory, for our reporting accountants and our audit committee semi-annually.

[In the event that the Offer Price is set at HK\$[6.50] per Offer Share (being the bottom end of the indicative Offer Price range), the estimated net proceeds we will receive will be reduced by approximately HK\$[amount]. In the event that the Offer Price is set at HK\$[8.45] per Offer Share (being the top end of the indicative Offer Price range), the estimated net proceeds we will receive will be increased by approximately HK\$[amount].]\* To the extent our net proceeds are either more or less than expected, we will [the listing applicant to provide details on the proposed use of proceeds]. If we make a Downward Offer Price Adjustment to set the final Offer Price at [HK\$5.85] per Offer Share, the estimated net proceeds we will receive from the Global Offering will be further reduced by an additional amount of approximately HK\$[amount]. To the extent our net proceeds are further reduced we will [the listing applicant to provide details on the proposed use of proceeds].

We will issue an appropriate announcement if there is any material change to the above proposed use of proceeds.

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<sup>\*</sup> Delete as appropriate

# A. Suggested Template: Extracts of Structure of The Global Offering section in the Prospectus

### STRUCTURE OF THE GLOBAL OFFERING

### **PRICING AND ALLOCATION**

#### **Determining the Offer Price**

Pricing of the Offer Share for the purpose of the various offerings under the Global Offering will be set on the Expected Price Determination Date, which is expected to be on or around [date] but in any event no later than [date], and the number of Offer Shares to be allocated under the various offerings will be determined shortly thereafter.

[The Offer Price will be HK\$[6.50] per Offer Share, unless otherwise announced, as further explained below. Applicants under the Hong Kong Public Offering must pay, on application, the Offer Price of HK\$[6.50] per Offer Share, plus 1% brokerage, 0.027% SFC transaction levy, 0.00565% Stock Exchange trading fee and AFRC transaction levy of 0.00015%, amounting to a total of HK\$[amount] for one board lot of [number] Shares. Prospective investors should be aware that the Offer Price to be determined on the Expected Price Determination Date may be, but is not expected to be, lower than Offer Price stated in this prospectus (subject to a Downward Offer Price Adjustment.]\*

If Fixed Offer Price is used

OR

[The Offer Price will not be more than HK\$[8.45] per Offer Share and is expected to be not less than HK\$[6.50] per Offer Share, unless otherwise announced, as further explained below. Applicants under the Hong Kong Public Offering must pay, on application, the maximum Offer Price of HK\$[8.45] per Offer Share plus 1% brokerage, 0.027% SFC transaction levy, 0.00565% Stock Exchange trading fee and AFRC transaction levy of 0.00015%, amounting to a total of HK\$[amount] for one board lot of [number] Shares. Prospective investors should be aware that the Offer Price to be determined on the Expected Price Determination Date may be, but is not expected to be, lower than the bottom end of the indicative Offer Price range stated in this prospectus (subject to a Downward Offer Price Adjustment).]\*



#### **Announcement of Offer Price Reduction**

[The Overall Coordinators/Joint Global Coordinators/Joint Bookrunners]\* (for themselves and on behalf of the Underwriters) may, where considered appropriate, based on the level of interest expressed by prospective investors during the book-building process, and with the consent of the Company, determine the final Offer Price to be no more than 10% below the [indicative Offer Price]\*[ bottom end of the indicative Offer Price range]\*, at any time on or prior to the Expected Price Determination Date.

In such situation, the Company will, as soon as practicable following the decision to set the final Offer Price below the [indicative Offer Price/ bottom end of the indicative Offer Price range]\*, publish on the website of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company's website (company's website) an announcement of the final Offer Price after making a Downward Offer Price Adjustment. Such announcement will be issued before and separate from the announcement of the results of allocations expected to be announced on [date]. The Offer Price announced following making of a Downward Offer Price Adjustment shall be the final Offer Price and shall not be subsequently changed.

In the absence of an announcement that a Downward Offer Price Adjustment has been made, the final Offer Price will not be outside the [indicative Offer Price]\* [indicative Offer Price range]\*as disclosed in this prospectus.

## **Announcement of Final Offer Price**

Irrespective of whether a Downward Offer Price Adjustment is made, the final Offer Price, an indication of the level of interest in the International Offering, the basis of allocation of Offer Shares available under the Hong Kong Public Offering and the Hong Kong identity card/passport/Hong Kong business registration numbers of successful applicants under the Hong Kong Public Offering are expected to be made available in a variety of channels in the manner described in the section headed "How to Apply for Hong Kong Offer Shares - Despatch/Collection of Share Certificates and Refund Monies".

\*Delete as appropriate

## **B. Suggested Template: Extracts of Formal Notice**

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## [Company Logo] [Company Name /公司名稱]

(Incorporated in [jurisdiction] with limited liability)

## **Global Offering**

Number of Offer Shares under the

Global Offering: [number]
Number of Hong Kong Offer Shares: [number]

Number of International Offer Shares: [number] (subject to reallocation)

Offer Price (subject to a Downward Offer Price Adjustment¹):

If Fixed Offer Price is used

Offer Price (subject to a offer Price (subject to a offer Price Adjustment):

HK\$[6.50] per Hong Kong Offer Share, plus brokerage of 1.0%, SFC transaction levy of 0.0027%, Stock Exchange trading fee of 0.00565% and AFRC transaction levy of 0.00015% payable in full on application in Hong Kong dollars and subject to refund)

(<u>If the Offer Price is set at 10% below the indicative Offer Price after making a Downward Offer Price Adjustment, the Offer Price will be HK\$[5.85] per Hong Kong Offer Share)\*</u>

OR

[Offer Price (subject to a Downward Offer Price Adjustment¹):

If Offer Price range is used

Not more than [HK\$8.45] and not less than [HK\$6.50] per Hong Kong Offer Share, plus brokerage of 1.0%, SFC transaction levy of 0.0027%, Stock Exchange trading fee of 0.00565% and AFRC transaction levy of 0.00015% (payable in full at the maximum Offer Price on application in Hong Kong dollars and subject to refund)

(If the Offer Price is set at 10% below the bottom)

(If the Offer Price is set at 10% below the bottom end of the indicative Offer Price range after making a Downward Offer Price Adjustment, the Offer Price will be HK\$15.851 per Hong Kong Offer Share)\*

Nominal value: HK\$[nominal price] per Share Stock Code: [Company's stock code]

Overall Coordinators (in alphabetical order)

[Logo and Name of each of Overall Coordinators]

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#### **Joint Global Coordinators**

(in alphabetical order)
[Logo and Name of each of Joint Global Coordinators]

#### **Joint Sponsors**

(in alphabetical order)
[Logo and Name of each of Joint Sponsors]

#### **Joint Bookrunners**

(in alphabetical order)
[Logo and Name of each of Joint Bookrunners]

Application has been made to the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange for the listing of, and permission to deal in, the shares of the Company (the "Shares"), comprising (a) the Hong Kong Public Offering of initially [number] Shares, and (b) the International Offering of initially [number] Shares.

Applications for the Offer Shares will only be considered on the basis of the terms and conditions set out in the Prospectus and related Application Forms.

[The Offer Price will be HK\$[6.50] per Offer Share (subject to a reduction of up to 10%) through making a Downward Offer Price Adjustment as set out in the Prospectus. If the Offer Price is set after making a 10% Downward Offer Price Adjustment, the Offer Price will be HK\$[5.85] per Hong Kong Offer Share. Applicants for the Hong Kong Offer Shares are required to pay, on application, the Offer Price of HK\$[6.50] per Offer Share, plus brokerage of 1.0%, SFC transaction levy of 0.0027%, Stock Exchange trading fee of 0.00565% and AFRC transaction levy of 0.00015%.]\*

OR

[The Offer Price will not be more than HK\$[8.45] per Offer Share and is currently expected to be not less than HK\$[6.50] (subject to a reduction of up to 10% below the bottom end of the indicative Offer Price range) through making a Downward Offer Price Adjustment as set out in the Prospectus. If the Offer Price is set after making a 10% Downward Offer Price Adjustment, the Offer Price will be HK\$[5.85] per Offer Share. Applicants for the Hong Kong Offer Shares are required to pay, on application, the maximum Offer Price of HK\$[8.45] per Offer Share, plus brokerage of 1.0%, SFC transaction levy of 0.0027%, Stock Exchange trading fee of 0.00565% and AFRC transaction levy of 0.00015%.]\*

If the Company decides to reduce the Offer Price by making a Downward Offer Price Adjustment (a reduction of up to 10% below the [indicative Offer Price]\* [bottom end of the indicative Offer Price range]\*), the Company will separately announce the final Offer Price no later than [date] on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk and the Company's website at [www.Company's website].

If the Offer Price as finally determined is less than [the indicative Offer Price of HK\$[6.50]]\* [the maximum indicative Offer Price of HK\$[8.45]]\* per Offer Share (excluding brokerage, SFC transaction levy and the Stock Exchange trading fee thereon), or if the conditions of the Hong Kong Public Offering are not fulfilled in accordance with the section headed "Structure of the Global Offering – Conditions of the Hong Kong Public Offering" in the Prospectus or if any application is revoked, the application monies, or the appropriate portion thereof, together with the related brokerage, SFC transaction levy and the Stock Exchange trading fee, will be refunded, without interest of the cheque or bankers cashier order will not be cleared.

Applicants who wish the Hong Kong Offer Shares to be allotted in their own names should (i) complete and sign the WHITE Application Forms; or (ii) submit applications online through the designated website of the HK eIPO White Form Service Provider at <a href="www.hkeipo.hk">www.hkeipo.hk</a>. Applicants who wish to have the Hong Kong Offer Shares allotted in the name of HKSCC Nominees Limited and deposited directly into CCASS for credit to their CCASS Investor Participant stock accounts or the stock accounts of their designated CCASS Participants maintained in CCASS should either (i) complete and sign the YELLOW Application Forms; or (ii) give electronic application instructions to HKSCC via CCASS.

<u>Irrespective of whether a Downward Offer Price Adjustment is made</u>, the Company expects to announce the Offer Price, the level of indications of interest in the International Offering, the level of applications in the Hong Kong Public Offering and the basis of allocation of the Hong Kong Offer

If Fixed Offer Price is used

If Offer Price range is used

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Shares on [ date] on the website of the Stock Exchange (<a href="www.hkexnews.hk">www.hkexnews.hk</a>) and on the Company's website (<a href="www.fcompany's website">www.fcompany's website</a>). Results of allocations and the Hong Kong identity card/passport/Hong Kong Business Registration numbers of successful applicants under the Hong Kong Public Offering will be available through a variety of channels from [date]. Dealing in the Shares on the Stock Exchange is expected to commence on [ date]. The Shares will be traded in board lots of [number] Shares. The Company will not issue any receipts for sum paid on application or any temporary documents of title.

By order of the Board [Company Name] [Name of Chairman] Chairman

Hong Kong, [date of formal notice]

As of the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are [names of the executive directors], the non-executive Directors are [names of the non-executive directors] and the independent non-executive directors].

Please refer to Prospectus for definition of "Downward Offer Price Adjustment".

## C. Suggested Template: Price Reduction Announcement

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## [Company Logo]

## [Company Name /公司名稱]

(Incorporated in [jurisdiction] with limited liability)

(Stock code: xxxxx)

## **Price Reduction Announcement**

Reference is made to the prospectus of [Company Name] (the "Company") dated [date] (the "Prospectus"). This announcement is supplemental to and should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus. Unless otherwise stated, terms used in this announcement shall have the same meanings as defined in the Prospectus.

The Company has made a Downward Offer Price Adjustment. Accordingly, the final Offer Price has been set at HK\$[5.85] per Offer Share which is [10]% below [the indicative Offer Price]\* [the bottom end of the indicative Offer Price range]\*(exclusive of brokerage fee of 1.0%, SFC transaction levy of 0.0027%, Stock Exchange trading fee of 0.00565% and AFRC transaction levy of 0.00015%).

Based on the final Offer Price of HK\$[5.85] per Offer Share, the related changes to the Global Offering are:

- the net proceeds from the Global Offering to be received by the Company, is reduced to be approximately HK\$[•]. The Company intends to apply the decreased net proceeds for the purposes [the listing applicant should provide details] as disclosed in the prospectus; and
- the market capitalisation of the Shares will be reduced to HK\$[•].

Each Director confirms that, taking into account of the final Offer Price, there is no material change of circumstances after the issue of the Prospectus and there is sufficient working capital for our requirements for at least 12 months from the date of the Prospectus under Paragraph 36 of Part A of Appendix 1 to [Main Board]\* or [GEM]\* Listing Rules.

By order of the Board [Company Name]
[Name of Chairman]
Chairman

#### Hong Kong, [date of announcement]

As of the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are [names of the executive directors], the non-executive Directors are [names of the non-executive directors] and the independent non-executive Directors are [names of the independent non-executive directors].

\* Delete as appropriate