

TOUYUN BIOTECH GROUP LIMITED

透雲生物科技集團有限公司

(Incorporated in the Bermuda with limited liability)

RULES OF THE SHARE OPTION SCHEME ADOPTED BY THE SHAREHOLDERS AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON [*] JUNE 2025

I, [*], a director of Touyun Biotech Group Limited 透雲生物科技集團有限公司 (the "Company") hereby certify that the rules of the attached share option scheme of the Company were adopted by the shareholders of the Company on [*] June 2025.

Adoption Date: [*] June 202	2.5
Name:	
Position: Director	

1. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

1.1 In this Scheme, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

"Adoption Date" [*] June 2025, being the date on which this Scheme

becomes unconditional;

"Articles" the articles of association of the Company as amended

from time to time;

"associates" has the same meaning as defined in the Listing Rules;

"Auditors" the auditors for the time being of the Company;

"Board" the board of Directors for the time being or a duly

authorised committee thereof;

"Business Day" any day on which the Stock Exchange is open for the

business of dealing in securities listed thereon;

"close associate(s)" has the meaning as defined in the Listing Rules;

"Company" Touyun Biotech Group Limited (Stock Code: 1332), a

company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability, the Shares of which are listed on the main board of the

Stock Exchange

"connected person" has the meaning as defined in the Listing Rules;

"core connected person" has the meaning as defined in the Listing Rules;

"Director(s)" the director(s) of the Company for the time being;

"Eligible Participant(s)" including (a) the Employee Participant(s); (b) the Related

Entity Participant(s); and (c) Service Provider(s), provided that the Board may have absolute discretion to determine

whether or not one falls within the above category;

"Employee Participant(s)" the director(s) and employee(s) (whether full-time or part-

time but excludes a former employee of the Group) of any member of the Group (including persons who are granted Options under this Scheme as inducement to enter into employment contracts with any member of the Group);

"Exercise Date" has the meaning ascribed to it in sub-paragraph 7.6;

"Grantee" any Eligible Participant who accepts the Offer in

accordance with the terms of this Scheme or (where the context so permits and as referred to in subparagraph

7.5(a)) his Personal Representative(s);

"Group" the Company and all of its subsidiaries from time to time; "HK\$" Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong for the time being; "Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC: "inside information" has the meaning defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) as amended from time to time: "Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange as may be amended from time to time; "Offer" an offer for the grant of an Option made in accordance with this Scheme: "Offer Date" the date on which an Offer is made to an Eligible Participant; "Option(s)" any option(s) to be granted to Eligible Participant(s) to subscribe for Shares granted pursuant to this Scheme; "Option Period" in respect of any particular Option, the period to be determined and notified by the Directors to the Grantee thereof at the time of making an Offer provided that such period shall not exceed the period of ten (10) years from the date of the grant of the particular Option but subject to the provisions for early termination thereof contained herein; "Personal the person or persons who, in accordance with the laws of succession applicable in respect of the death of a Grantee, Representative(s)" is or are entitled to exercise the Option granted to such Grantee (to the extent not already exercised); "PRC" the People's Republic of China; "Related Entity directors and employees (whether full-time or part-time but excludes any former employee) of the holding Participant(s)" companies, fellow subsidiaries or associated companies of the Company: "Scheme" this share option scheme in its present form or as may be amended in accordance with paragraph 14; "Scheme Mandate Limit" has the meaning ascribed to it in sub-paragraph 9.1(a); "Service Provider(s)" any person (natural person or corporate entity) who

provides services to the Group on a continuing and

recurring basis in the ordinary course of business of the Group which are in the interests of the long term growth of the Group, person(s) who work(s) for the Company as (i) independent contractors; (ii) independent suppliers; and (iii) advisers or consultants, but excluding any placing agents or financial advisors providing advisory services for fundraising, mergers or acquisitions, and professional service providers such as auditors or valuers who provide assurance, or are required to perform their services with impartiality and objectivity, and provided that the Board shall have absolute discretion to determine whether or not one falls within such category

"Service Provider Sublimit"

the total number of Shares which may be issued in respect of all options and awards involving issue of new Shares that may be granted under this Scheme and any other share scheme(s) of the Company to the Service Providers

"Share(s)"

share(s) with no par value of the Company, or, if there has been a subdivision, consolidation, re-classification or reconstruction of the share capital of the Company, shares forming part of the ordinary equity share capital of the Company of such other nominal amount as shall result from any such sub-division, consolidation, reclassification or re-construction;

"Shareholder(s)"

holder(s) of the issued Share(s) from time to time;

"Share Registrar"

branch share registrar and transfer office of the Company in Hong Kong for the time being;

"Stock Exchange"

The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited or such other stock exchange which is the principal stock exchange (as determined by the Directors) on which Shares are for the time being listed or traded;

"Subscription Price"

the price per Share at which a Grantee may subscribe for Shares on the exercise of an Option pursuant to paragraph 7;

"Takeovers Code"

the Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers;

"Termination Date"

close of business of the Company on the date which falls ten (10) years after the Adoption Date;

"Treasury Shares"

Shares repurchased and held by the Company in treasury, as authorised by the laws of the British Virgin Islands and the Articles which, for the purpose of the Listing Rules, include Shares repurchased by the Company and held or

deposited in the Central Clearing and Settlement System established and operated by Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited for sale on the Stock Exchange

"Vesting Period"

has the meaning ascribed to it in sub-paragraph 7.4; and

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per cent.

- 1.2 In this Scheme, save where the context otherwise requires:
 - (a) paragraph headings are for ease of reference only and shall be ignored in construing this Scheme;
 - (b) references to paragraph or paragraphs are references to paragraph or paragraphs hereof;
 - (c) words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa;
 - (d) words importing one gender include both genders and the neuter and vice versa;
 - (e) references to persons include bodies corporate and unincorporated;
 - (f) references to any statutory provisions or rules prescribed by any statutory bodies shall include the same as from time to time amended, consolidated and re-enacted; and
 - (g) references to any statutory body shall include the successor thereof and anybody established to replace or assume the functions of the same.

2. <u>CONDITIONS</u>

- 2.1 The adoption of this Scheme is conditional upon:
 - (a) the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting approval for the listing of and permission to deal in any new Shares which may fall to be allotted and issued by the Company upon the exercise of the Options that may be granted under this Scheme; and
 - (b) the passing of an ordinary resolution at a general meeting of the Company approving the adoption of this Scheme and authorising the Directors to grant Options to Eligible Participants and to allot and issue Shares or to transfer the Treasury Shares (if any) pursuant to the exercise of any Options granted under this Scheme.
- 2.2 The reference in sub-paragraph 2.1 to the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange formally granting the approvals, listing and permission referred to therein shall include any such approvals, listing and permission which are granted subject to conditions.
- 2.3 A certificate of a Director that the conditions set out in sub-paragraph 2.1 have been satisfied and the date on which such conditions were satisfied or that such conditions

have not been satisfied as of any particular date and the exact date of the Adoption Date shall be conclusive evidence of the matters certified.

2.4 The Company must publish an announcement on the outcome of the Shareholders meeting as referred to in sub-paragraph 2.1(b) for the adoption of this Scheme as soon as possible, but in any event not later than the time that is 30 minutes before the earlier of the commencement of the morning trading session or any pre-opening session on the Business Day after such general meeting, in accordance with the publication requirements set out in Chapter 12 of the Listing Rules.

3. PURPOSE, DURATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- 3.1 The purpose of the Scheme is to attract and retain the best available and high calibre personnel of the Group, to provide additional incentives to the Eligible Participants and to promote the overall success of the business of the Group. This Scheme will give the Eligible Participants an opportunity to have a personal stake in the Company which will help motivate the Eligible Participants in optimising their performance and efficiency and attract and retain the Eligible Participants whose contributions are important to the long-term growth and profitability of the Group.
- 3.2 The Company may issue new Shares and/or utilise Treasury Shares (if any) to satisfy grants of the Options under this Scheme to the extent permitted by the Listing Rules, all applicable laws and regulations and the Articles.
- 3.3 The Scheme shall be subject to the administration of the Board whose decision on all matters arising in relation to this Scheme or its interpretation or application or effect shall (save as otherwise provided herein and in the absence of manifest error) be final and binding on all persons who may be affected thereby. For the avoidance of doubt, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Listing Rules and the provisions of this Scheme, the Board shall have the right to (i) interpret and construe the provisions of this Scheme; (ii) determine the persons who will be offered Options under this Scheme, and the number of Shares and the Subscription Price, in relation to such Options; (iii) make such appropriate and equitable adjustments to the terms of the Options granted under this Scheme as it may deem necessary; and (iv) make such other decisions or determinations or regulations as it shall deem appropriate for the administration of this Scheme.
- In determining the basis of eligibility of each Eligible Participant, the Board should take into account (i) the experience of the Eligible Participant in relation to the Group's business; (ii) the length of service of the Eligible Participant with the Group (if the Eligible Participant is an Employee Participant); and (iii) the amount of support, assistance, guidance, advice, efforts and contributions the Eligible Participant has exerted and given towards the success of the Group and/or the amount of potential support, assistance, guidance, advice, efforts and contributions the Eligible Participant is likely to be able to give or make towards the success of the Group in the future.
- 3.5 For Employee Participants, the factors in assessing whether any individual is eligible to participate in this Scheme include: (i) their individual performance; (ii) their time commitment, responsibilities or employment conditions according to the prevailing market practice and industry standard; (iii) the length of their engagement with the Group; and (iv) their individual contributions or potential contributions towards the development

and growth of the Group.

- 3.6 In determining the basis of eligibility of each Related Entity Participant, the factors in assessing whether any individual is eligible to participate in this Scheme include: (i) the measurable positive contributions brought by, or expected from, the Related Entity Participant on the Group's business in terms of, amongst other things, an increase in revenue or profits and/or an addition of expertise to the Group; (ii) the responsibility taken up or to be taken up by the Related Entity Participant(s) towards the success of the Group's operations or enhancing the value of the Company and its Shares; (iii) the number, scale and nature of the projects in which the Related Entity Participant is involved; (iv) whether the Related Entity Participant has referred or introduced opportunities to the Group which have or are likely to materialised into further business relationships: (v) whether the Related Entity Participant has assisted the Group in tapping into new markets and/ or increased its market share; and (vi) the materiality and nature of the business relations of holding companies, fellow subsidiaries or associated companies with the Group and the Related Entity Participant's contribution in such holding companies, fellow subsidiaries or associated companies of the Group which may benefit the core business of the Group through a collaborative relationship.
- 3.7 In determining the basis of eligibility of each Service Provider, the factors in assessing whether any individual is eligible to participate includes: (i) the individual performance of the Service Providers; (ii) the frequency of collaboration and the length of business relationship with the Group; (iii) the materiality and nature of the business relationship with the Group (such as whether they relate to the core business of the Group and whether such business dealings could be readily replaced by third parties); (iv) the track record in the quality of services provided to and/or cooperation with the Group and the ability to maintain the quality of services; (v) the scale of business dealings and/or collaboration with the Group with regard to factors such as the actual or expected change in the Group's revenue or profits which is or may be attributable to the Service Providers; (vi) the actual contribution or potential contribution towards the long-term development and success of the Group; and (vii) the remuneration packages of comparable listed peers for similar service providers based on available information in the industry.
- 3.8 Further to the above criteria, set out below is the detailed basis of determining the eligibility of each category of the Service Providers:

Class of Service	Contribution of the	Criteria for determining
Providers	Service Providers	eligibility under this
		Scheme
Independent contractors	Independent contractors	The Board will, on a case-
	under this category are	by-case basis, take into
	service providers relating	account both qualitative
	to research and	and quantitative factors
	development of our major	when determining the
	business products i.e.,	eligibility of such supplier,
	including but not limited to	including but not limited
	Chlamydomonas	to: (1) the nature, reliability
	reinhardtii, micro-algae	and quality of the raw
	related products and other	materials and/or equipment
	health products (the	supplied; (2) the value of

"Major Business the raw materials and/or **Products**"), and introduce equipment provided by the new investors and maintain relevant supplier; (3) the frequency of collaboration investor relationship, who/which support, on a and length of business regular or recurring basis, relationship with the the Group's day-to-day Group; (4) the materiality operation in the research. and nature of the business manufacturing and sale of relationship with the Group our products, and improve (such as whether they the Group's financial relate to the core business situation. of the Group and whether such business dealings The Group considers that it could be readily replaced is important to maintain an by third parties); (5) the background, reputation and ongoing collaborative relationship with the track record of the relevant independent contractors as supplier; (6) the the Group may from time replacement cost of such to time require their supplier (including services for the Group to continuity and stability of carry out its business supply); and (7) the activities. It would also be potential and/or actual beneficial to the contribution to the business affairs of the Group, in collaboration between the particular, whether such Group and the Service Provider if the Company supplier could bring grants such Service positive impacts to the Providers proprietary Group's ownership in the Company, business, such as an which encourages the increase in revenue or profits or a reduction in Service Provider to have a costs attributable to or vested shareholding interest in the Group and brought by the raw the Group's future materials and/ or development. equipment supplied by

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such supplier.

production of the Major Business Products (the "Raw Materials") and equipment including but not limited to fermentation tanks and related equipment, digital control systems and other production equipment (the "Equipment") for production and research and development i.e., laboratories works, product development from scientists and technicians. for example to remove the unpleasant smell of the Chlamydomonas reinhardtii, innovation for improving the production efficiency, to develop new application of Chlamydomonas reinhardtii to different products, to expand the types of finished goods to be manufactured with similar equipment, to obtain patents, copyrights or technical know-how for new products and techniques..

The Group considers that it is important to maintain an ongoing collaborative relationship with the independent suppliers as the Group may from time to time require their delivery of the Raw Materials and Equipment for the Group to carry out its business activities. It would also be beneficial to the collaboration between the Group and the Service Provider if the Company grants such

to: (1) the nature, reliability and quality of the Raw Materials and/or Equipment supplied; (2) the value of the Raw Materials and/or Equipment provided by the relevant supplier; (3) the frequency of collaboration and length of business relationship with the Group; (4) the materiality and nature of the business relationship with the Group (such as whether they relate to the core business of the Group and whether such business dealings could be readily replaced by third parties); (5) the background, reputation and track record of the relevant supplier; (6) the replacement cost of such supplier (including continuity and stability of supply; and (7) the potential and/or actual contribution to the business affairs of the Group, in particular, whether such supplier could bring positive impacts to the Group's business, such as an increase in revenue or profits or a reduction in costs attributable to or brought by the Raw Materials and/or Equipment supplied by such supplier.

Service Providers
proprietary ownership
in the Company, which
encourages the Service
Provider to have a vested
shareholding interest in the
Group and the Group's
future development and
maintain a stable supply
chain.

Class of Service Providers

Advisers or consultants (excluding any placing agents or financial advisors providing advisory services for fundraising, mergers or acquisitions, and professional service providers such as auditors or valuers who provide assurance, or are required to perform their services with impartiality and objectivity, and provided that the Board shall have absolute discretion to determine whether or not one falls within such category)

Contribution of the Service Providers

Advisers and consultants under this category would be individuals and/or corporate entit(ies) which provide, on a regular or recurring basis, advisory services and consultancy services, to the Group on areas relating to the Group's principal business activities in operation of research, manufacturing and sale of our Major Business Products, or the Group's business strategy, investor relationship, administrative, human resources and marketing activities i.e., services from marketing and sales experts to promote our Major Business Products, to increase visibility, enlarge our customer base and boost our sales, as well as to advise the Group of the market trends and direction of product development.

The Group may seek advisory services and consultancy services from consultants or advisers with the expertise,

Criteria for determining eligibility under this Scheme

The Board will, on a caseby-case basis, take into account both qualitative and quantitative factors when determining the eligibility of such Service Providers, including:

- (a) the expertise, professional qualifications and industry experience of the Service Providers;
- (b) the prevailing market fees chargeable by other services providers;
- (c) the Group's period of engagement of or collaboration with the Service Providers; and
- (d) the Service Providers' actual or potential contribution to the Group in terms of a reduction in costs or an increase in turnover or profit.

professional qualifications and industry experience, which can bring positive impacts or strategic benefits to the Group's business growth and development in light of the Group's business plan from time to time. Granting performance rewards in the form of Options to such Service Providers will motivate them to continuously devote resources towards the Group and serves to bind their interests with the Group's interests in the long term

- 3.9 In assessing whether a Service Provider provides services to the Group on a continuing and recurring basis, the Board will take into account factors such as: (i) the duration and nature of products or services provided to the Group in the past 12 months, and the recurrence and regularity of such products or services; (ii) the length of engagement of the Service Provider; (iii) the selection criteria against comparable metrics used to determine other Eligible Participants who have been granted Options under this Scheme; (iv) the Group's objectives in engaging the Service Provider and how granting Options to the Service Provider would align with the purpose of this Scheme or benefit the Group and its Shareholders; and (v) remuneration packages of comparable listed peers, if any, based on available industry information.
- 3.10 The Service providers who work for the Group as (i) independent contractors; (ii) independent suppliers; and (iii) advisers and consultants, where the continuity and frequency of their services are akin to those of employees in the research and development of our Major Business Products, introduce new investors and maintain investor relationship, who/which support, on a regular or recurring basis, the Group's day-to-day operation in the research, providing a stable supply chain of Raw Materials and Equipment for production and research and development, advisory services and consultancy services, to the Group on areas relating to the Group's principal business activities in operation of research, manufacturing and sale of our Major Business Products or the Group's business strategy, investor relationship, administrative, human resources and marketing activities i.e., services from marketing and sales experts to promote our Major Business Products, to increase visibility, enlarge our customer base and boost our sales, as well as to advise the Group of the market trends and direction of product development, ancillary to the Group's principal business to help maintain or enhance the competitiveness of the Group.
- 3.11 The Board will consider whether the continuity and frequency of the services provided by a Service Provider is akin to that of its employees, taking into account the following

factors: (i) the type(s) of services the Service Provider had performed for the Group in the past; (ii) the industry experience of the Service Provider; (iii) the period of engagement of the Service Provider; and (iv) the Service Provider's contribution and/or future contribution to the development and growth of the Group with reference to, among other metrics, research and development, manufacturing or distribution of products/services provided by the Group, or otherwise will contribute significantly to the growth of the Group's financial or business performance, based on quantitative performance indicators to be determined by the Board or the committee on a case-by-case basis.

- 3.12 In assessing whether a Service Provider provides services to the Group in the Company's ordinary and usual course of business, the Board will take into account factors such as the nature of the services provided to the Group by the Service Provider, and whether such services form part of or are directly ancillary to the businesses conducted by the Group.
- 3.13 The qualified Service Providers shall directly contribute to the long-term growth of the Group's business by providing services that are of a continuing and recurring nature in the ordinary and usual course of the Group's business. In particular, they shall be closely connected to and crucial to the Group's operations.
- 3.14 Subject to paragraphs 2 and 15, this Scheme shall be valid and effective until the Termination Date, after which period no further Options will be granted but the provisions of this Scheme shall remain in force to the extent necessary to give effect to the exercise of any Options granted but not yet exercised prior thereto or otherwise as may be required in accordance with the provisions of this Scheme.
- 3.15 An Eligible Participant shall ensure that any exercise of his Option under paragraph 7 is valid and complies with all laws, legislations and regulations to which he is subject. The Directors may, as a condition precedent of issuing Shares upon an exercise of an Option, require the relevant Grantee to produce such evidence as it may reasonably require for such purpose.
- 3.16 The Board may at its discretion and on a case-by-case basis specify any condition in the offer letter at the grant of the relevant Option which must be satisfied before an Option may be exercised, including (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing):
 - (1) the continuing eligibility of the Grantee under this Scheme, and in particular, where the Board determines that the Grantee has failed or otherwise is or has been unable to meet such continuing eligibility criteria, the Option (to the extent not already exercised) shall lapse, subject to the requirements of paragraph 7 of this Scheme;
 - (2) the continuing compliance of such terms and conditions that may be attached to the grant of the Option, failing which the Option (to the extent not already exercised) shall lapse unless otherwise determined to the contrary by the Board, subject to the requirements of paragraph 7 of this Scheme;
 - (3) conditions, restrictions or limitations relating to the achievement of operating or financial targets before an Option can be exercised;

- (4) if applicable, the satisfactory performance of certain obligations by the Grantee; and
- (5) claw back mechanism for the Company to recover or withhold any Options granted to any Grantee, whether in the event of serious misconduct of the Grantee, a material misstatement in the Company's financial statements or other circumstances.

Save as determined by the Board and provided in the offer letter of the grant of the relevant Option, there is no performance target which must be achieved before an Option can be exercised under the terms of this Scheme nor any claw back mechanism for the Company to recover or withhold any Options granted to any Eligible Participant. Nevertheless, the Board may impose performance targets and/or claw back mechanism on a case-by-case basis. The Board believes that this will provide the Board with more flexibility in setting out the terms and conditions of the Options under particular circumstances of each grant and facilitate the Board to offer meaningful incentives to attract and retain quality and high calibre personnel that are valuable to the development of the Group.

4. SCHEME MANDATE LIMIT AND SERVICE PROVIDER SUBLIMIT

- 4.1 The Scheme Mandate Limit is the maximum number of Shares in respect of which all options and awards may be granted (including Shares in respect of which Options, whether exercised or still outstanding, have already been granted) under this Scheme and under any other share scheme(s) of the Company must not in aggregate exceed 10% of the total number of Shares in issue (excluding Treasury Shares, if any) at the Adoption Date, unless otherwise permitted by the Listing Rules or the Company obtains the approval of its Shareholders to refresh the Scheme Mandate Limit.
- 4.2 The Service Provider Sublimit, being a sublimit under the Scheme Mandate Limit, the total number of Shares which may be issued in respect of all options and awards involving issue of new Shares that may be granted under this Scheme and any other share scheme(s) of the Company to the Service Providers must not in aggregate exceed 1% of the total number of Shares in issue (excluding Treasury Shares, if any) as at the Adoption Date.
- 4.3 The basis for determining the Service Provider Sublimit includes (i) the potential dilution effect arising from grants to the Service Providers; (ii) the importance of striking a balance between achieving the purpose of this Scheme and protecting Shareholders from the dilution effect from granting a substantial amount of Options to the Service Providers; (iii) the extent of the use of Service Providers in the Group's business; and (iv) the fact that the Company expects that a majority of the Options will be granted to Employee Participants and Related Entity Participants and as such there is a need to reserve a larger portion of the Scheme Mandate Limit for grants to the Employee Participants and Related Entity Participants. Given the above, the Board has made reference to the 1% Individual Limit (as defined in sub-paragraph 9.2) and considered that a sublimit of 1% would not lead to an excessive dilution of existing Shareholders' holdings.
- 4.4 If the Company conducts a share consolidation or subdivision after the Scheme Mandate Limit or the Service Provider Sublimit has been approved in general meeting of the

Company, the maximum number of new Shares that may be issued in respect of all options and awards to be granted under this Scheme and any share scheme(s) of the Company under the Scheme Mandate Limit or the Service Provider Sublimit as a percentage of the total number of issued Shares as at the date immediately before and after such consolidation or subdivision shall be the same, rounded to the nearest whole Share.

- 4.5 Options which have lapsed in accordance with the terms of this Scheme (or any other share scheme(s) of the Company) shall not be counted for the purpose of calculating the Scheme Mandate Limit or the Service Provider Sublimit. If the Company conducts a share consolidation or subdivision after the Scheme Mandate Limit or the Service Provider Sublimit has been approved in general meeting of the Company, the maximum number of new Shares that may be issued in respect of all options and awards to be granted under this Scheme and any share scheme(s) of the Company under the Scheme Mandate Limit or the Service Provider Sublimit as a percentage of the total number of issued Shares (excluding Treasury Shares, if any) as at the date immediately before and after such consolidation or subdivision shall be the same, rounded to the nearest whole Share.
- The Company may seek the approval of its Shareholders at general meeting to refresh the Scheme Mandate Limit or the Service Provider Sublimit after three years from the Adoption Date or the date of Shareholders' approval for the last refreshment (as the case may be), such that the total number of Shares which may be issued in respect of all options and awards involving issue of new Shares that may be granted under this Scheme and any other share scheme(s) of the Company under the Scheme Mandate Limit as refreshed must not exceed 10% (and the Service Provider Sublimit as refreshed shall not exceed 1%) of the Shares in issue (excluding Treasury Shares, if any) as at the date of the aforesaid approval for refreshment by the Shareholders in general meeting. Options and awards lapsed in accordance with the terms of this Scheme and any other share scheme(s) of the Company will not be regarded as utilised for the purpose of calculating the limit as refreshed. The Company shall send a circular to the Shareholders containing the number of options and awards that were already granted under the existing Scheme Mandate Limit and the existing Service Provider Sublimit, and the reason for the refreshment.
- Any refreshment within any abovementioned three-year period must be approved by the Shareholders subject to the following provisions: (a) any controlling shareholder(s) of the Company and their respective associates, or if there is no controlling shareholder(s) of the Company, Directors (excluding independent non-executive Directors) and the chief executives of the Company and their respective associates must abstain from voting in favor of the relevant resolution at the general meeting; and (b) the Company must comply with the requirements under the Listing Rules. The requirements under paragraphs (a) and (b) above do not apply if the refreshment is made immediately after an issue of securities by the Company to its Shareholders on a pro rata basis as set out in Rule 13.36(2)(a) of the Listing Rules such that the unused part of the Scheme Mandate Limit or the Service Provider Sublimit (as a percentage of the Shares in issue) upon refreshment is the same as the unused part of the Scheme Mandate Limit or the Service Provider Sublimit immediately before the issue of securities, rounded to the nearest whole Share.
- 4.8 The Company may also seek separate approval of the Shareholders in general meeting

for granting any Options beyond the Scheme Mandate Limit, or if applicable, the refreshed limit as referred to in paragraph above, provided that the Options in excess of the Scheme Mandate Limit are granted only to Eligible Participants specifically identified by the Company before the aforesaid Shareholders' meeting where such approval is sought. A circular shall be sent to Shareholders containing the name of each specified Eligible Participant who may be granted such Options, the number and terms of the Options to be granted to each specified Eligible Participant, the purpose of granting Options to the specified Eligible Participants with an explanation as to how the terms of the Options serve such purpose, and all other information as required under the Listing Rules. The number and terms of the Options to be granted to such Eligible Participant must be fixed before Shareholders' approval. In respect of any Options to be granted, the date of the Board meeting for proposing such grant should be taken as the date of grant for the purpose of calculating the Subscription Price.

5. GRANT AND ACCEPTANCE OF OPTIONS

- 5.1 The Board shall, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Scheme and the Listing Rules, be entitled (but shall not be bound), at any time and from time to time on any Business Day within a period of ten (10) years commencing on the Adoption Date, to make an Offer to such Eligible Participant as it may in its absolute discretion select, and subject to such conditions as the Board may think fit, to subscribe for such number of Shares (being a board lot for dealing in Shares on the Stock Exchange or an integral multiple thereof) as the Board may, subject to paragraph 9, determine at the Subscription Price pursuant to paragraph 6, provided that no such grant shall be made if a prospectus is required to be issued under the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Chapter 32 of the Laws of Hong Kong) or any applicable laws or if such grant will result in the breach by the Company or the Directors of any applicable securities laws and regulations in any jurisdiction.
- 5.2 Notwithstanding the foregoing sub-paragraph 5.1, no Option shall be granted by the Board:
 - (1) after inside information (having the meaning as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance, Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) has come to its knowledge until (and including) the trading day after it has been announced by the Company pursuant to the requirements of the Listing Rules; and
 - (2) during the period commencing from 30 days immediately preceding the earlier of:
 - (a) the date of the meeting of the Board (as such date is first notified to the Stock Exchange in accordance with the Listing Rules) for approving the Company's results for any year, half-year or quarter-year period or any other interim period (whether or not required under the Listing Rules); and
 - (b) the deadline for the Company to publish its results for any year, half-year or quarter-year period under the Listing Rules, or any other interim period (whether or not required under the Listing Rules),

and ending on the date of the results announcements (or during any period of

delay in publishing results announcements).

- 5.3 An Offer shall be made to an Eligible Participant in writing (and unless so made shall be invalid) in such form as the Board may from time to time determine either generally or on a case-by-case basis specifying the number of Shares and the Option Period in respect of which the Offer is made and further requiring the Eligible Participant to undertake to hold the Option on the terms on which it is to be granted and to be bound by the provisions of this Scheme and shall remain open for acceptance by the Eligible Participant concerned (and by no other person, including his or her Personal Representative(s)) for a period of twenty-one (21) days inclusive of, and from the Offer Date provided that no such Offer shall be open for acceptance after the earlier of the Termination Date or the termination of this Scheme.
- An Offer shall be deemed to have been accepted by an Eligible Participant concerned in respect of all Shares which are offered to such Eligible Participant when the duplicate letter comprising acceptance of the Offer duly signed by the Eligible Participant with the number of Shares in respect of which the Offer is accepted as stated therein, together with a remittance in favour of the Company of HK\$1.00 by way of consideration for the grant thereof is received by the Company.
- 5.5 Any Offer may be accepted by an Eligible Participant in respect of less than the number of Shares which are offered provided that it is accepted in respect of a board lot for dealing in Shares on the Stock Exchange or an integral multiple thereof and such number is clearly stated in the duplicate letter comprising acceptance of the Offer duly signed by such Eligible Participant and received by the Company together with a remittance in favour of the Company of HK\$1.00 by way of consideration for the grant thereof within twenty-one (21) days from the Offer Date (or such shorter period referred to in subparagraph 5.3). To the extent that the Offer is not accepted within the stated period, it will be deemed to have been irrevocably declined.
- Upon an Offer being accepted by an Eligible Participant in whole or in part in accordance with sub-paragraph 5.4 or 5.5, an Option in respect of the number of Shares in respect of which the Offer was so accepted will be deemed to have been granted by the Company to such Eligible Participant on the date of such acceptance provided that if such date of acceptance shall fall on a non-Business Day, the Business Day immediately following such date of acceptance shall be taken to be the date of acceptance for the grant of such Option. To the extent that the Offer is not accepted within twenty-one (21) days from the Offer Date (or such shorter period referred to in sub-paragraph 5.3) in the manner indicated in sub-paragraph 5.4 or 5.5 it will be deemed to have been irrevocably declined.
- 5.7 The making of an Offer to any connected person of the Company, or any of their respective associates must be approved by the independent non-executive Directors (excluding any independent non-executive Director who or whose associate is the proposed Grantee of an Option).

6. <u>SUBSCRIPTION PRICE</u>

6.1 The Subscription Price shall, subject to any adjustments made pursuant to paragraph 10, be determined by the Board at its absolute discretion, provided that it shall be not less

than the highest of:

- (a) the closing price of the Shares as shown in the daily quotations sheet of the Stock Exchange on the Offer Date, which must be a Business Day;
- (b) the average of the closing prices of the Shares as shown in the daily quotations sheets of the Stock Exchange for the five (5) consecutive Business Days immediately preceding the Offer Date; and
- (c) the nominal value of the Share on the Offer Date.
- 6.2 Where a relevant Option is to be granted under sub-paragraph 9.2 or 9.4, for the purposes of sub-paragraphs 6.1(a) and 6.1(b) above, the date of the Board meeting at which the grant was proposed shall be taken to be the Offer Date for such relevant Option, and the provisions of sub-paragraph 6.1 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

7. EXERCISE OF OPTIONS

- 7.1 Subject to sub-paragraph 7.2, an Option shall be personal to the Grantee and shall not be assignable and no Grantee shall in any way sell, transfer, charge, mortgage, encumber or create any interest whatsoever in favour of any third party over or in relation to any Option or enter into any agreement so to do. Any breach of the foregoing by a Grantee shall entitle the Company to cancel any Option or any part thereof granted to such Grantee to the extent not already exercised.
- 7.2 The Stock Exchange may consider granting a waiver to allow a transfer of an Option to a vehicle (such as trust or private company) for the benefit of the Grantee and any family members of such Grantee that would continue to meet the purpose of this Scheme and comply with other requirements of the Listing Rules. Where such waiver is granted, the beneficiaries of the trust or the ultimate beneficial owners of the transferee vehicle shall be disclosed.
- Subject to sub-paragraph 16.8, an Option shall be exercisable in whole or in part in the circumstances and in the manner as set out in this sub-paragraph 7.3 or subparagraph 7.5 (as the case may be) by the Grantee (or, as the case may be, his Personal Representative(s)) giving notice in writing to the Company stating that the Option is thereby exercised and the number of Shares in respect of which it is so exercised. Each of such notice(s) must be accompanied by a remittance for the full amount of the Subscription Price for Shares in respect of which the notice is given. Within twenty-eight (28) days after receipt of the notice and the remittance and, where appropriate, receipt of the Auditors' or independent financial adviser's certificate pursuant to paragraph 10, the Company shall accordingly allot and issue the relevant number of Shares to the Grantee (or, in the event of an exercise of Option by a Personal Representative pursuant to subparagraph 7.5(a), to the estate of the Grantee) credited as fully paid and instruct the Share Registrar to issue to the Grantee (or his estate in the event of an exercise by his Personal Representative(s) as aforesaid) a share certificate for the Shares so allotted.
- 7.4 An Option must be held by the Grantee for at least twelve (12) months (the "Vesting Period") before the Option can be exercised.
- 7.5 Subject as hereinafter provided, an Option may (and may only) be exercised by the

Grantee at any time or times during the Option Period provided that:

- in the event of the Grantee ceasing to be an Eligible Participant by reason of his or her death before exercising the Option in full, and where the Grantee is an employee or a director of the Group, none of the events which would be a ground for termination of his or her employment or directorship under sub-paragraph 7.5(c)(ii) arises, his or her Personal Representative(s) may exercise the Option (to the extent not already exercised) in whole or in part in accordance with the provisions of sub-paragraph 7.3 within a period of six (6) months following the date of death, or up to the expiration of the Option Period, whichever is earlier, and such Option to the extent not so exercised shall lapse and determine at the end of the period of six (6) months or at the expiration of the Option Period, whichever is earlier, or if any of the events referred to in sub-paragraph 7.5(d), 7.5(e) or 7.5(f) occur during such period, exercise the Option pursuant to sub-paragraphs 7.5(d), 7.5(e) or 7.5(f) respectively;
- (b) in the event of the Grantee who is an employee or a director of the Group ceasing to be an Eligible Participant by reason of ill-health or retirement as an employee in accordance with his or her contract of employment before exercising the Option in full, he or she may exercise the Option (to the extent not already exercised) in whole or in part in accordance with the provisions of sub-paragraph 7.3 within a period of six (6) months following the date of such cessation or, if any of the events referred to in sub-paragraph 7.5(d), 7.5(e) or 7.5(f) occurs during such period, exercise the Option pursuant to sub-paragraph 7.5(d), 7.5(e) or 7.5(f) respectively. The date of cessation as aforesaid shall be the last day on which the Grantee is actually at work with the Group whether salary is paid in lieu of notice or not;
- (c) (i) in the event of the Grantee who is an employee or a director of the Group ceasing to be an Eligible Participant for any reason other than the reasons specified in sub-paragraphs 7.5(a) and/or 7.5(b); or (ii) where the Grantee is an employee or a director of the Group by reason of voluntary resignation or dismissal or upon expiration of his or her term of directorship (unless immediately renewed upon expiration), or by termination of his or her employment or directorship on any one or more of the grounds that he or she has been guilty of persistent or serious misconduct, or has become bankrupt or has become insolvent or has made any arrangement or composition with his or her creditors generally, or has been convicted of any criminal offence (other than an offence which in the opinion of the Directors does not bring the Grantee or the Group into disrepute) or any other ground(s) on which the Group would be entitled to terminate the Grantee's employment or directorship pursuant to any applicable law before exercising the Option in full, his or her Option (to the extent not already exercised) shall lapse on the date of cessation or termination and not be exercisable and any Option exercised (if any) but the Shares of which have not been allotted, shall be deemed not to have been so exercised and the amount of the Subscription Price for the Shares in respect of the purported exercise of such Option shall be returned;
- (d) if a general or partial offer, whether by way of take-over offer, share repurchase offer, or scheme of arrangement or otherwise in like manner is made to all the

Shareholders, or all such holders other than the offeror and/or any person controlled by the offeror and/or any person acting in association or concert (as defined in the Takeovers Code) with the offeror, the Company shall use all its reasonable endeavours to procure that such offer is extended to all the Grantees on the same terms, *mutatis mutandis*, and assuming that they will become, by the exercise in full of the Options granted to them, Shareholders. If such offer becomes or is declared unconditional or such scheme of arrangement is formally proposed to the Shareholders, the Grantee shall, notwithstanding any other terms on which his Options were granted, be entitled to exercise the Option (to the extent not already exercised) to its full extent or to the extent specified in the Grantee's notice to the Company in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph 7.3 at any time within one (1) month after the date on which such offer becomes or is declared unconditional, or within one (1) month after the record date for entitlements under the scheme of arrangement, as the case may be:

- (e) in the event a notice is given by the Company to its Shareholders to convene an extraordinary general meeting for the purposes of considering, and if thought fit, approving a resolution to voluntarily wind-up the Company, the Company shall on the same date as it despatches such notice to each Shareholder give notice thereof to all Grantees (containing an extract of the provisions of this subparagraph) and thereupon, each Grantee or his Personal Representative(s) shall be entitled to exercise all or any of his Options (to the extent not already exercised) by giving notice in writing to the Company in accordance with the terms of this Scheme (such notice shall be received by the Company no later than two (2) Business Days prior to the proposed extraordinary general meeting), accompanied by a remittance for the full amount of the aggregate Subscription Price for the Shares in respect of which the notice is given whereupon the Company shall as soon as possible and, in any event, no later than the Business Day immediately prior to the date of the proposed extraordinary general meeting referred to above, allot and issue the relevant Shares to the Grantee credited as fully paid; and
- (f) in the event of a compromise or arrangement between the Company and the Shareholders or its creditors being proposed for the purpose of or in connection with a scheme for the reconstruction or amalgamation of the Company, the Company shall give notice thereof to all Grantees on the same date as it gives notice of the meeting to the Shareholders or its creditors to summon a meeting to consider such a scheme or arrangement and the Options (to the extent not already exercised) shall become exercisable in whole or in part, either to its full extent or to the extent specified in the Grantee's notice as set out below, on such date until the earlier of (i) two (2) months after that date or (ii) at any time not later than two (2) Business Days prior to the date of the meeting directed to be convened by the court for the purposes of considering such a scheme or arrangement (the "Suspension Date"). Any Grantee or his Personal Representative(s) may by notice in writing to the Company in accordance with the terms of this Scheme, accompanied by a remittance of the full amount of the aggregate Subscription Price for the Shares in respect of which the notice is given whereupon the Company shall as soon as possible and in any event no later than 3:00 p.m. on the Business Day immediately prior to the date of the proposed meeting, allot and

issue such number of Shares to the Grantee or his or her Personal Representative(s) which falls to be issued on such exercise of the Option credited as fully paid and register the Grantee as holder thereof. With effect from the Suspension Date, the rights of all Grantees to exercise their respective Options shall forthwith be suspended. Upon such compromise or arrangement becoming effective, all Options shall, to the extent that they have not been exercised, lapse and be terminated.

Sub-paragraphs 7.5(a), 7.5(b) and 7.5(c) do not apply to a Grantee who is not an Employee Participant.

Where any event under sub-paragraphs 7.5(a), 7.5(b), 7.5(d), 7.5(e) and 7.5(f) applies, no such Shares shall be allotted and issued or no Treasury Shares (if any) shall be transferred to a Grantee who is not an Employee Participant in respect of any Options granted within twelve (12) months.

No dividends shall be payable in relation to Shares that are the subject of Options that have not been exercised. Shares to be allotted and issued or Treasury Shares (if any) to be transferred upon the exercise of an Option will be subject to all the provisions of the Articles for the time being in force and will rank *pari passu* in all respects with the existing fully paid Shares in issue (excluding Treasury Shares, if any) on the date on which the Option is duly exercised or, if that date falls on a day when the register of members of the Company is closed, the first day of the re-opening of the register of members (the "Exercise Date") and accordingly will entitle the holders thereof to participate in all dividends or other distributions paid or made on or after the Exercise Date other than any dividend or other distribution previously declared or recommended or resolved to be paid or made if the record date therefor shall be before the Exercise Date. A Share allotted upon the exercise of an Option shall not carry voting rights until the name of the Grantee has been duly entered onto the register of members of the Company as the holder thereof.

8. <u>EARLY TERMINATION OF OPTION PERIOD</u>

- 8.1 The Option Period in respect of any Option shall automatically terminate and that Option (to the extent not already exercised) shall automatically lapse on the earliest of:
 - (a) subject to sub-paragraph 7.5, the expiry of the Option Period;
 - (b) the date on which the Grantee commits a breach of sub-paragraph 7.1;
 - (c) the expiry of any of the periods referred to in sub-paragraph 7.5; and
 - (d) the date of the commencement of the winding-up of the Company.
- 8.2 A resolution of the Directors to the effect that the employment or directorship of a Grantee has or has not been terminated on one or more of the grounds specified in subparagraph 7.5(c)(ii) shall be conclusive and binding on the Grantee.

9. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SHARES AVAILABLE FOR SUBSCRIPTION

9.1 Subject to the Listing Rules,

- (a) the total number of Shares which may be issued (including any Treasury Shares which may be transferred, as applicable) in respect of all options and awards which may be granted at any time under this Scheme together with options and awards which may be granted under any other share schemes for the time being of the Company shall not exceed such number of Shares as equivalent to 10% of the issued share capital of the Company (excluding Treasury Shares, if any) as at the Adoption Date (the "Scheme Mandate Limit"). As at the Adoption Date, the total number of Shares issuable under the Scheme Mandate Limit is 172,667,468 Shares, representing approximately 10% of the issued share capital of the Company (excluding Treasury Shares, if any) as at the Adoption Date. Options lapsed in accordance with the terms of this Scheme will not be regarded as utilised for the purpose of calculating the Scheme Mandate Limit.
- the Company may seek approval of the Shareholders in general meeting to (b) refresh the Scheme Mandate Limit under this Scheme after three (3) years from the Adoption Date (or the date of Shareholders' approval for the last refreshment). However, the total number of Shares which may be issued (including any Treasury Shares which may be transferred, as applicable) upon exercise of all options and awards to be granted under this Scheme and any other schemes of the Company under the limit as "refreshed" must not exceed 10% of the total number of Shares in issue (excluding Treasury Shares, if any) as at the date of approval of the refreshed Scheme Mandate Limit. For the purposes of seeking approval of the Shareholders under this sub-paragraph 9.1(c), the Company must send a circular to its Shareholders containing the information required under the Listing Rules. Any refreshment of the Scheme Mandate Limit to be made within three (3) years from the Adoption Date (or the date of Shareholders' approval for the last refreshment) shall be subject to independent Shareholders' approval pursuant to Rule 17.03C(1) of the Listing Rules and any controlling Shareholders and their associates (or if there is no controlling Shareholder, Directors (excluding independent nonexecutive Directors) and the chief executive of the Company and their respective associates) must abstain from voting in favour of the relevant resolution at the general meeting.
- the Company may seek separate approval of the Shareholders in general meeting (c) for granting Options beyond the Scheme Mandate Limit provided that the Options in excess of the Scheme Mandate Limit are granted only to Eligible Participants specifically identified by the Company before such approval is sought. For the purpose of seeking approval of Shareholders under this subparagraph 9.1(d), the Company must send a circular to the Shareholders containing a generic description of the specified Eligible Participants who may be granted such Options, the number and terms of the Options to be granted, the purpose of granting Options to the specified Eligible Participants with an explanation as to how the terms of the Options serve such purpose, and such other information as required under the Listing Rules. The number and terms (including the Subscription Price) of Options to be granted to such Eligible Participant must be fixed before Shareholders' approval and the date of Board meeting for proposing such grant should be taken as the date of grant for the purpose of calculating the Subscription Price.
- 9.2 Unless approved by the Shareholders in the manner set out in this paragraph, the total

number of Shares issued and to be issued in respect of all options and awards granted under this Scheme and any other share scheme(s) of the Company to each Eligible Participant in any 12-month period shall not exceed 1% of the total number of Shares in issue (excluding Treasury Shares, if any) (the "Individual Limit"). Where any grant of Options under this Scheme to an Eligible Participant would result in the aggregate number of Shares issued and to be issued in respect of all options and awards granted under this Scheme and any other share scheme(s) of the Company to such Eligible Participant (excluding any options lapsed in accordance with the terms of this Scheme and any other share scheme(s) of the Company) in the 12-month period up to and including the date of such grant exceeding the Individual Limit, such grant shall be subject to separate approval of the Shareholders in general meeting with such Eligible Participant and his/her close associates (or his/her associates if the Eligible Participant is a connected person of the Company) abstaining from voting. A circular shall be sent to the Shareholders disclosing the identity of such Eligible Participant, the number and terms of the Options to be granted (and those options previously granted to such Eligible Participant in the 12-month period), the purpose of grating the Options to the Eligible Participant and an explanation as to how the terms of the Options serve such purpose, and all other information as required under the Listing Rules. The number and terms of the Options to be granted to such Eligible Participant shall be fixed before the Shareholders' approval is sought and the date of the Board meeting for proposing such further grant should be taken as the date of grant for the purpose of calculating the Subscription.

- 9.3 Any grant of Options to any of the Directors, chief executive of the Company or substantial Shareholder (as defined in the Listing Rules), or any of their respective associates must be approved by the independent non-executive Directors (excluding any independent non-executive Director who and whose associate is the proposed Grantee of the Option (if any)).
- 9.4 Where any grant of Options to an independent non-executive Director or a substantial Shareholder or any of their respective associates would result in the Shares issued and to be issued (including any Treasury Shares which may be transferred, as applicable) in respect of all options and awards granted and to be granted (excluding any options and awards lapsed in accordance with the terms of the relevant schemes) to such person in the twelve (12)-month period up to and including the date of such grant representing in aggregate over 0.1% of the total issued Shares (excluding Treasury Shares, if any), such further grant of Options must be approved by the Shareholders in general meeting of the Company in the manner set out below. The Company must send a circular to the Shareholders. The Grantee, his/her associates and all core connected persons of the Company must abstain from voting in favour of the proposed grant at such general meeting. Parties that are required to abstain from voting in favour at the general meeting pursuant to Rule 17.04(1) of the Listing Rules may vote against the resolution at the general meeting of the Company, provided that their intention to do so has been stated in the relevant circular to the Shareholders. Any vote taken at the general meeting to approve the grant of such Options must be taken on a poll and comply with the requirements under the Listing Rules. The circular must contain:
 - (1) details of the number and terms of the Options to be granted to each Eligible Participant, which must be fixed before the Shareholders' meeting. In respect of any Options to be granted, the date of the Board meeting for proposing such

- further grant should be taken as the Offer Date for the purpose of calculating the Subscription Price;
- (2) the views of the independent non-executive Directors (excluding any independent non-executive Director who and whose associate is the proposed Grantee) as to whether the terms of the grant are fair and reasonable and whether such grant is in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole, and their recommendation to the independent Shareholders as to voting; and
- (3) the information as may be required by the Stock Exchange from time to time.
- 9.5 Shareholders' approval as required under sub-paragraph 9.4 is also required for any change in the terms of Options granted to an Eligible Participant who is a substantial Shareholder (as defined in the Listing Rules) or an independent non-executive Director, or any of their respective associates.

10. REORGANISATION OF CAPITAL STRUCTURE

- 10.1 In the event of any alteration in the capital structure of the Company whilst any Option remains exercisable or this Scheme remains in effect, and such event arises from a capitalisation issue, rights issue, consolidation, sub-division or reduction of the share capital of the Company (other than an issue of Shares as consideration in respect of a transaction while any Option remains exercisable), then, in any such case (other than in the case of capitalisation issue) the Company shall instruct the Auditors or independent financial adviser to certify in writing:
 - (a) the adjustment, if any, that ought in their opinion fairly and reasonably to be made either generally or as regards any particular Grantee, to:
 - (i) the number or nominal amount of Shares to which this Scheme or any Option(s) relates (insofar as it is/they are unexercised); and/or
 - (ii) the Subscription Prices of any unexercised Options,

and an adjustment as so certified by the Auditors or the independent financial adviser shall be made, provided that:

- (1) any such adjustment shall be made on the basis that the aggregate Subscription Price payable by a Grantee on the full exercise of any Option shall remain as nearly as possible the same (but shall not be greater than) as it was before such event;
- (2) no such adjustment shall be made the effect of which would be to enable a Share to be issued at less than its nominal value;
- (3) any such adjustment shall be made on the basis that a Grantee shall be given the same proportion of the issued share capital of the Company for which such Grantee would have been entitled to subscribe had he exercised all the Options held by him immediately prior to such event (as interpreted in accordance with the supplementary guidance issued by the Stock Exchange on 5 September 2005);

- (4) the issue of securities of the Company for cash (save and except for rights issue) or as consideration in a transaction shall not be regarded as a circumstance requiring any such adjustment; and
- (b) in respect of any such adjustments, the Auditors or the independent financial adviser must confirm to the Directors in writing that the adjustments satisfy the requirements set out in the above, the requirements of Rule 17.03(13) of the Listing Rules, the supplementary guidance issued by the Stock Exchange on 5 September 2005, any relevant provisions of the Listing Rules and any guidance/interpretation of the Listing Rules issued by the Stock Exchange and the note thereto from time to time.
- 10.2 If there has been any alteration in the capital structure of the Company as referred to in sub-paragraph 10.1, the Company shall, upon receipt of a notice from a Grantee in accordance with sub-paragraph 7.3, inform the Grantee of such alteration and shall either inform the Grantee of the adjustment to be made in accordance with the certificate of the Auditors or the independent financial adviser obtained by the Company for such purpose or, if no such certificate has yet been obtained, inform the Grantee of such fact and instruct the Auditors or an independent financial adviser as soon as practicable thereafter to issue a certificate in that regard in accordance with sub-paragraph 10.1.
- 10.3 In giving any certificate under this paragraph 10 the Auditors and independent financial adviser shall be deemed to be acting as experts and not as arbitrators and their certificate shall, in the absence of manifest error, be final, conclusive and binding on the Company and all persons who may be affected thereby.

11. CANCELLATION OF OPTIONS

Subject to sub-paragraph 7.5, any Option granted but not exercised may not be cancelled except with the written consent of the relevant Grantee and the prior approval of the Directors. Where the Company cancels Options and makes a new grant to the same Grantee, such new grant may only be made under this Scheme with available unissued Options within the limit approved by Shareholders as set out in sub-paragraphs 9.1(a) to 9.1(d). The Options cancelled will be regarded as utilised for the purpose of calculating the Scheme Mandate Limit.

12. SHARE CAPITAL

The exercise of any Option shall be subject to the Shareholders in general meeting approving any necessary increase in the share capital of the Company. Subject thereto, the Directors shall make available sufficient of the then authorised but unissued share capital of the Company to allot the Shares on the exercise of any Option.

13. <u>DISPUTES</u>

Any dispute arising in connection with this Scheme (whether as to the number of Shares of an Option, the Subscription Price or any adjustment under sub-paragraph 10.1) shall be referred to the decision of the Auditors or independent financial adviser who shall act as experts and not as arbitrators and whose decision shall, in the absence of manifest error, be final, conclusive and binding on all persons who may be affected thereby.

14. <u>ALTERATION OF THIS SCHEME</u>

This Scheme may be altered in any respect by a resolution of the Board except:

- (a) any alteration to the advantage of the Eligible Participants in relation to any matter contained in Rule 17.03 of the Listing Rules;
- (b) any alterations to the terms and conditions of this Scheme which are of a material nature or any change to the terms of Options granted must be approved by Shareholders, except where the alterations take effect automatically under the existing terms of this Scheme; and
- (c) any change to the authority of the Directors or the administrator of this Scheme to alter the terms of this Scheme.

which shall only be altered with the approval of Shareholders in general meeting, provided that no such alteration shall operate to affect adversely the terms of issue of any Option granted or agreed to be granted prior to such alteration except with the consent or sanction of such majority of the Grantees as would be required of the Shareholders under the memorandum of association of the Company and Articles for the time being for a variation of the rights attached to Shares. Any change to the terms of the Option granted to a Grantee must be approved by the Board, the remuneration committee of the Company, the independent non-executive Directors and/or the Shareholders (as the case may be) if the initial grant of the Options was approved by the Board, the remuneration committee of the Company, the independent non-executive Directors and/or the Shareholders (as the case may be), except where the alterations take effect automatically under the existing terms of this Scheme. Any alteration to the terms and conditions of this Scheme shall comply with the relevant requirements of Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules.

15. <u>TERMINATION</u>

- 15.1 The Company by an ordinary resolution in general meeting may at any time terminate the operation of this Scheme and in such event no further Options will be offered but in all other respects the provisions of this Scheme shall remain in force to the extent necessary to give effect to the exercise of any Options granted but not yet exercised prior thereto or otherwise as may be required in accordance with the provisions of this Scheme and Options granted prior to such termination shall continue to be valid and exercisable in accordance with this Scheme.
- 15.2 Details of the Options granted, including Options exercised or outstanding, under the Scheme and (if applicable) Options that become void or non-exercisable as a result of the termination must be disclosed in the circular to the Shareholders seeking approval of the first new share option scheme to be established after such termination.

16. <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>

16.1 This Scheme shall not form part of any contract of employment between the Company and any Eligible Participant who is the employee of the Group and the rights and obligations of any such Eligible Participant under the terms of his office or employment shall not be affected by his participation in this Scheme or any right which he may have

- to participate in it and this Scheme shall afford such an Eligible Participant no additional rights to compensation or damages in consequence of the termination of such office or employment for any reason.
- 16.2 This Scheme shall not confer on any person any legal or equitable rights (other than those constituting the Options themselves) against the Company directly or give rise to any cause of action at law or in equity against the Company.
- 16.3 The Company shall bear the costs of establishing and administering this Scheme, including any costs of the Auditors and the independent financial advisers in relation to the preparation of any certificate by them or providing any other service in relation to this Scheme.
- 16.4 A Grantee shall be entitled to receive copies of all notices and other documents sent by the Company to Shareholders at the same time or within a reasonable time of any such notices or documents being sent to Shareholders.
- 16.5 Any notice or other communication between the Company and a Grantee may be given by sending the same by prepaid post or by personal delivery to, in the case of the Company, its principal place of business in Hong Kong and, in the case of the Grantee, his address in Hong Kong as notified to the Company from time to time or, if none or incorrect or out of date, his last place of employment with the Company or the Company's principal place of business in Hong Kong from time to time.
- 16.6 Any notice or other communication if sent by the Grantee shall be irrevocable and shall not be effective until actually received by the Company.
- 16.7 Any notice or other communication if sent to the Grantee shall be deemed to be given or made:
 - (a) one (1) day after the date of posting, if sent by mail;
 - (b) seven (7) days after the date of posting to an address in a different territory;
 - (c) upon completion of transmission if sent by facsimile or other form of electric transmissions; and
 - (d) when delivered, if delivered by hand.
- 16.8 A Grantee shall, before accepting an Offer or exercising his Option, obtain all necessary consents and approvals that may be required to enable him to accept the Offer or to exercise the Option and the Company to allot and issue to him in accordance with the provisions of this Scheme the Shares falling to be allotted and issued upon the exercise of his Option. By accepting an Offer or exercising his Option, the Grantee thereof is deemed to have represented to the Company that he has obtained all such consents and approvals. Compliance with this sub-paragraph shall be a condition precedent to an acceptance of an Offer by a Grantee and an exercise by a Grantee of his Options.
- 16.9 A Grantee shall pay all tax and discharge all other liabilities to which he may become subject as a result of his participation in this Scheme or the exercise of any Option.

- 16.10 By accepting an Offer a Grantee shall be deemed irrevocably to have waived any entitlement, by way of compensation for loss of office or otherwise howsoever to any sum or other benefit to compensate him for loss of any rights under this Scheme.
- 16.11 This Scheme and all options and awards granted hereunder shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Hong Kong.