

Under the Foreign Exchange Administration Rules, renminbi is freely convertible for current account items, including the distribution of dividends payments, interest payments, trade and service-related foreign exchange transactions. Conversion of renminbi for capital account items, such as direct investment, loans, securities investment and repatriation of investment, however, is still generally subject to the approval or verification of SAFE.

Under the Regulations of Settlement, Sale and Payment of Foreign Exchange, foreign invested enterprises including wholly foreign owned enterprises, may buy, sell or remit foreign currencies only at those banks that are authorized to conduct foreign exchange business after providing such banks with valid commercial supporting documents and, in the case of capital account item transactions, after obtaining approvals from SAFE. Capital investments by foreign invested enterprises outside the PRC are also subject to limitations, which include approvals by the Ministry of Commerce, SAFE and the National Development and Reform Commission.

In March 2015, SAFE released the Circular on Reforming the Management Approach regarding the Foreign Exchange Capital Settlement of Foreign-invested Enterprises, or FIEs, or the Foreign Exchange Capital Settlement Circular, which became effective from June 1, 2015. This circular replaced SAFE's previous related circulars, including the Circular on Issues Relating to the Improvement of Business Operation with Respect to the Administration of Foreign Exchange Capital Payment and Settlement of Foreign Invested Enterprises. The Foreign Exchange Capital Settlement Circular clarifies that FIEs may settle a specified proportion of their foreign exchange capital in banks at their discretion, and may choose the timing for such settlement. The proportion of foreign exchange capital to be settled at FIEs' discretion for the time being is 100% and the SAFE may adjust the proportion in due time based on the situation of international balance of payments. The circular also stipulates that FIEs' usage of capital and settled foreign exchange capital shall comply with relevant provisions concerning foreign exchange control and be subject to the management of a negative list. The FIEs' capital and Renminbi capital gained from the settlement of foreign exchange capital may not be directly or indirectly used for expenditure beyond the business scope of the FIEs or as prohibited by laws and regulations of the PRC. Such capital also may not be directly or indirectly used for issuing renminbi entrusted loans except as permitted by the business scope of the FIE, for repaying inter-enterprise borrowings including any third party advance, or for repaying the bank loans denominated in renminbi that have been sub-lent to a third party.

In addition, the payment of dividends by entities established in the PRC is subject to limitations. Regulations in the PRC currently permit payment of dividends only out of accumulated profits as determined in accordance with accounting standards and regulations in the PRC. Each of our PRC subsidiaries and joint ventures that is a domestic company is also required to set aside at least 10.0% of its after-tax profit based on PRC accounting standards each year to its general reserves or statutory capital reserve fund until the accumulative amount of such reserves reach 50.0% of its respective registered capital. These restricted reserves are not distributable as cash dividends. In addition, if any of our PRC subsidiaries or joint ventures incurs debt on its own behalf in the future, the instruments governing the debt may restrict its ability to pay dividends or make other distributions to us.

For more information about foreign exchange control, see Item 3.D. "Risk Factors—Risks Related to Doing Business in China—Restrictions on currency exchange may limit our ability to utilize our revenues effectively."

E. Taxation

The following is a general summary of certain PRC, Hong Kong, Cayman Islands and U.S. federal income tax consequences relevant to the acquisition, ownership and disposition of our ADSs. The discussion is not intended to be, nor should it be construed as, legal or tax advice to any particular individual. The discussion is based on laws and relevant interpretations thereof in effect as of February 28, 2017, all of which are subject to change or different interpretations, possibly with retroactive effect. The discussion does not address U.S. state or local tax laws, or tax laws of jurisdictions other than the PRC, Hong Kong, the Cayman Islands, the United Kingdom and the United States. You should consult your own tax advisors with respect to the consequences of acquisition, ownership and disposition of our ADSs and ordinary shares.

Taxation in the PRC

PRC Enterprise Income Tax

Under the EIT Law and its implementation rules which became effective on January 1, 2008, the standard tax rate of 25% applies to all enterprises (including foreign-invested enterprises) with exceptions in special situations if relevant criteria are met and subject to the approval of the PRC tax authorities.

An enterprise incorporated outside of the PRC whose “de facto management bodies” are located in the PRC is considered a “resident enterprise” and will be subject to a uniform EIT rate of 25% on its global income. In April 2009, the SAT, in Circular 82 specified certain criteria for the determination of what constitutes “de facto management bodies.” If all of these criteria are met, the relevant foreign enterprise will be deemed to have its “de facto management bodies” located in the PRC and therefore be considered a resident enterprise in the PRC. These criteria include: (a) the enterprise’s day-to-day operational management is primarily exercised in the PRC; (b) decisions relating to the enterprise’s financial and human resource matters are made or subject to approval by organizations or personnel in the PRC; (c) the enterprise’s primary assets, accounting books and records, company seals, and board and shareholders’ meeting minutes are located or maintained in the PRC; and (d) 50% or more of voting board members or senior executives of the enterprise habitually reside in the PRC. In addition, an enterprise established outside the PRC which meets all of the aforesaid requirements is expected to make an application for the classification as a “resident enterprise” and this will ultimately be confirmed by the province-level tax authority. Although Circular 82 only applies to foreign enterprises that are majority-owned and controlled by PRC enterprises, not those owned and controlled by foreign enterprises or individuals, the determining criteria set forth in Circular 82 may be adopted by the PRC tax authorities as the test for determining whether the enterprises are PRC tax residents, regardless of whether they are majority-owned and controlled by PRC enterprises. However, it is not entirely clear how the PRC tax authorities will determine whether a non-PRC entity (that has not already been notified of its status for EIT purposes) will be classified as a “resident enterprise” in practice.

Except for our PRC subsidiaries and joint ventures incorporated in China, we believe that none of our entities incorporated outside of China is a PRC resident enterprise for PRC tax purposes. However, the tax resident status of an enterprise is subject to determination by the PRC tax authorities, and uncertainties remain with respect to the interpretation of the term “de facto management body.”

If a non-PRC enterprise is classified as a “resident enterprise” for EIT purposes, any dividends to be distributed by that enterprise to non-PRC resident shareholders or ADS holders or any gains realized by such investors from the transfer of shares or ADSs may be subject to PRC tax. If the PRC tax authorities determine that we should be considered a PRC resident enterprise for EIT purposes, any dividends payable by us to our non-PRC resident enterprise shareholders or ADS holders, as well as gains realized by such investors from the transfer of our shares or ADSs may be subject to a 10% withholding tax, unless a reduced rate is available under an applicable tax treaty. Furthermore, if we are considered a PRC resident enterprise for EIT purposes, it is unclear whether our non-PRC individual shareholders (including our ADS holders) would be subject to any PRC tax on dividends or gains obtained by such non-PRC individual shareholders. If any PRC tax were to apply to dividends realized by non-PRC individuals, it would generally apply at a rate of up to 20% unless a reduced rate is available under an applicable tax treaty.

According to the EIT Law, dividends declared after January 1, 2008 and paid by PRC foreign-invested enterprises to their non-PRC parent companies will be subject to PRC withholding tax at 10% unless there is a tax treaty between the PRC and the jurisdiction in which the overseas parent company is incorporated and which specifically exempts or reduces such withholding tax, and such tax exemption or reduction is approved by the relevant PRC tax authorities. Pursuant to the Arrangement between the Mainland of China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income, or the Arrangement, signed on August 21, 2006 and became effective on December 8, 2006, if the non-PRC immediate holding company is a Hong Kong tax resident and directly holds a 25% or more equity interest in the PRC enterprise and is considered to be the beneficial owner of dividends paid by the PRC enterprise, such withholding tax rate may be lowered to 5%, subject to approval by the relevant PRC tax authorities in accordance with relevant tax regulations on the assessment of beneficial ownership.

Business Tax

A business which provides certain services or sells immovable or transfers intangible property within the PRC (including when either party of a transaction is within the PRC unless in specified situations) was liable to Business Tax

at rates ranging from 3% to 20% of the charges for the services provided or immovable or intangible property sold or transferred (as the case may be). The Business Tax rate of 3% was applicable on taxable services relating to construction, culture and sports. All other services generally attracted a Business Tax rate of 5%, except that services relating to entertainment are subject to a rate ranging from 5% to 20%.

In addition, Business Tax was payable on the gross amount of all billings unless specific rules stipulated the use of a net amount.

A Municipal Maintenance Tax, together with an Education Surcharge and a Local Education Surcharge, were payable at a rate, in aggregate, of 6% to 12% of the Business Tax.

The Business Tax regime has been replaced in full with effect from 1 May 2016, as described in the section below on Value Added Tax.

Value Added Tax

The Interim Regulations of the PRC on Value Added Tax, or the VAT Regulations, came into effect on January 1, 2009. Pursuant to the VAT Regulations, VAT is imposed on the goods sold in or imported into the PRC and on processing, repair and replacement services provided within the PRC.

The pilot program of the PRC indirect tax reform was first implemented in Shanghai, the PRC, effective from January 1, 2012 where certain industries are transformed from the Business Tax regime to the VAT regime. The program was expanded in stages.

The Ministry of Finance and the State Administration of Taxation jointly promulgated the Circular on Comprehensively Promoting the Pilot Program of the Collection of Value-Added Tax in Lieu of Business Tax, or the 2016 VAT Circular, on 23 March 2016, which came into effect on 1 May 2016. Pursuant to the 2016 VAT Circular, the sale of services, intangible assets or real property within the PRC (including when either party of a transaction is within the PRC unless in specified situations) is subject to VAT instead of Business Tax, with VAT rates being 6%, 11% or 17%, while the VAT rate could be zero for certain specified cross-border taxable items/services, in accordance with the relevant regulations.

A Municipal Maintenance Tax, together with Education Surcharge and a Local Education Surcharge, are payable at a rate, in aggregate, of 6% to 12% of the VAT.

Land Appreciation Tax

Some of our PRC subsidiaries and joint ventures have obtained certain land use rights and ownership in buildings.

Under the Provisional Regulations of the PRC on Land Appreciation Tax, or LAT, promulgated by the State Council on December 13, 1993 (which became effective on January 1, 1994) and amended on January 8, 2011, together with its implementing rules which were promulgated by the MOF on January 27, 1995, LAT applies to both domestic and foreign investors in real properties in the PRC, irrespective of corporate entities or individuals. The tax is payable by a taxpayer on the capital gains from the transfer of land use right, buildings or other facilities on such land, after deducting "deductible items" that include: (a) payments made to acquire land use right; (b) costs and charges incurred in connection with land development; (c) construction costs and charges in the case of newly constructed buildings and facilities; (d) assessed value in the case of old buildings and facilities; (f) taxes paid or payable in connection with the transfer of the land use right, buildings or other facilities on such land; and (e) other items allowed by the MOF.

The tax rate is progressive and ranges from 30% to 60% of the appreciation value, as follows:

Appreciation Value	LAT Rate
Portion not exceeding 50% of deductible items:	30%
Portion over 50% but not more than 100% of deductible items:	40%
Portion over 100% but not more than 200% of deductible items:	50%
Portion over 200% of deductible items:	60%

Exemption from LAT is available to the following cases:

- (i) taxpayers constructing ordinary residential properties for sale, where the appreciation amount does not exceed 20% of the sum of deductible items;
- (ii) real estate taken over or recovered according to laws due to the construction needs of the State;
- (iii) relocation due to the need of city planning and national construction; and
- (iv) due to redeployment of work or improvement of living standard, transfer by individuals of originally self-occupied residential properties after five years or more of self-residence with the approval of the tax authorities.

Deed Tax

Pursuant to the Provisional Regulations of the PRC on Deed Tax promulgated by the State Council on July 7, 1997 and implemented on October 1, 1997, the transferee of the land use right and/or property ownership in the PRC will be the obliged taxpayer for Deed Tax. The rate of Deed Tax ranges from 3% to 5%, subject to determination by local governments at the provincial level in light of local conditions.

Real Estate Tax

Properties owned by an enterprise will be subject to Real Estate Tax at variable rates depending on locality. In certain localities, Real Estate Tax is applicable at a rate of 1.2% of the original value of the building less a standard deduction which ranges from 10% to 30% of the original value or at a rate of 12% of the rental income.

Urban Land Use Tax

According to the Provisional Regulations on Urban Land Use Tax of the PRC promulgated by the State Council in September 1988 and amended in December 2006 and December 2013, Urban Land Use Tax is levied according to the area of relevant land, at between RMB0.6 and RMB30 per sq. m.

Stamp Duty

According to the Provisional Regulations of the PRC on Stamp Duty promulgated by the State Council in August 1988 and amended on January 8, 2011, specified documents primarily business contracts are subject to stamp duty at the specified rates on the amount stated therein, including but not limited to: purchase and sales agreements–0.03%; loan agreements–0.005%; assets transfer agreements–0.05%. Such stamp duty is payable by every party to a contract.

Overview of Tax Implications of Various Other Jurisdictions

Cayman Islands Taxation

According to our Cayman Islands counsel, Conyers Dill & Pearman, the Cayman Islands currently levies no taxes on individuals or corporations based upon profits, income, gains or appreciation and there is no taxation in the nature of inheritance tax or estate duty. There are no other taxes likely to be material to us levied by the government of the Cayman Islands except for stamp duties which may be applicable on instruments executed in, or brought within the jurisdiction of

the Cayman Islands. The Cayman Islands is a party to a double tax treaty entered into with the United Kingdom in 2010 but it is otherwise not a party to any double tax treaties that are applicable to any payments made to or by our company. There are no exchange control regulations or currency restrictions in the Cayman Islands.

Pursuant to the Tax Concessions Law (1999 Revision) of the Cayman Islands, Hutchison China MediTech Limited has obtained an undertaking from the Governor-in-Council: (a) that no law which is enacted in the Cayman Islands imposing any tax to be levied on profits or income or gains or appreciations shall apply to us or our operations; and (b) that the aforesaid tax or any tax in the nature of estate duty or inheritance tax shall not be payable on its shares, debentures or other obligations.

The undertaking is for a period of twenty years from January 9, 2001.

Hong Kong Taxation

Profits Tax

Hong Kong tax residents are subject to Hong Kong Profits Tax in respect of profits arising in or derived from Hong Kong at the current rate of 16.5%. Dividend income earned by a Hong Kong tax resident is not subject to Hong Kong Profits Tax. Hutchison China MediTech Limited is a Hong Kong tax resident.

Hong Kong tax on shareholders and ADS holders

No tax is payable in Hong Kong in respect of dividends paid by a Hong Kong tax resident to their shareholders, including our ADS holders.

Hong Kong Profits Tax will not be payable by our shareholders, including our ADS holders (other than shareholders / ADS holders carrying on a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong and holding the shares / ADSs for trading purposes), on any capital gains made on the sale or other disposal of the ADSs. Shareholders, including our ADS holders, should take advice from their own professional advisors as to their particular tax position.

No Hong Kong Stamp Duty is payable by our shareholders, including our ADS holders.

Material United States Federal Income Tax Considerations

The following summary, subject to the limitations set forth below, describes the material U.S. federal income tax consequences for a U.S. Holder (as defined below) of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of ADSs. This discussion is limited to U.S. Holders who hold such ordinary shares or ADSs as capital assets (generally, property held for investment). For purposes of this summary, a "U.S. Holder" is a beneficial owner of an ordinary share or ADS that is for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

- a citizen or individual resident of the United States;
- a corporation (or any other entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) organized in or under the laws of the United States or any state thereof, or the District of Columbia;
- an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source; or
- a trust if (i) it has a valid election in effect to be treated as a U.S. person for U.S. federal income tax purposes or (ii) a U.S. court can exercise primary supervision over its administration and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all of its substantial decisions.

Except as explicitly set forth below, this summary does not address aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be applicable to U.S. Holders subject to special rules, including:

- banks or other financial institutions;
- insurance companies;
- real estate investment trusts;

- regulated investment companies;
- grantor trusts;
- tax-exempt organizations;
- persons holding our ordinary shares or ADSs through a partnership (including an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) or S corporation;
- dealers or traders in securities, commodities or currencies;
- persons whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar;
- certain former citizens and former long-term residents of the United States;
- persons holding our ordinary shares or ADSs as part of a position in a straddle or as part of a hedging, conversion or integrated transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes; or
- direct, indirect or constructive owners of 10% or more of our total combined voting power.

In addition, this summary does not address the 3.8% Medicare contribution tax imposed on certain net investment income, the U.S. federal estate and gift tax or the alternative minimum tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership, and disposition of our ordinary shares or ADSs. We have not received nor do we expect to seek a ruling from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, or the IRS, regarding any matter discussed herein. No assurance can be given that the IRS would not assert, or that a court would not sustain, a position contrary to any of those set forth below. Each prospective investor should consult its own tax advisors with respect to the U.S. federal, state, local and non-U.S. tax consequences of acquiring, owning and disposing of our ordinary shares and ADSs.

This discussion is based on the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code, U.S. Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder and administrative and judicial interpretations thereof, and the income tax treaty between the PRC and the United States, or the U.S.-PRC Tax Treaty, each as available and in effect on the date hereof, all of which are subject to change or differing interpretations, possibly with retroactive effect, which could affect the tax consequences described herein. In addition, this summary is based, in part, upon representations made by the depositary to us and assumes that the deposit agreement, and all other related agreements, will be performed in accordance with their terms.

If an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes holds our ordinary shares or ADSs, the tax treatment of the partnership and a partner in such partnership generally will depend on the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. Such partner or partnership should consult its own tax advisors as to the U.S. federal income tax consequences of acquiring, owning and disposing of our ordinary shares or ADSs.

PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS WITH REGARD TO THE PARTICULAR TAX CONSEQUENCES APPLICABLE TO THEIR SITUATIONS AS WELL AS THE APPLICATION OF ANY U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, NON-U.S. OR OTHER TAX LAWS, INCLUDING GIFT AND ESTATE TAX LAWS.

ADSs

A U.S. Holder of ADSs will generally be treated, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, as the owner of the underlying ordinary shares that such ADSs represent. Accordingly, no gain or loss will be recognized if a U.S. Holder exchanges ADSs for the underlying shares represented by those ADSs.

The U.S. Treasury has expressed concern that parties to whom ADSs are released before shares are delivered to the depositary or intermediaries in the chain of ownership between holders and the issuer of the security underlying the ADSs, may be taking actions that are inconsistent with the claiming of foreign tax credits by U.S. Holders of ADSs. These actions would also be inconsistent with the claiming of the reduced rate of tax, described below, applicable to dividends received by certain non-corporate U.S. Holders. Accordingly, the creditability non-U.S. withholding taxes (if any), and the availability of the reduced tax rate for dividends received by certain non-corporate U.S. Holders, each described below, could be affected by actions taken by such parties or intermediaries.

Taxation of Dividends

As described in “Dividend Policy” above, we do not currently anticipate paying any distributions on our ordinary shares or ADSs in the foreseeable future. However, to the extent there are any distributions made with respect to our ordinary shares or ADSs, and subject to the discussion under “—Passive Foreign Investment Company Consideration” below, the gross amount of any such distribution (including withheld taxes, if any) made out of our current or accumulated earnings and profits (as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes) will generally be taxable to a U.S. Holder as ordinary dividend income on the date such distribution is actually or constructively received. Distributions in excess of our current and accumulated earnings and profits will be treated as a non-taxable return of capital to the extent of the U.S. Holder’s adjusted tax basis in the ordinary shares or ADSs, as applicable, and thereafter as capital gain. However, because we do not maintain calculations of our earnings and profits in accordance with U.S. federal income tax accounting principles, U.S. Holders should expect to treat distributions paid with respect to our ordinary shares and ADSs as dividends. Dividends paid to corporate U.S. Holders generally will not qualify for the dividends received deduction that may otherwise be allowed under the Code. This discussion assumes that distributions made by us, if any, will be paid in U.S. dollars.

Dividends paid to a non-corporate U.S. Holder by a “qualified foreign corporation” may be subject to reduced rates of U.S. federal income taxation if certain holding period and other requirements are met. A qualified foreign corporation generally includes a foreign corporation (other than a PFIC) if (1) its ordinary shares (or ADSs backed by ordinary shares) are readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States or (2) it is eligible for benefits under a comprehensive U.S. income tax treaty that includes an exchange of information program and which the U.S. Treasury Department has determined is satisfactory for these purposes.

IRS guidance indicates that our ADSs (which are listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market) are readily tradable for purposes of satisfying the conditions required for these reduced tax rates. We do not expect, however, that our ordinary shares will be listed on an established securities market in the United States and therefore do not believe that any dividends paid on our ordinary shares that are not represented by ADSs currently meet the conditions required for these reduced tax rates. There can be no assurance that our ADSs will be considered readily tradable on an established securities market in subsequent years.

The United States does not have a comprehensive income tax treaty with the Cayman Islands. However, in the event that we were deemed to be a PRC resident enterprise under the EIT Law (see “—Taxation in the PRC” above), although no assurance can be given, we might be considered eligible for the benefits of the U.S.-PRC Tax Treaty for purposes of these rules. U.S. Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the availability of the reduced tax rates on dividends paid with respect to our ordinary shares or ADSs in light of their particular circumstances.

Non-corporate U.S. Holders will not be eligible for reduced rates of U.S. federal income taxation on any dividends received from us if we are a PFIC in the taxable year in which such dividends are paid or in the preceding taxable year.

In the event that we were deemed to be a PRC resident enterprise under the EIT Law (see “—Taxation in the PRC” above), U.S. Holders might be subject to PRC withholding taxes on dividends paid by us. In that case, subject to certain conditions and limitations, such PRC withholding tax may be treated as a foreign tax eligible for credit against a U.S. Holder’s U.S. federal income tax liability under the U.S. foreign tax credit rules. For purposes of calculating the U.S. foreign tax credit, dividends paid on our ordinary shares or ADSs, will be treated as income from sources outside the United States and will generally constitute passive category income. If a U.S. Holder is eligible for U.S.-PRC Tax Treaty benefits, any PRC taxes on dividends will not be creditable against such U.S. Holder’s U.S. federal income tax liability to the extent such tax is withheld at a rate exceeding the applicable U.S.-PRC Tax Treaty rate. An eligible U.S. Holder who does not elect to claim a foreign tax credit for PRC tax withheld may instead be eligible to claim a deduction, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, in respect of such withholding but only for the year in which such U.S. Holder elects to do so for all creditable foreign income taxes. The U.S. foreign tax credit rules are complex. U.S. Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the foreign tax credit rules in light of their particular circumstances.

Taxation of Capital Gains

Subject to the discussion below in “—Passive Foreign Investment Company Considerations,” upon the sale, exchange, or other taxable disposition of our ordinary shares or ADSs, a U.S. Holder generally will recognize gain or loss on the taxable sale or exchange in an amount equal to the difference between the amount realized on such sale or exchange

(determined in the case of sales or exchanges in currencies other than U.S. dollars by reference to the spot exchange rate in effect on the date of the sale or exchange or, if sold or exchanged on an established securities market and the U.S. Holder is a cash basis taxpayer or an electing accrual basis taxpayer, the spot exchange rate in effect on the settlement date) and the U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in such ordinary shares or ADSs determined in U.S. dollars. A U.S. Holder's initial tax basis will be the U.S. Holder's U.S. dollar purchase price for such ordinary shares or ADSs.

Assuming we are not a PFIC and have not been treated as a PFIC during the U.S. Holder's holding period for its ordinary shares or ADSs, such gain or loss will be capital gain or loss. Under current law, capital gains of non-corporate U.S. Holders derived with respect to capital assets held for more than one year are generally eligible for reduced rates of taxation. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations. Capital gain or loss, if any, recognized by a U.S. Holder generally will be treated as U.S. source income or loss for U.S. foreign tax credit purposes. U.S. Holders are encouraged to consult their own tax advisors regarding the availability of the U.S. foreign tax credit in consideration of their particular circumstances.

If we were treated as a PRC resident enterprise for EIT Law purposes and PRC tax were imposed on any gain (see "Taxation in the PRC" above), and if a U.S. Holder is eligible for the benefits of the U.S.-PRC Tax Treaty, the holder may be able to treat such gain as PRC source gain under the treaty for U.S. foreign tax credit purposes. A U.S. Holder will be eligible for U.S.-PRC Tax Treaty benefits if (for purposes of the treaty) such holder is a resident of the United States and satisfies the other requirements specified in the U.S.-PRC Tax Treaty. Because the determination of treaty benefit eligibility is fact-intensive and depends upon a holder's particular circumstances, U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding U.S.-PRC Tax Treaty benefit eligibility. U.S. Holders are also encouraged to consult their own tax advisors regarding the tax consequences in the event PRC tax were to be imposed on a disposition of ordinary shares or ADSs, including the availability of the U.S. foreign tax credit and the ability and whether to treat any gain as PRC source gain for the purposes of the U.S. foreign tax credit in consideration of their particular circumstances.

Passive Foreign Investment Company Considerations

Status as a PFIC

The rules governing PFICs can have adverse tax effects on U.S. Holders. We generally will be classified as a PFIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes if, for any taxable year, either: (1) 75% or more of our gross income consists of certain types of passive income, or (2) the average value (determined on a quarterly basis), of our assets that produce, or are held for the production of, passive income is 50% or more of the value of all of our assets.

Passive income generally includes dividends, interest, rents and royalties (other than certain rents and royalties derived in the active conduct of a trade or business), annuities and gains from assets that produce passive income. If a non-U.S. corporation owns at least 25% by value of the stock of another corporation, the non-U.S. corporation is treated for purposes of the PFIC tests as owning its proportionate share of the assets of the other corporation and as receiving directly its proportionate share of the other corporation's income.

Additionally, if we are classified as a PFIC in any taxable year with respect to which a U.S. Holder owns ordinary shares or ADSs, we generally will continue to be treated as a PFIC with respect to such U.S. Holder in all succeeding taxable years, regardless of whether we continue to meet the tests described above, unless the U.S. Holder makes the "deemed sale election" described below.

We do not believe that we are currently a PFIC. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the determination of whether we are a PFIC is made annually and depends on particular facts and circumstances (such as the valuation of our assets, including goodwill and other intangible assets) and also may be affected by the application of the PFIC rules, which are subject to differing interpretations. The fair market value of our assets is expected to depend, in part, upon (a) the market price of our ADSs, which is likely to fluctuate, and (b) the composition of our income and assets, which will be affected by how, and how quickly, we spend any cash that is raised in any financing transaction. In light of the foregoing, no assurance can be provided that we are not currently a PFIC or that we will not become a PFIC in any future taxable year. Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors regarding our PFIC status.

U.S. federal income tax treatment of a shareholder of a PFIC

If we are classified as a PFIC for any taxable year during which a U.S. Holder owns ordinary shares or ADSs, the U.S. Holder, absent certain elections (including the mark-to-market and QEF elections described below), generally will be subject to adverse rules (regardless of whether we continue to be classified as a PFIC) with respect to (1) any "excess

distributions" (generally, any distributions received by the U.S. Holder on its ordinary shares or ADSs in a taxable year that are greater than 125% of the average annual distributions received by the U.S. Holder in the three preceding taxable years or, if shorter, the U.S. Holder's holding period) and (2) any gain realized on the sale or other disposition, including a pledge, of such ordinary shares or ADSs.

Under these adverse rules (a) the excess distribution or gain will be allocated ratably over the U.S. Holder's holding period, (b) the amount allocated to the current taxable year and any taxable year prior to the first taxable year in which we are classified as a PFIC will be taxed as ordinary income and (c) the amount allocated to each other taxable year during the U.S. Holder's holding period in which we were classified as a PFIC (i) will be subject to tax at the highest rate of tax in effect for the applicable category of taxpayer for that year and (ii) will be subject to an interest charge at a statutory rate with respect to the resulting tax attributable to each such other taxable year. In addition, non-corporate U.S. Holders will not be eligible for reduced rates of taxation on any dividends received from us if we are a PFIC in the taxable year in which such dividends are paid or in the preceding taxable year.

If we are classified as a PFIC, a U.S. Holder will generally be treated as owning a proportionate amount (by value) of stock or shares owned by us in any direct or indirect subsidiaries that are also PFICs and will be subject to similar adverse rules with respect to any distributions we receive from, and dispositions we make of, the stock or shares of such subsidiaries. U.S. Holders are urged to consult their tax advisors about the application of the PFIC rules to any of our subsidiaries.

If we are classified as a PFIC and then cease to be so classified, a U.S. Holder may make an election (a "deemed sale election") to be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as having sold such U.S. Holder's ordinary shares or ADSs on the last day of our taxable year during which we were a PFIC. A U.S. Holder that makes a deemed sale election would then cease to be treated as owning stock in a PFIC, however, gain recognized as a result of making the deemed sale election would be subject to the adverse rules described above and loss would not be recognized.

PFIC "mark-to-market" election

In certain circumstances, a holder of "marketable stock" of a PFIC can avoid certain of the adverse rules described above by making a mark-to-market election with respect to such stock. For purposes of these rules "marketable stock" is stock which is "regularly traded" (traded in greater than de minimis quantities on at least 15 days during each calendar quarter) on a "qualified exchange" or other market within the meaning of applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations. A "qualified exchange" includes a national securities exchange that is registered with the SEC.

A U.S. Holder that makes a mark-to-market election must include in gross income, as ordinary income, for each taxable year that we are a PFIC an amount equal to the excess, if any, of the fair market value of the U.S. Holder's ordinary shares or ADSs that are "marketable stock" at the close of the taxable year over the U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in such ordinary shares or ADSs. An electing U.S. Holder may also claim an ordinary loss deduction for the excess, if any, of the U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in such ordinary shares or ADSs over their fair market value at the close of the taxable year, but this deduction is allowable only to the extent of any net mark-to-market gains previously included in income pursuant to the mark-to-market election. The adjusted tax basis of a U.S. Holder's ordinary shares or ADSs with respect to which the mark-to-market election applies would be adjusted to reflect amounts included in gross income or allowed as a deduction because of such election. If a U.S. Holder makes an effective mark-to-market election with respect to our ordinary shares or ADSs, gains from an actual sale or other disposition of such ordinary shares or ADSs in a year in which we are a PFIC would be treated as ordinary income, and any losses incurred on such sale or other disposition would be treated as ordinary losses to the extent of any net mark-to-market gains previously included in income.

If we are classified as a PFIC for any taxable year in which a U.S. Holder owns ordinary shares or ADSs but before a mark-to-market election is made, the adverse PFIC rules described above will apply to any mark-to-market gain recognized in the year the election is made. Otherwise, a mark-to-market election will be effective for the taxable year for which the election is made and all subsequent taxable years unless the ordinary shares or ADSs are no longer regularly traded on a qualified exchange or the IRS consents to the revocation of the election. Our ADSs are listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market, which is a qualified exchange or other market for purposes of the mark-to-market election. Consequently, if the ADSs continue to be so listed, and are "regularly traded" for purposes of these rules (for which no assurance can be given) we expect that the mark-to-market election would be available to a U.S. Holder with respect to our ADSs.