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### 四川能投發展股份有限公司 Sichuan Energy Investment Development Co., Ltd.\*

(a joint stock company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 01713)

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AND BOOK CLOSURE PERIOD FOR EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

This announcement is made pursuant to Rule 13.51(1) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "**Listing Rules**").

The board of directors (the "Board") of Sichuan Energy Investment Development Co., Ltd.\* (the "Company") hereby announces that on 30 June 2022, it has passed the resolutions on, among others, the amendments of certain articles of the articles of association of the Company (the "Articles of Association"), subject to the approval by the shareholders of the Company (the "Shareholders"). The proposed amendments were made with reference to the recent amendments of the Company Law of the People's Republic of China and combined with the actual situation of the Company and the needs of improving the governance system.

Please refer to the appendix of this announcement for details of the amendments of the Articles of Association. Save as the content in the proposed amendments, other sections and articles in the Articles of Association remain unchanged. The proposed amendments are subject to the approval by the Shareholders by way of a special resolution at the forthcoming extraordinary general meeting (the "EGM") to be held by the Company.

#### BOOK CLOSURE PERIOD FOR THE EGM

The Company hereby announces that the EGM will be held on Monday, 15 August 2022 to consider, and if thought fit, approve by the Shareholders certain resolutions of the Company in relation to the (i) proposed amendments of the Articles of Association; and (ii) the appointment of Mr. Huang Yao (黃耀) as a supervisor of the Company (the "Relevant Resolutions"). In order to determine the entitlement to attend and vote at the EGM, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Friday, 15 July 2022 to Monday, 15 August 2022 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares will be effected. In order to be qualified to attend and vote at the EGM, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the H share registrar of the Company, namely Tricor Investor Services Limited, at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong for registration by holders of H Shares, or to the Company's registered office at No. 789, Renhe Road, Wenjiang District, Chengdu City, Sichuan Province, the PRC for registration by holders of Domestic Shares and Unlisted Foreign Shares no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 14 July 2022.

A circular containing, among other things, details of the Relevant Resolutions, together with a notice of the EGM, will be dispatched to the Shareholders in due course.

By order of the Board
Sichuan Energy Investment Development Co., Ltd.\*

Xiong Lin

Chairman

Chengdu, Sichuan Province, the PRC 30 June 2022

As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Xiong Lin, Mr. Li Hui and Ms. Xie Peixi; the non-executive Directors are Ms. Han Chunhong, Ms. Li Yu, Ms. Liang Hong and Ms. Lv Yan; and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Kin Kwong Kwok Gary, Ms. He Zhen, Mr. Wang Peng and Prof. Li Jian.

\* For identification purposes only

#### APPENDIX

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#### **Proposed Amendments to the Articles of Association**

#### **Current Articles**

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Article 16 Shares issued by the Company to domestic investors for subscription in RMB are referred to as domestic shares. Shares issued by the Company to overseas investors for subscription in foreign currencies are referred to as foreign shares. Foreign shares listed in foreign countries and territories are referred to as overseas listed foreign shares; foreign shares which are not listed overseas are referred to as unlisted foreign shares. Domestic shares and unlisted foreign shares are collectively referred to as unlisted shares. Holders of unlisted shares and holders of overseas listed foreign shares are both ordinary shareholders and have the same obligations and rights.

With the approval of the securities regulatory authorities of the State Council, holders of domestic shares and unlisted foreign shares may list all or part of their unlisted shares for trading overseas. Unless otherwise required by applicable overseas and domestic laws and regulations or the place where the shares are listed, the listing and trading of all or part of the unlisted shares held by holders of unlisted shares overseas are not subject to voting at a general meeting or a class meeting of shareholders, but shall be subject to approval by the securities regulatory authorities of the State Council and compliance with the regulatory procedures, rules and requirements of the overseas securities market.

If unlisted shares are approved to be listed and traded overseas, they shall be converted to overseas listed shares on the date of overseas listing and shall be of the same class of shares as the existing overseas listed foreign shares.

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Article 28 The Company may, according to provisions of laws, administrative regulations, Main Board Listing Rules the Articles of Association and subject to the approval of the relevant governing authority of the PRC, repurchase its issued shares under the following circumstances:	Article 28 The Company shall not acquire its own shares but may, according to provisions of laws, administrative regulations, Main Board Listing Rules the Articles of Association and subject to the approval of the relevant governing authority of the PRC, repurchase its issued shares under the following circumstances:
(1) cancellation of shares for the reduction of its registered capital;	(1) eancellation of shares for the reduction of its registered capital;
(2) merging with another company that holds shares in the Company;	(2) merging with another company that holds shares in the Company;
(3) granting shares as an incentive to its employees;	(3) granting shares as an incentive to its employees use of shares for employee stock ownership plan or equity incentives;
(4) a shareholder who objects to a resolution on the merger or division of the Company adopted at a shareholders' general meeting requests the Company to purchase that shareholder's shares;	(4) a shareholder who objects to a resolution on the merger or division of the Company adopted at a shareholders' general meeting requests the Company to purchase that shareholder's shares;
	(5) use of shares for conversion of corporate bonds issued by the listed company which are convertible into shares;
	(6) where necessary for the listed company to safeguard the value of the Company and the interests of its shareholders;
(5) other circumstances permitted by laws and administrative regulations.	(57) other circumstances permitted by laws and administrative regulations.
	If the Company acquires its own shares, it shall perform its information disclosure obligations in accordance with the Securities Law and the regulations of the place where the shares are listed.

Article 30 Where the Company repurchases its shares for any reason mentioned in (1) to (3) of Article 28 above of the Articles of Association or by an off-market agreement, the prior approval of shareholders at a general meeting shall be obtained in accordance with the Articles of Association. The Company may release, vary or waive its rights under a contract so entered into by the Company with the prior approval of shareholders at a general meeting obtained in the same manner.

"Contract to repurchase shares" referred to in the preceding paragraph includes (but not limited to) an agreement to become obliged to repurchase or an acquisition of the right to repurchase shares of the Company. The Company shall not assign a contract to repurchase its shares or any of its right thereunder.

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Article 30 Where the Company repurchases its shares for any reason mentioned in (1) to (3) or (2) of Article 28 above of the Articles of Association or by an off-market agreement, the prior approval of shareholders at a general meeting shall be obtained in accordance with the Articles of Association. Where the Company repurchases its shares for any reason mentioned in (3), (5) or (6) of Article 28 above of the Articles of Association, it may do so in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association or with the authorization of the general meeting of shareholders and by resolution of a meeting of the Board at which two-thirds of the Directors are present. The Company may release, vary or waive its rights under a contract so entered into by the Company with the prior approval of shareholders at a general meeting obtained in the same manner.

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Article 32 Where shares are repurchased lawfully pursuant to sub-paragraph (1) of Article 28 of the Articles of Association, such shares shall be cancelled within 10 days from the date of repurchase; in case of repurchase pursuant to sub-paragraphs (2) and (4) of Article 28 of the Articles of Association, such shares shall be transferred or cancelled within 6 months thereafter; in case of repurchase pursuant to sub-paragraph (3) of Article 28 of the Articles of Association, such shares shall not be more than 5% of the total issued share capital of the Company; funds used for repurchase shall be financed out of profits after tax of the Company; repurchased shares shall be transferred to the employees within one year.

After cancelling repurchased shares according to the laws, the Company shall apply to the original companies registration authority for registration of the change of its registered capital and issue relevant announcement.

The amount of the Company's registered capital shall be reduced by the aggregate par value of those cancelled shares.

Article 42 Subject to compliance with the Articles of Association and other applicable requirements and upon transfer of the Company's shares, the transferees of the shares will become the holders of such shares with their names being entered in the register of shareholders.

All acts or transfer of overseas listed foreign shares will be record in the register of shareholders of overseas listed foreign shares which is kept in the place where such shares are listed pursuant to Article 43 of the Articles of Association.

Where two or more persons are registered as joint shareholders of any share, they shall be deemed to be joint holders of such shares and subject to constraints of the following terms.....

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Article 43 The Company may, in accordance with the mutual understanding and agreements made between the competent securities regulatory authorities of the State Council and overseas securities regulatory authorities, keep its original register of holders of overseas listed foreign shares outside of the PRC and appoint overseas agent(s) to manage such register. The original register of holders of overseas listed foreign shares listed in Hong Kong shall be maintained in Hong Kong. The Company shall maintain a duplicate of the register of holders of overseas listed foreign shares at its place of domicile. The appointed overseas agent(s) shall ensure consistency between the original version and the duplicate register of holders of overseas listed foreign shares at all times.

If there is any inconsistency between the original and the duplicate register of holders of overseas listed foreign shares, the original version shall prevail.

**Article 44** The Company shall maintain a complete register of members. The register of members shall include the following parts:

- (1) the register of members which is maintained at the Company's place of domicile (other than those share registers which are described in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Article);
- (2) the register of members in respect of the holders of overseas listed foreign shares of the Company which is maintained at the place where the overseas stock exchange on which the shares are listed is located;
- (3) the register of members which is maintained in such other place as the Board may consider necessary for the purpose of listing of the Company's shares.

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- (3) the register of members which is maintained in such other place as the Board may consider necessary for the purpose of listing of the Company's shares.

Article 46 All transfers of overseas listed foreign shares shall adopt written transfer documents of ordinary or common forms or any other forms acceptable to the Board of Directors, which documents may be executed in manuscript without seal. If the transferor or transferee of any shares in the Company is a recognized clearing house ("Recognized Clearing House") (or its nominee) within the meaning of the laws of Hong Kong, it may use machine imprinted signatures on written transfer documents.

All fully paid-up share capital of overseas listed foreign shares listed in Hong Kong is freely transferable pursuant to the Articles of Association subject to other restrictions of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. The Board may refuse to recognize any instrument of transfer without explanation, unless such transfer is in compliance with the following conditions:

(1) a fee (for each instrument of transfer) of HK\$2.5 or any higher fee as agreed by the Board has been paid to the Company to register the instrument of transfer of shares and other documents relating to or which may affect the ownership of such shares, provided that it shall not exceed such highest fees as required from time to time in the Main Board Listing Rules;

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(2) the instrument of transfer solely involves the overseas listed foreign shares listed in Hong Kong;	(2) the instrument of transfer solely involves the overseas listed foreign shares listed in Hong Kong;
(3) the stamp duty payable on the instrument of transfer has been paid;	(3) the stamp duty payable on the instrument of transfer has been paid;
(4) the relevant share certificates and other evidences reasonably required by the Board showing that the transferor has the right to transfer such shares have been furnished;	(4) the relevant share certificates and other evidences reasonably required by the Board showing that the transferor has the right to transfer such shares have been furnished;
(5) if the shares are intended to be transferred to joint holders, the number of such joint holders shall not exceed 4;	(5) if the shares are intended to be transferred to joint holders, the number of such joint holders shall not exceed 4;
(6) the Company has not created any lien over the relevant shares.	(6) the Company has not created any lien over the relevant shares.
If the Company refuses to register any transfer of shares, the Company shall, within two (2) months from formal application for the transfer, provide the transferor and transferee with a notice of refusal to register such transfer.	If the Company refuses to register any transfer of shares, the Company shall, within two (2) months from formal application for the transfer, provide the transferor and transferee with a notice of refusal to register such transfer.
Article 49 No changes in the shareholders' register due to the transfer of shares may be made within 30 days before the date of a general meeting or within 5 days before the record date for the Company's distribution of dividends.	Article 49 No changes in the shareholders' register due to the transfer of shares may be made within 30 days before the date of a general meeting or within 5 days before the record date for the Company's distribution of dividends.
	Where otherwise required by laws and regulations or the securities regulatory authorities of the place where the Company's shares are listed, such requirements shall apply.

Article 52 Any shareholder who is registered in, or any person requests to include his/her name entered into, the register of members may, if his/her share certificate (the "Original Certificate") is lost, apply to the Company for a replacement share certificate in respect of such shares (the "Relevant Shares").

If a holder of domestic shares loses his/her share certificate and applies for a replacement share certificate, it shall be dealt with in accordance with the requirement of Article 143 of the Company Law.

If a holder of overseas listed foreign shares loses his/her share certificate and applies for a replacement share certificate, it may be dealt with in accordance with the relevant laws, the rules of the stock exchange and other relevant regulations of the place where the original register of holders of overseas listed foreign shares is maintained.

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If a holder of domestic unlisted shares loses his/ her share certificate and applies for a replacement share certificate, it shall be dealt with in accordance with the requirement of Article 143 of the Company Law.

If a holder of overseas listed foreign shares loses his/her share certificate and applies for a replacement share certificate, it may be dealt with in accordance with the relevant laws, the rules of the stock exchange and other relevant regulations of the place where the original register of holders of overseas listed foreign shares is maintained.

If a holder of H shares loses his/her share certificate and applies for a replacement share certificate, such share certificate shall be issued in compliance with the following requirements.....

Article 67 To convene an annual general meeting, the Company shall give notices 20 business days before the date of the meeting, informing all shareholders of the matters proposed to be considered at the meeting and the date and the place of meeting; to convene an extraordinary general meeting, the Company shall give notices to all Shareholders 15 days (or 10 business days, whichever is longer) before the date of the meeting. Shareholders who will attend the annual general meeting shall return the written replies of attendance to the Company 10 days before the date of the meeting. Shareholders who will attend the extraordinary general meeting shall return the written replies of attendance to the Company 8 days before the date of the meeting. When calculating the starting date, the date of issuing the written notice of meeting and the date of the meeting shall be excluded. The notice of a general meeting shall be served on the shareholders (whether or not entitled to vote at the meeting), by delivery or prepaid airmail to their addresses as shown in the register of shareholders. For the holders of domestic shares, notice of the meeting may be issued by way of public notice.

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The abovementioned notices of general meetings shall be published in one or more newspapers designated by the securities governing authority of the State Council within 20 business days to 25 business days before the date of the annual general meeting, or 15 days (or 10 business days, whichever is longer) before the date of the extraordinary general meeting. Upon the publication of such notice, all holders of domestic shares shall be deemed to have received notice of the relevant shareholders' meeting. The notice, materials or written announcement of the shareholders' general meeting should be delivered to the shareholders of overseas listed foreign shares in any of the following manners, 20 business days prior to the holding of such annual general meeting, or 15 days (or 10 business days, whichever is longer) before the date of such extraordinary general meeting:

- (I) Such notice, material or announcement should be delivered to every shareholder of overseas listed foreign shares by person or by mail to the registered address of the shareholders, and the notice to shareholder of overseas listed foreign shares shall be sent from Hong Kong to the best effort of the Company;
- (II) Publish the announcement at the website of the Company or websites designated by the local stock exchange where shares of the Company are listed in accordance with applicable laws, regulations and relevant Main Board Listing Rules;
- (III) Other manners required by the local stock exchange where shares of the Company are listed and the listing rules into force unless they are signed by independent non-executive directors.

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- (I) Such notice, material or announcement should be delivered to every shareholder of overseas listed foreign shares by person or by mail to the registered address of the shareholders, and the notice to shareholder of overseas listed foreign shares shall be sent from Hong Kong to the best effort of the Company;
- (II) Publish the announcement at the website of the Company or websites designated by the local stock exchange where shares of the Company are listed in accordance with applicable laws, regulations and relevant Main Board Listing Rules;
- (III) Other manners required by the local stock exchange where shares of the Company are listed and the listing rules into force unless they are signed by independent non-executive directors.

Article 92 Rights conferred to class shareholders may not be varied or abrogated unless approved by way of a special resolution at a shareholders' general meeting and by the affected class shareholders at a separate shareholders' meeting convened in accordance with Articles 94 to 98 hereof.

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Article 92 Rights conferred to class shareholders may not be varied or abrogated unless approved by way of a special resolution at a shareholders' general meeting and by the affected class shareholders at a separate shareholders' meeting convened in accordance with Articles 94 to 98 hereof, except for the conversion of unlisted shares into overseas listed shares and their listing and trading overseas in accordance with Article 16 hereof.

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Article 98 In addition to holders of other classes of shares, holders of domestic shares and overseas-listed foreign shares are deemed to be different classes of shareholders. The special voting procedures for class meetings shall not apply to the following circumstances:

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- (1) Where the Company issues, upon approval by a special resolution of its shareholders in a general meeting, either separately or concurrently every 12 months, not more than 20% of each of the existing issued domestic shares and overseas-listed foreign shares;
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- (2) Where the Company's plan to issue domestic shares and overseas-listed foreign shares at the time of its establishment is implemented within 15 months from the date of approval by the securities regulatory authority of the State Council;
- (2) Where the Company's plan to issue domestic shares and overseas-listed foreign shares at the time of its establishment is implemented within 15 months from the date of approval by the securities regulatory authority of the State Council;
- (3) Where holders of domestic shares of the Company transfer the shares held by them to overseas investors, and such transferred shares are listed or traded on an overseas stock exchange, upon the approval by the securities regulatory authority of the State Council.
- (3) Where holders of domestic shares <u>or unlisted</u> <u>foreign shares</u> of the Company <u>transfer convert</u> the shares held by them to <u>overseas investors</u> <u>overseas listed shares</u>, and such <u>transferred</u> shares are listed or traded on an overseas stock exchange, upon the approval by the securities regulatory authority of the State Council.

Article 171 The financial reports of the Company shall be made available for inspection by shareholders 20 days prior to an annual general meeting to be convened. Each shareholder of the Company shall have the right to obtain a copy of the financial reports referred herein this Chapter.

A copy of either the aforementioned financial report or the Directors' report, accompanied by the balance sheet (including every document required by law to be annexed thereto) and profit and loss account or income and expenditure account, or the summary financial report shall, at least 21 days before the date of the general meeting, be sent by prepaid post to the address of the shareholder as registered in the register of members. In compliance with the laws and regulations in the jurisdiction in which the Company's shares are listed and the Main Board Listing Rules, the Company may deliver or send the same to the shareholders by posting the same on the websites of the stock exchange and the Company's website or by electronic means, and the Company may not be required to deliver or send the same through the means stated in this Article.

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Article 178 The Company shall appoint receiving agents on behalf of shareholders holding overseas listed Foreign Shares. The receiving agents shall on behalf of such shareholders receive dividends distributed by the Company in respect of the overseas listed Foreign Shares and other proceeds, and proceeds from which shall be managed by the receiving agents on such shareholders' behalf to be paid to them. The receiving agents appointed by the Company shall comply with the relevant requirements of the law of the place and relevant regulations of the stock exchange where the Company's shares are listed.

The receiving agents appointed on behalf of holders of overseas listed Foreign Shares listed in the Hong Kong Stock Exchange shall be a company registered as a trust company under the Trustee Ordinance of Hong Kong.

Subject to compliance with the relevant laws and regulations of the PRC, the Company may exercise its right to confiscate the dividends which are not claimed by anyone but such right can only be exercised in or after the sixth year after the date of declaring dividends.

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The Company may exercise power to cease sending dividend warrants by post to a holder of foreign shares listed overseas when such warrants have not been cashed twice in a row. However, such power may be exercised after the first occasion on which such a warrant is returned undelivered.

The Company shall have the power to sell, in such manner as the Board of Directors thinks fit, any shares of a Shareholder of overseas-listed foreigninvested shares who is untraceable, but is subject to the following conditions:

- (I) the Company has distributed dividends for at least 3 times in respect of such shares within 12 years, but none of such dividends was claimed;
- (II) the Company, after the expiration of a period of 12 years, made an advertisement on one or more newspapers of the place which the Company is listed, stating its intention to sell such shares, and notified the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

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Article 179 Cash dividends and other payments payable by the Company to holders of Domestic Shares shall be declared in Renminbi. Cash dividends and other payments payable by the Company to holders of overseas listed Foreign Shares shall be denominated and declared in Renminbi and paid in Hong Kong dollars. The Company shall arrange the foreign currency for payment of cash dividends and other payments payable to holders of overseas listed Foreign Shares in accordance with foreign exchange management related regulations of the State.

Article 188 Prior notice shall be given to the accounting firm if the Company decides to remove such accounting firm or not to renew the appointment thereof. Such accounting firm shall have the right to make representations at the general meeting of shareholders. Where the accounting firm resigns its post, it shall make clear to the shareholders' general meeting whether there is any impropriety on the part of the Company.

- (I) The accounting firm may resign its office by depositing at the Company's legal address a resignation notice which shall become effective on the date of such deposit or on such later date as may be stipulated in such notice. Such notice shall include the following:
- 1. a statement to the effect that there are no circumstances connected with its resignation which it considers should be brought to the notice of the shareholders or creditors of the Company; or
- 2. a statement of any such circumstances.

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- 1. a statement to the effect that there are no circumstances connected with its resignation which it considers should be brought to the notice of the shareholders or creditors of the Company; or
- 2. a statement of any such circumstances.

(II) Where a notice is deposited under Clause (I) of this Article, the Company shall within 14 days send a copy of the notice to the relevant governing authority. If the notice contains a statement under Clause (I) 2 of this Article, a copy of such statement shall be placed at the Company for shareholders' inspection. The Company shall also send a copy of such statement by prepaid mail to every holder of overseas listed foreign shares at the address registered in the register of shareholders, or the Company may publish its report on the website of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange or in one or more newspapers specified by it within foregoing deadline. Once an announcement is made, all shareholders are deemed to have received the aforementioned copies.

(III) If the resignation notice of an accounting firm contains any statement mentioned in Clause (I) 2 of this Article, the accounting firm may require the Board to convene an extraordinary general meeting to listen to its explanation on relevant matters about its resignation.

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(II) Where a notice is deposited under Clause (I) of this Article, the Company shall within 14 days send a copy of the notice to the relevant governing authority. If the notice contains a statement under Clause (I) 2 of this Article, a copy of such statement shall be placed at the Company for shareholders' inspection. The Company shall also send a copy of such statement by prepaid mail to every holder of overseas listed foreign shares at the address registered in the register of shareholders, or the Company may publish its report on the website of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange or in one or more newspapers specified by it within foregoing deadline. Once an announcement is made, all shareholders are deemed to have received the aforementioned copies. However, the notice may also be sent or made available to holders of overseas listed shares through the Company's website and in the manner as prescribed in the Listing Rules from time to time, subject to compliance with laws, administrative regulations and the listing rules of the stock exchange on which the Company's shares are listed.

(III) If the resignation notice of an accounting firm contains any statement mentioned in Clause (I) 2 of this Article, the accounting firm may require the Board to convene an extraordinary general meeting to listen to its explanation on relevant matters about its resignation.

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Article 189 Notices of the Company can be issued via the following methods:	Article 189 Notices of the Company can be issued via the following methods:
(I) by courier;	(I) by courier;
(II) by mail;	(II) by mail;
(III) by facsimile or email;	(III) by facsimile or email;
(IV) by publishing on the websites designated by the Company and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in accordance with laws, administrative regulations and the listing rules of the stock exchange where the Company's shares are listed;	(IV) by publishing on the websites designated by the Company and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in accordance with laws, administrative regulations and the listing rules of the stock exchange where the Company's shares are listed;
(V) by an announcement;	(V) by an announcement;
(VI) by any other methods as agreed between the Company and the addressee or as accepted by the addressee after the notice is received; or	(VI) by any other methods as agreed between the Company and the addressee or as accepted by the addressee after the notice is received; or
(VII) any other methods approved by the relevant regulatory bodies of the place of listing of the Company's shares or required by the Articles of Association.	(VII) any other methods approved by the relevant regulatory bodies of the place of listing of the Company's shares or required by the Articles of Association.

Unless otherwise stated, the "announcement" referred to in the Articles of Association shall mean, as to the announcements published to the holder of Domestic Shares or the announcements required to be published in the PRC according to the relevant requirements and the Articles of Association, an announcement published on any newspaper in the PRC as stipulated under the laws and administrative regulations or designated by the securities authority of the State Council; in respect of announcements made to the holders of overseas listed foreign shares or announcements that are required to be made within Hong Kong in accordance with relevant regulations and the Articles of Association, such announcements must be published and issued on the website of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange as stipulated under the Main Board Listing Rules. These Articles shall not prohibit the Company to deliver notice to shareholders whose registered addresses are outside Hong Kong.

Article 192 For a merger or division of the Company, the Board shall put forward a proposal, and the formalities for approval shall be handled according to laws after the proposal has been adopted according to procedures specified in the Articles of Association. Shareholders who oppose the Company's merger or division plans shall have the right to ask the Company or the shareholders who approve the merger or division plans to purchase their shares at a fair price. The content of the resolution on the merger or division of the Company shall be made into special document, which shall be available for shareholders to inspect.

With regard to holders of overseas listed foreigninvested shares, the aforesaid documents shall also be sent out by mail.

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Unless otherwise stated, the "announcement" referred to in the Articles of Association shall mean, as to the announcements published to the holder of Domestic Shares and holders of unlisted foreign shares or the announcements required to be published in the PRC according to the relevant requirements and the Articles of Association, an announcement published on any newspaper in the PRC as stipulated under the laws and administrative regulations or designated by the securities authority of the State Council; in respect of announcements made to the holders of overseas listed foreign shares or announcements that are required to be made within Hong Kong in accordance with relevant regulations and the Articles of Association, such announcements must be published and issued on the website of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange as stipulated under the Main Board Listing Rules. These Articles shall not prohibit the Company to deliver notice to shareholders whose registered addresses are outside Hong Kong.

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With regard to holders of overseas listed foreigninvested shares, the aforesaid documents shall also be sent out by mail.

**Article 207** The Company shall observe the following rules to settle disputes:

(I) If any dispute or claim on the affairs of the Company in performing the rights and obligations provided for in the Articles of Association, the Company Law or other relevant laws and administrative regulations arises between a holder of overseas listed foreign shares and the Company, between a holder of overseas listed foreign shares and a director, supervisor or senior management officers of the Company or between a holder of overseas listed foreign shares and a holder of domestic shares, the parties concerned shall submit the dispute or claim to arbitration.

Where a dispute or claim involves the above parties, the entire claim or dispute must be referred to arbitration and all persons (being the Company or shareholders, directors, supervisors or senior management officers of the Company), who have a cause of action based on the same facts giving rise to the dispute or claim or whose participation is necessary for the resolution of such dispute or claim, shall abide by arbitration. Disputes regarding definition of shareholders and registration of members may be resolved other than by way of arbitration.

(II) The claimant may refer the arbitration to either the China International Economic Centre in accordance with its arbitration rules, and may also refer the arbitration to the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre in accordance with its securities arbitration rules. Once a claimant refers a dispute or claim to arbitration, the other party must submit to the arbitral body elected by the claimant.

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Where a dispute or claim involves the above parties, the entire claim or dispute must be referred to arbitration and all persons (being the Company or shareholders, directors, supervisors or senior management officers of the Company), who have a cause of action based on the same facts giving rise to the dispute or claim or whose participation is necessary for the resolution of such dispute or claim, shall abide by arbitration. Disputes regarding definition of shareholders and registration of members may be resolved other than by way of arbitration.

(II) The claimant may refer the arbitration to either the China International Economic Centre in accordance with its arbitration rules, and may also refer the arbitration to the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre in accordance with its securities arbitration rules. Once a claimant refers a dispute or claim to arbitration, the other party must submit to the arbitral body elected by the claimant.

If the claimant refers the arbitration to the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, either party may request the arbitration to be conducted in Shenzhen in accordance with the securities arbitration rules of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre.

(III) Unless otherwise provided in the laws and administrative regulations, any disputes or claims arising out of item (I) above shall be resolved in accordance with the laws of the People's Republic of China (excluding the Special Administrative Region of Hong Kong, the Special Administrative Region of Macau and Taiwan).

(IV) The decision made by the arbitral body shall be final and conclusive, and shall be binding on the parties.

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If the claimant refers the arbitration to the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, either party may request the arbitration to be conducted in Shenzhen in accordance with the securities arbitration rules of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre.

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