

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES**

The Company is committed to maintaining the highest standard of corporate governance as it believes that good corporate governance practices are fundamental to the effective operation of a company and can enhance shareholders' value as well as safeguard shareholders' interests. The Company places strong emphasis on a quality Board, accountability, sound internal control, appropriate risk-assessment, monitoring procedures and transparency to all shareholders and stakeholders.

Throughout the year of 2012, the Company has complied with the code provisions of the Code on Corporate Governance Practices during the period from 1 January 2012 to 31 March 2012 and Corporate Governance Code during the period from 1 April 2012 to 31 December 2012 (collectively the "Code") as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules except for code provisions of A.2.1, A.4.1 and A.6.7.

In accordance with Code Provision A.2.1, the roles of Chairman and Chief Executive should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. The duties of Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of the Company were previously carried out by the former Vice Chairman and Executive Director. Following his resignation on 15 March 2009, the duties of CEO have been taken up by the Chairman of the Board, Mr. Zen Wei Peu, Derek. In addition to his responsibilities as Chairman overseeing the function of the Board and formulating overall strategies and polices of the Company, Mr. Zen has taken up the management of the Group's business and overall operation. However, the day-to-day running of the Company has been delegated to the divisional heads responsible for the different aspects of the business. Mr. Zen's title has been re-designated as the Chairman, an Executive Director, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of the Company with effect from 22 March 2012.

Code provision A.4.1 relating to the appointment of Non-executive Directors for a specific term, subject to re-election, has been complied with effect from 1 March 2012. Details shall be referred to the section headed "Non-Executive Directors".

In respect of code provision A.6.7, one Non-executive Director did not attend the annual general meeting of the Company held on 15 May 2012 as he had overseas engagement.



#### THE BOARD

### Composition

The Board has a balanced composition of members to ensure independent judgement being exercised in all discussions. As at the date of this report, the Board comprises eight Directors including two Executive Directors, three Non-executive Directors and three Independent Non-executive Directors. Board members are listed below:

Board	of	Directors	

Executive Directors	Non-executive Directors	Independent Non-executive Directors
Zen Wei Peu, Derek (Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director)	David Howard Gem	Chow Ming Kuen, Joseph
Chang Kam Chuen, Desmond	Cheng Chi Pang, Leslie	Ng Chi Ming, James
	Chan Chi Hung, Anthony	Ho Tai Wai, David

With the expertise contributed by each of the Directors, the Board has a wide spectrum of valuable business experience, knowledge and professionalism for its efficient and effective functioning. Biographical details are set out in the "Directors and Senior Management" section of this annual report. An updated list of Directors and their respective roles and functions are maintained on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange.

During the year, the Company has complied with Rules 3.10(1), 3.10(2) and 3.10A of the Listing Rules regarding the appointment of at least three Independent Non-executive Directors including one Independent Non-executive Director with accounting or related financial management expertise and the number of Independent Non-executive Directors representing at least one-third of the Board.

There is no financial, business and family relationship among members of the Board.

# **Appointment and Re-election**

Pursuant to the Bye-laws, the Board may appoint a director either to fill a causal vacancy or as an addition to the Board from time to time during the year following the recommendation from the Nomination Committee. Any Director appointed by the Board to fill a causal vacancy shall hold office until the first general meeting after his appointment and be subject to re-election at such meeting and any Director appointed by the Board as an addition to the existing Board shall hold office until the next following annual general meeting of the Company and shall then be eligible for re-election. In addition, at each annual general meeting, at least one-third of the Directors for the time being shall retire from office by rotation and are eligible for re-election.

# **THE BOARD (Continued)**

#### **Non-executive Directors**

Code provision A.4.1 stipulates that non-executive directors should be appointed for a specific term, subject to re-election. Prior to 1 March 2012, none of the existing Non-executive Directors (including Independent Non-executive Directors) of the Company was appointed for a specific term. However, in accordance with the Bye-laws, during each annual general meeting, at least one-third of the Directors from the time being shall retire from office by rotation. The Company considers that this is no less exacting than those provided in the Code.

Since 1 March 2012, each Non-executive Director (including Independent Non-executive Director) of the Company has entered into a Letter of Appointment with the Company for a specific term not more than three years, subject to re-election at the general meeting.

### **Independence of Independent Non-executive Directors**

The Company has received written confirmation of independence from each of the Independent Non-executive Directors in accordance with Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. The Board considers them to be independent in accordance with the Listing Rules.

#### **Role and Delegation**

The primary role of the Board is to protect and enhance shareholders' long-term value. It assumes the responsibility for providing effective and responsible leadership and control of the Company, and directing and supervising the Company's affairs in pursuit of the Group's strategic objectives.

The Board, led by the Chairman, approves and monitors Group's strategies and policies, evaluates the performance of the Group and supervises the management. In addition, the Board reserved for its decisions all major matters of the Company, including approval and monitoring of budgets, internal control and risk management, dividend payout, material transaction (in particular those may involve conflict of interests), preparation and release of financial information, appointment of Directors, other significant financial and operational matters.

There is no separation of the role of the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer in the Company. The Chairman provides leadership of the Board and undertakes the role of the Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Zen has taken up the management of the Group's business and overall operation. However, the day-to-day running of the Company has been delegated to the divisional heads responsible for the different aspects of the business.

The Board also ensures the good corporate governance policies and practices are implemented within the Group, and is responsible for performing the corporate governance duties including the following:

- to develop and review the Company's policies and practices on corporate governance;
- to review and monitor the training and continuous professional development of the Directors and senior management;
- to review and monitor the Company's policies and practices on compliance with legal and regulatory requirements;

# **THE BOARD (Continued)**

### **Role and Delegation (Continued)**

- to develop, review and monitor the code of conduct manual applicable to employees and the Directors; and
- to review the Company's compliance with the Code and disclosure in the Corporate Governance Report.

During the year ended 31 December 2012 and up to the date of this report, the Board conducted a review on the Company's corporate governance practices, in light of amendments to the Code and Listing Rules. Existing and new policies and guidelines were revised and adopted. To enhance corporate governance standards within the Group, a corporate governance seminar was conducted by the corporate lawyer to the Board members and senior management. The internal audit team has also carried out a compliance review on the Code and reported to the Board that the Group has properly followed the requirements of the Code.

#### **Board Meetings**

The Board meets regularly at least four times each year and additional meetings are arranged if and when required. The Directors play an active role in participating the Company's meetings through contribution of their professional opinions and active participation in discussion. During the year, the attendance records of individual Directors at the Board meetings, meetings of three Board Committees, namely Audit Committee, Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee, and the annual general meeting held on 15 May 2012 are set out below:

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		Audit	Nomination	Remuneration	<b>Annual General</b>
		Committee	Committee	Committee	Meeting held on
Name of Directors	Board Meeting	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting	15 May 2012
Executive Directors					
Zen Wei Peu, Derek	5/5	_	1/1	4/4	1/1
Chang Kam Chuen, Desmond	5/5	-	_	-	1/1
Non-executive Directors					
David Howard Gem	3/5	_	-		0/1
Cheng Chi Pang, Leslie	4/5	_	-		1/1
Chan Chi Hung, Anthony	5/5	-	-	-	1/1
Independent Non-executive Directors					
Chow Ming Kuen, Joseph	5/5	2/3	1/1	4/4	1/1
Ng Chi Ming, James	5/5	3/3	1/1	4/4	1/1
Ho Tai Wai, David	5/5	2/3	1/1	4/4	1/1

Note:

<sup>&</sup>quot;-": Not Applicable



# **THE BOARD (Continued)**

### **Board Meetings (Continued)**

Notice of regular Board meetings is given to all Directors at least 14 days before each meeting, and all Directors are given the opportunity to include matters in the agenda for discussion at the Board meetings. The agenda and meeting materials are normally sent to all Directors at least three days before the regular Board meeting (and so far as practicable for such other Board meetings) to ensure that they have sufficient time and attention to the affairs of the Company.

In order to have an effective Board, all Directors are provided with information on activities and developments in and the financial performance of the Group's business on a monthly basis to keep them apprised of the latest developments of the Group. They have full access to information on the Group and are able to invite management and professional advisers, where appropriate, to attend Board meetings.

All Directors have direct access to the Company Secretary who is responsible for advising the Board on corporate governance and compliance issues. The Company Secretary is also responsible for taking the minutes of Board and Board Committees' meetings. Such minutes are open for inspection by Directors.

Each Director is required to make disclosure of his interests or potential conflict of interests, if any, in any proposed transactions or issues discussed by Directors at the Board and Board Committees' meetings. Any Director shall not vote on any resolution of the Board and Board Committees approving any contract or arrangement or any other proposal in which he (or his associates) is materially interested nor shall he be counted in the quorum present at the meeting.

### **Induction and Continuous Professional Development**

Directors should keep abreast of their collective responsibilities. Briefing of the Group's business will be given to newly appointed Director and a comprehensive induction package including the statutory and regulatory obligations of a director of a listed company shall also be provided. The Group also provides seminars and trainings to develop and refresh the Directors' knowledge and skills. The Group continuously updates the Directors on the latest developments regarding the Listing Rules and applicable regulatory requirements to ensure compliance and enhance their awareness of good corporate governance practices.

During the year ended 31 December 2012 and up to the date of this report, no new Director is appointed. Two seminars relating to the latest amendments to the corporate governance code and associated Listing Rules were organised for the Directors and management.



# **THE BOARD (Continued)**

### **Induction and Continuous Professional Development (Continued)**

All Directors are requested to provide the Company with their respective training records pursuant to the Code. Trainings received by each of the Directors during the period from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012 are summarized as follows:

	Type of continuous		
Nome of Directors	professional		
Name of Directors	development		
Executive Directors			
Zen Wei Peu, Derek	A,B		
Chang Kam Chuen, Desmond	A,B		
Non-executive Directors			
David Howard Gem	A,B		
Cheng Chi Pang, Leslie	A,B		
Chan Chi Hung, Anthony	А,В		
Independent Non-executive Directors			
Chow Ming Kuen, Joseph	A,B		
Ng Chi Ming, James	A,B		
Ho Tai Wai, David	A,B		

A: attending seminars and/or conference and/or forum

# Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance and Indemnity

The Company has arranged appropriate Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance for its Directors and officers covering the costs, losses, expenses and liabilities arising from the performance of their duties. The insurance policy covers legal action against its Directors and officers to comply with the requirement of the Code. During the year, no claim was made against the Directors and officers of the Company.

#### **Chairman and Chief Executive Officer**

The Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer is Mr. Zen Wei Peu, Derek.

The role of the Chairman is to oversee the functioning of the Board and ensure the establishment of strategic direction of the Group. The Chairman provides leadership for the Board and ensures that the Company establishes sound corporate governance practices and procedures. He also encourages all the Directors to make a full and active contribution to the affairs of the Board.

B: reading newspapers, journals and updates relating to the economy, general business, accounting, laws, rules and regulations, etc.

# **THE BOARD (Continued)**

### **Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (Continued)**

There is no separation of the role of the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer in the Company. The Chairman provides leadership of the Board and undertakes the management of the Group's business and overall operation. However, the day-to-day running of the Company has been delegated to the divisional heads responsible for the different aspects of the business.

The Board considers that this structure will not impair the balance of power and authority between the board and the management of the business of the Group given that there are a strong and independent non-executive directorship element on the Board and a clear division of responsibility in running the business of the Group. The Board believes that the structure outlined above is beneficial to the Company and its business.

#### **BOARD COMMITTEES**

The Board has delegated authority to three Board Committees, namely Audit Committee, Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee, to oversee particular aspects of the Company's affairs. The updated terms of reference of the Audit Committee, Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee are available on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange.

#### **Audit Committee**

#### Composition

The Audit Committee was formed in 2004 and currently comprises three members, namely Mr. Ng Chi Ming, James (Chairman of the Audit Committee), Dr. Chow Ming Kuen, Joseph and Mr. Ho Tai Wai, David, all of whom are Independent Non-executive Directors.

#### Role and Function

The main responsibilities of the Audit Committee are to review the consolidated financial statements and the auditor's reports, and to monitor the integrity of the consolidated financial statements. It also assists the Board to oversee internal control structure, risk management and internal and external audit functions. The Committee meets at least twice a year with the Company's external auditor to discuss the audit process and accounting issues.

### Summary of Work Done

The following is a summary of major work performed by the Audit Committee during the year ended 31 December 2012 and up to the date of this report:

- Approval of remuneration and terms of engagement of the external auditor;
- Review of the annual results of the Group for the years ended 31 December 2011 and 2012, and the interim results of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2012;
- Review of the Group's financial information, financial reporting procedures, internal control system, risk management, and financial and accounting policies and practices;
- Review of external auditor's independence and objectivity and the effectiveness of the audit process, and review
  of policy on engaging the external auditor to supply non-audit services;



# **BOARD COMMITTEES (Continued)**

### **Audit Committee (Continued)**

### Summary of Work Done (Continued)

- Review of the audit plan for financial year ended 31 December 2012;
- Review of internal/external auditor's significant findings and recommendations, and monitoring of the subsequent implementation;
- Recommendation to the Board to re-appoint the external auditor at the 2012 and 2013 annual general meetings;
- Review of the effectiveness of the internal audit function of the Company;
- Review of the 2013 internal audit plan;
- Review of reporting mechanism for employees to raise concerns about possible improprieties in financial reporting, internal control or other matters related to the Company; and
- Meetings with the external auditor, in the absence of Executive Directors and management.

#### **Nomination Committee**

#### Composition

The Nomination Committee was set up in February 2012 and currently comprises four members, namely Mr. Ho Tai Wai, David (Chairman of the Nomination Committee), Dr. Chow Ming Kuen, Joseph, Mr. Ng Chi Ming, James and Mr. Zen Wei Peu, Derek. Except for Mr. Zen Wei Peu, Derek, an Executive Director, all other members are Independent Non-executive Directors.

#### Role and Function

The Nomination Committee was established to ensure that there are deliberative, considered and transparent procedures for the appointment of the Directors. The duties of this Committee include reviewing the structure, size and composition (including the skills, knowledge and experience) of the Board at least annually and making recommendations on any proposed changes to the Board to complement the Company's corporate strategy, identifying individuals suitably qualified to become Directors and selecting, or making recommendations to the Board on the selection of, individuals nominated for directorships.

#### Summary of Work Done

The following is a summary of the work performed by the Nomination Committee during the year ended 31 December 2012 and up to the date of this report:

- Review of the structure, size and composition (including the gender, skills, knowledge and experience) of the Board;
- Review of its constitution and terms of reference; and
- Discussion of the issue of independence of the Independence Non-executive Directors;

# **BOARD COMMITTEES (Continued)**

### **Nomination Committee (Continued)**

#### Nomination Procedures

Appointments of new Directors are first considered by the Nomination Committee. In considering the appointment of a Director, this Committee applies criteria such as relevant experience, professional and educational background. The recommendations of this Committee are then put to the Board for consideration and approval. Thereafter, any Director appointed by the Board is subject to re-election at the general meeting after his appointment. Prior to the establishment of this Committee, the above responsibilities were performed by the collective decision of the Board.

#### **Remuneration Committee**

#### Composition

The Remuneration Committee was formed in 2005 and currently comprises four members, namely Dr. Chow Ming Kuen, Joseph (Chairman of the Remuneration Committee), Mr. Ng Chi Ming, James, Mr. Ho Tai Wai, David and Mr. Zen Wei Peu, Derek. Except for Mr. Zen Wei Peu, Derek, an Executive Director, all other members are Independent Non-executive Directors.

#### Role and Function

The Remuneration Committee has been established to ensure that there are formal and transparent procedures to assist the Board in determining the remuneration policy of the Company and structuring the remuneration of senior management. This Committee is responsible for making recommendation to the Board on the Company's policy and structuring for all Executive Directors' and senior management's remuneration, and reviewing and approving the management's remuneration proposal with reference to the Board's corporate goals and objectives. It also determines, with delegated responsibility, remuneration packages of individual Executive Directors and senior management, and makes recommendations on remuneration of Non-executive Directors.

### Summary of Work Done

The following is a summary of the work performed by the Remuneration Committee during the year ended 31 December 2012 and up to the date of this report:

- Review of its terms of reference;
- Approval of the appointment of senior management;
- Approval of year end bonus of Executive Directors for 2011 and 2012;
- Approval of emoluments of Executive Directors (where Mr. Zen Wei Peu, Derek abstained from voting in determining his own remuneration) and senior management; and
- Approval of salary adjustment in July 2012 and January 2013.



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# **BOARD COMMITTEES (Continued)**

### **Remuneration Committee (Continued)**

#### Remuneration policy

Competitive remuneration packages are structured to commensurate with individual responsibilities, qualification, experience and performance. In addition, discretionary bonuses may be paid depending upon the financial performance of the Group as well as the performance of the individual. No individual determine his own remuneration.

The remuneration of a Director is determined with reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Company and the prevailing market situation. Details of the emoluments of Directors during the year ended 31 December 2012 are set out in note 10 to the consolidated financial statements of this annual report. The emoluments paid to senior management during the year ended 31 December 2012 were within the following bands:

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	Senior Management
Up to HK\$1,000,000	1
HK\$1,000,001 to HK\$1,500,000	0
HK\$1,500,001 to HK\$2,000,000	5
HK\$2,000,001 to HK\$2,500,000	1

#### **DIRECTORS' SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS**

The Company has adopted the Model Code as set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules as its own code. All Directors have confirmed, following specific enquiry, that they have complied with the Model Code throughout the year ended 31 December 2012.

The Company has also adopted a code of conduct governing securities transactions by employees who are likely to be in possession of unpublished price-sensitive information in relation to the Group.

Formal notifications are sent by the Company to all Directors and relevant employees reminding them that they should not deal in the securities of the Company during the "black out period" specified in the Model Code.

## DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities, with the support from the Finance and Accounting Department, to prepare the consolidated financial statements of the Group in accordance with statutory requirements and applicable accounting standards. The Directors, having made appropriate enquiries, are not aware of any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions which may cast significant doubt upon the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Accordingly, the Directors have prepared the consolidated financial statements on a going concern basis.

The Directors are aware of the requirements under the applicable Listing Rules and statutory regulations with regard to the timely and proper disclosure of price sensitive information, announcements and financial disclosures and authorizes their publication as and when required.

# **EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION AND REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES**

Messrs. Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu has been re-appointed as the Company's external auditor at the annual general meeting of 2012 until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting.

The fees paid to external auditor for audit and non-audit services for the year ended 31 December 2012 are as follows:

Type of services	Fee paid/payable
Audit fee	1,420,000
Non-audit services Interim review fee	440,000
Other services	31,000
Total	1,891,000

The statement of the Company's external auditor, Messrs. Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, regarding their reporting responsibilities is set out on page 37 in the Independent Auditor's Report forming part of this annual report.

#### **INTERNAL CONTROL**

The Board has the responsibility to maintain a sound and effective internal control system to safeguard the Company's assets and shareholders' interest.

The internal control system comprises a well-defined organisational structure and comprehensive policies and standards. Responsibilities of each business and operational unit are clearly defined to ensure effective authority delegation and proper segregation of duties.

The Audit Committee, which was delegated by the Board, has reviewed and evaluated, via the internal audit team, the effectiveness of the Group's internal control system put in place by management covering all material controls, including financial, operational and compliance controls as well as risk management functions of the Company and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 December 2012. The Audit Committee considered the internal control system of the Company and its subsidiaries was effective and adequate.

During the year, the internal audit team conducts systematic reviews of the Group's internal control system by using a risk-based audit approach and reviews the effectiveness of the Group's system of internal control against the framework of the Committee of Sponsoring Organization of the Treadway Commission in order to provide reasonable assurance, but not absolute, of the effectiveness of the system. The internal audit team had carried out its mission by:

- identifying and prioritizing potential business risks;
- performing risk-based audits;
- evaluating effectiveness and compliance with internal policies and procedures;



# **INTERNAL CONTROL (Continued)**

- analyzing causes for errors and irregularities found;
- recommending good internal controls to prevent unintentional mistakes, discourage fraudulent acts, and promote operational efficiency and ethical standards;
- performing follow up procedures on corrective actions;
- appraising the soundness and adequacy of various departments' ongoing maintenance of internal controls;
- providing consulting and advisory services on control and related matters;
- conducting independent investigation of situations raised by whistleblowers, if any; and
- maintaining open communication with the Chairman, Audit Committee and auditee management.

The internal audit team reports directly to the Audit Committee and has free access to review all aspects of the Group's activities and controlling system. The internal audit team reports audit findings together with recommendation to the Audit Committee on a time basis upon completion of the relevant audit review. All critical audit findings and control weaknesses are summarized and presented to the Audit Committee on a semi-annual basis, which in turn reports to the Board.

## QUALITY ASSURANCE, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

The Group is dedicated to excellence in Quality, Safety and Environmental Protection. Since 2004, it has adopted an Integrated Management System, which is a total management and systematic approach comprising a consistent set of standards and processes, that are applied uniformly across the Group. The system is being constantly reviewed and amended to suit changing circumstances and new legislation. Continual monitoring and reporting at all levels is carried out together with internal and external audits to ensure full compliance. As a testament of the commitment, the Group continues to be accredited under the relevant international standards; namely: ISO9001:2008, OHSAS18001:2007 and ISO14001:2004.

The persistent drive for excellence in quality, safety and the environment have resulted in the operating companies of the Group winning of the following awards during the year under review:

- 2 numbers of Construction Site Safety Award (Merit Award) presented by Civil Engineering and Development Department, Hong Kong SAR Government
- 2 numbers of HKCA Environmental Merit Award presented by the Hong Kong Construction Association
- HKCA Safety Merit Award presented by the Hong Kong Construction Association
- 3 numbers of Considerate Contractor Site Awards presented by Development Bureau, Hong Kong SAR Government

# **QUALITY ASSURANCE, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (Continued)**

- 2 numbers of Outstanding Environmental Management and Performance Award presented by Development Bureau, Hong Kong SAR Government
- Best Site Housekeeping Award presented by MTR Corporation Ltd.
- Gold Safety Award presented by MTR Corporation Ltd.
- 3 numbers of Model Workers Awards by Development Bureau, Hong Kong SAR Government
- 3 numbers of Model Frontline Supervisor Awards by Development Bureau, Hong Kong SAR Government

During the year, imbued with strong management commitment and professional expertise, the Group has fulfilled its duties as a responsible corporation. In the years ahead, it will continue to take the lead in motivating all employees and subcontractors to make unremitting efforts to further improve the Group's performance in Quality Assurance, Safety and Health and Environmental Protection.

#### SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS

The Board and management shall ensure shareholders' rights and all shareholders are treated equitably and fairly. Pursuant to the Bye-laws, any shareholder entitled to attend and vote at a general meeting of the Company is entitled to appoint another person as his/her proxy to attend and vote instead of him/her. Shareholders holding not less than one-tenth of the paid up capital of the Company carrying the right of voting at general meetings of the Company shall have the right, by written requisition to the Board, to require a special general meeting to be called by the Board for the transaction of any business specified in such requisition. In addition, shareholders holding not less than one-twentieth of the total voting rights or not less than 100 shareholders may submit a written request to the Company stating the resolution intended to be proceeded at the annual general meeting.

Any vote of shareholders at a general meeting must be taken by poll (other than procedural matters). Voting results are posted on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange on the day of the general meeting. Since May 2009, there were no changes to the memorandum of association of the Company and Bye-laws. The updated versions of the memorandum of association of the Company and Bye-laws are available on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange.

Detailed procedures for the shareholders to convene a special general meeting, putting forward proposals at a general meeting and proposing a person for election as a Director are also available on the website of the Company.



#### **COMMUNICATION WITH SHAREHOLDERS**

The Board has established a shareholders' communication policy setting out various channels of communication, with the objective of enabling the shareholders to assess the Company's overall performance, exercise their rights in an informed manner and engage actively with the Company.

The Company regards its shareholders' meeting as an important means of communication with the shareholders in which the shareholders will be able to have an open dialogue with the Board. The Board members, in particular, the chairmen of the Board Committees and appropriate management executives are available to answer questions of the Group's business at the annual general meetings. External auditor also attends the Company's annual general meetings and addresses queries from the shareholders relating to the conduct of the audit and the preparation and content of its auditor's report.

Apart from holding shareholders' meeting, the Company also endeavours to maintain effective communication with all shareholders through other channels such as publication of annual and interim reports, announcements and circulars so as to provide extensive information on the Group's activities, business strategies and developments, and financial position. Such information is also available on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange.

Shareholders are also provided with contact details of the Company, such as telephone hotline, fax number, email address and postal address, to enable them to make any queries or comments on the Company at any time.

### **INVESTOR RELATIONS**

The Company is committed to maintain effective communications with the shareholders and investors. To this end, the Company maintains an open dialogue with the shareholders and investors through the Company's financial reports, press releases and general meetings that may be convened, as well as making available all the disclosures submitted to the Stock Exchange to provide regular and timely public disclosures on the Company's operating performance and corporate developments.