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PRC LAWS AND REGULATIONS

We are subject to a variety of PRC laws, rules and regulations affecting many aspects of our business. This section summarizes the principal PRC laws, regulations and rules that we believe are relevant to our business and operations.

Regulations on Company Establishment and Foreign Investment

The PRC Company Law (《中華人民共和國公司法》), which was promulgated by the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress (the “**SCNPC**”) and further amended in December 1999, August 2004, October 2005, December 2013 and October 2018, applies to the establishment, operation and management of both PRC domestic companies and foreign-invested enterprises. According to the PRC Company Law, where there are otherwise provisions in the laws relating to foreign investment, such provisions shall prevail.

The Foreign Investment Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國外商投資法》) (the “**FIL**”), which was promulgated by the National People’s Congress (the “**NPC**”) on March 15, 2019, and came into effect on January 1, 2020, provides that the “foreign investment” refers to the investment activities in China carried out directly or indirectly by foreign individuals, enterprises or other organizations (the “**Foreign Investors**”), including the following: (1) Foreign Investors establishing foreign-invested enterprises in China alone or collectively with other investors; (2) Foreign Investors acquiring shares, equities, properties or other similar rights of Chinese domestic enterprises; (3) Foreign Investors investing in new projects in China alone or collectively with other investors; and (4) Foreign Investors investing through other ways prescribed by laws and regulations or the State Council. The FIL further adopts the management system of pre-establishment national treatment and negative list for foreign investment. The “pre-establishment national treatment” refers to granting to foreign investors and their investments, in the stage of investment access, the treatment no less favorable than that granted to domestic investors and their investments; the “negative list” refers to special administrative measures for access of foreign investment in specific fields as stipulated by the State. The FIL granted national treatment to foreign investments outside the negative list. The negative list will be released by or upon approval of the State Council.

In December 2019, the State Council promulgated the Regulations on Implementing the Foreign Investment Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國外商投資法實施條例》) (the “**Implementation Rules**”) which came into effect in January 2020. The Implementation Rules further clarified that the state shall encourage and promote foreign investment, protect the lawful rights and interests in foreign investments, regulate foreign investment administration, continue to optimize foreign investment environment, and advances a higher-level opening.

Investment activities in the PRC by foreign investors were principally governed by the Special Administrative Measures (Negative List) for Access of Foreign Investment (2021 version) (《外商投資准入特別管理措施(負面清單)(2021年版)》) (the “**Negative List**”), and the Catalogue of Industries for Encouraging Foreign Investment (《鼓勵外商投資產業目錄(2022年版)》) (the “**Encouraging List**”) promulgated by the MOFCOM and the NDRC in

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October 2022. The Negative List, which came into effect on January 1, 2022, sets out special administrative measures (restricted or prohibited) in respect of the access of foreign investments in a centralized manner, and the Encouraging List, which came into effect on January 1, 2023, sets out the encouraged industries for foreign investment. The Negative Lists cover 12 industries, and any field not falling in the Negative Lists shall be administered under the principle of equal treatment for domestic and foreign investment. Our business as currently conducted does not fall within the confines of the Negative Lists and is not subject to special administrative measures.

The Measures on Reporting of Foreign Investment Information (《外商投資信息報告辦法》) was released by the MOFCOM and the State Administration for Market Regulation (the “SAMR”) on December 30, 2019, and became effective on January 1, 2020. Foreign investors directly or indirectly conducting investment activities within the territory of China shall submit the investment information through submission of initial reports, change reports, deregistration reports, annual reports etc. to the competent commerce authorities in accordance with The Measures on Reporting of Foreign Investment Information. When submitting an annual report, a foreign-invested enterprise shall submit the basic information on the enterprise, the information on the investors and their actual controlling party, the enterprise’s operation and asset and liabilities information etc, and where the foreign investment admission special administrative measures are involved, the foreign investment enterprise shall also submit the relevant industry licensing information.

Regulations and Industry standards on Autonomous Driving and Intelligent Connected Vehicles Industry

In 2006, in order to promote the rapid development of China’s automotive product safety technology level, reduce the casualty rate in road traffic accidents, and achieve the goal of building a harmonious automotive society, China Automotive Technology Research Center officially established the C-NCAP (中國新車評價規程) based on fully considering the actual situation of road traffic accidents in China, combined with China’s automotive standards, technology, and economic development level. With the smooth implementation of C-NCAP and the in-depth study of C-NCAP, China Automotive Technology Research Center has also improved and upgraded the C-NCAP Management Code many times, which has been amended in 2006, 2009, 2012, 2015, 2018 and 2021. According to the C-NCAP, OEMs are responsible to carry out the testing.

C-NCAP aims at establishing a high standard, fair and objective vehicle safety performance evaluation method to promote the development of vehicle safety technology and pursue higher safety concept. The significance of the project is to provide consumers with safety information of newly released vehicles, promote production enterprises to strengthen attention to safety standards, improve vehicles’ safety performance and technology level, and enable vehicles’ excellent safety performance to be reflected in the evaluation. Moreover, C-NCAP will rate the pilot with stars based on the overall scoring rate of three aspects: passenger protection, pedestrian protection and active safety. The scoring rate for passenger protection, pedestrian protection and active safety shall be calculated according to the test item

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respectively, and the scoring rate shall be multiplied by the weight coefficients of the three parts and the final result shall be the comprehensive scoring rate. The standards for star-level rating of comprehensive scoring rate are: no less than 92% shall be rated as 5 + star, no less than 83% and no more than 92% shall be rated as 5 stars, no less than 74% and no more than 83% shall be rated as 4 stars, no less than 65% and no more than 74% shall be rated as 3 stars, no less than 45% and no more than 65% shall be rated as 2 stars and a rating of less than 45% is 1-star.

The Taxonomy of Driving Automation for Vehicles (《汽車駕駛自動化分級》) was promulgated by the SAMR and Standardization Administration on August 20, 2021 and became effective on March 1, 2022, which refers to the corresponding standard of Society of Automotive Engineers, and stipulates that the standards for autonomous driving can be divided into: Level 0 (emergency assistance), Level 1 (partial driver assistance), Level 2 (combined driver assistance), Level 3 (conditionally automated driving), Level 4 (highly automated driving) and Level 5 (fully automated driving).

Moreover, Level 0 requires the driving automation system to have the capability to continuously perform detection and response of a part of the object and event, and when the driver requests the exit of the driving automation system, the control right of the system should be immediately released. Level 1 requires the driving automation system to continuously perform vehicle lateral or longitudinal motion control in a dynamic driving task on the basis of Level 0, and requires the driving automation system to have a partial capability of object and event detection and response in accordance with the vehicle lateral or longitudinal motion control. Level 2 further requires the driving automation system to satisfy the corresponding capabilities of both lateral and longitudinal motion control of vehicles. Level 3 mainly requires that the driving automation system be able to perform the full range of dynamic driving tasks under its designed operating conditions after activation. Level 4 mainly requires that the driving automation system should be able to automatically implement the minimum risk strategy when the relevant event happens and the user does not respond to the intervention request. Furthermore, Level 5 requires that the driving automation system has no limitation on the designed operating range and is able to achieve fully automated driving.

The Ministry of Industry and information Technology (the “MIIT”), the Ministry of Public Security and the Ministry of Transport jointly issued and implemented the Rules for the Administration of the Road Testing and Demonstrative Application of Intelligent Connected Vehicles (for Trial Implementation) (《智能網聯汽車道路測試與示範應用管理規範(試行)》) on July 27, 2021, which was implemented from September 1, 2021, any entity intending to conduct a road testing of autonomous driving vehicles must obtain a road-testing certificate and a temporary license plate for each tested vehicle. To qualify for above testing certificate and temporary license plate, an applicant entity must satisfy, among others, the following requirements: (1) it must be an independent legal person registered in PRC with the capacity to conduct intelligent connected vehicles-related businesses such as manufacturing, technological research and testing of vehicles and vehicle parts, which has established protocol to test and assess the performance of autonomous driving system and is capable of conducting real-time remote monitor of the road tested vehicles, and with the ability of event recording,

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analysis and reproduction of the vehicles under road testing and ensuring the network security of the vehicles under road testing and the remote monitor platforms; (2) the vehicle under road testing must be equipped with a driving system that can switch between autonomous pilot mode and human operating mode in a safe, quick and simple manner and allows human driver to take control of the vehicle any time immediately when necessary; (3) the tested vehicle must be equipped with the functions of recording, storing and real-time monitoring the condition of the vehicle and is able to transmit real-time data of the vehicle, such as the driving mode, location and speed; (4) the applicant entity must sign an employment contract or a labor service contract with the driver of the tested vehicle, who must be a licensed driver with more than three years’ driving experience and a track record of safe driving and is familiar with the testing protocol for autonomous driving system and proficient in operating the system; (5) the applicant entity must insure each tested vehicle for at least RMB5 million against car accidents or provide a letter of guarantee covering the same. In addition, during testing, the testing entity should post a noticeable identification logo for autonomous driving test on each tested car and should not use autonomous driving mode unless in the permitted testing areas specified in the road-testing certificate. If the testing entity intends to conduct road testing in the region beyond the administrative territory of the certificate issuing authority, it must apply for a separate road-testing certificate and a separate temporary license plate from the relevant authority supervising the road-testing of autonomous cars in that region.

On March 24, 2021, the Ministry of Public Security promulgated the Road Traffic Safety Law (Revised Proposal Draft) (《道路交通安全法(修訂建議稿)》), which stipulates that vehicles with autonomous driving functions should pass road testing on closed roads and venues, obtain temporary driving license plates, and conduct road testing at designated times, areas, and routes according to regulations. Those who have passed the test and are allowed to be produced, imported, or sold in accordance with relevant laws and regulations, and those who need to pass on the road shall apply for a motor vehicle license plate. Moreover, vehicles with autonomous driving function and manual direct operation mode should record real-time driving data when conducting road tests or passing on the road; the driver should be in the driver’s seat of the vehicle, monitor the operation status and surrounding environment of the vehicle, and be ready to take over the vehicle at any time. In case of road traffic safety violations or traffic accidents, the responsibility of the driver and the development unit of the autonomous driving system shall be determined according to law, and the liability for damages shall be determined in accordance with relevant laws and regulations. If a crime is constituted, criminal responsibility shall be pursued in accordance with the law. And vehicles with autonomous driving function but without manual direct operation mode shall be separately stipulated by relevant departments of the State Council for road traffic. Furthermore, the autonomous driving function should be tested and qualified by a third-party testing agency engaged in automotive related business with corresponding qualifications. As of the Latest Practicable Date, the aforementioned provisions of the Road Traffic Safety Law (Revised Proposal Draft) have not been formally adopted.

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On July 30, 2021, the MIIT promulgated the Opinions on Strengthening the Administration of the Access of Intelligent Connected Vehicle Manufacturers and Products (《工業和信息化部關於加強智能網聯汽車生產企業及產品准入管理的意見》), which provides that enterprises should strengthen data security management ability and network security guarantee ability, as well as strengthen enterprise management ability and ensure product production consistency. Moreover, enterprises should strengthen product management: (a) Enterprises should strictly perform the obligation of informing. If the enterprise produces automobile products with driving assistance and autonomous driving functions, it shall clearly inform the vehicle functions and performance limits, driver responsibilities, human-computer interaction equipment indication information, function activation and exit methods and conditions, etc; (b) Enterprises should strengthen the safety management of combined driving assistance products; (c) Enterprises should strengthen the safety management of autonomous driving function products; (d) Enterprises ensure reliable space-time information services.

In 2017, the MIIT and the National Standardization Administration jointly released the world’s first intelligent connected vehicle standard system – the Guidelines for the Construction of the National Connected Vehicle Industry Standard System (Intelligent Connected Vehicles) (《國家車聯網產業標準體系建設指南(智能網聯汽車)》), which made a systematic plan and deployment for China’s intelligent connected vehicle standard system and established the Intelligent Connected Vehicles Sub technical Committee of the National Automotive Standardization Technical Committee, Coordinate the construction of the standard system for intelligent connected vehicles. As of now, the first phase of the construction of the intelligent connected vehicle standard system has been successfully completed. Moreover, according to the construction method of the technical logical structure and product physical structure of intelligent connected vehicles, taking into account different functional requirements, product and technology types, and information flow between various subsystems, the government defines the standard system framework of intelligent connected vehicles as four parts: “Foundation”, “General Specifications”, “Product and Technology Applications”, and “Relevant Standards”. Foundation mainly includes three types of basic standards, such as terminologies and definitions, classification and coding, identifications and symbols of intelligent connected vehicles. General Specifications put forward the overall requirements and specifications from the vehicle level, mainly including function evaluation, human-machine interface, function safety and information safety, etc. Product and Technology Applications mainly cover the functions, performance requirements, and testing methods of core technologies and applications of intelligent connected vehicles, such as information perception, decision warning, auxiliary control, automatic control, and information interaction. Relevant Standards mainly include communication protocols, the foundation of vehicle information communication, which mainly cover protocol specifications on medium, short-range communication, wide area communication and other aspects of the realization of intelligent information interaction among vehicles (individual passengers, vehicles, roads, clouds, etc.), and they also include standard specifications for software and hardware interface between various physical layers and different application layers.

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In order to implement the National Standardization Development Outline (《國家標準化發展綱要》), promote the high-quality development of the intelligent connected vehicle industry, and accelerate the construction of an automobile power, MIIT has revised and improved the Guidelines for the Construction of the National Connected Vehicle Industry Standard System (Intelligent Connected Vehicles) based on the development of the intelligent connected vehicle technology industry, further formed the Guidelines for the Construction of the National Internet of Vehicles Industry Standard System (Intelligent Connected Vehicles) (2023 Edition) (《國家車聯網產業標準體系建設指南(智能網聯汽車)(2023年版)》), which provided that the government will establish a standard system for intelligent connected vehicles that adapts to China's national conditions and is in line with international standards in stages based on the current status of intelligent connected vehicle technology, industry needs, and future development trends. Moreover, regarding the stage 1 to 2025, the government will systematically form the system of standards for intelligent connected vehicles that can support the combined driving assistance and general functions of self-driving and formulate and revise over 100 relevant standards for intelligent connected vehicles to satisfy the demand for standardization of intelligent connected automobile technology, industry development and government administration. Regarding the stage 2 to 2030, a standard system for intelligent connected vehicles that can support the coordinated development of bicycle intelligence and connected vehicle empowerment will be fully formed, and the government will formulate and revise more than 140 standards related to intelligent connected vehicles, and establish an implementation effect evaluation and dynamic improvement mechanism to satisfy the demand for full-scene application of combined driving assistance, automatic driving and networked functions. Furthermore, the government will establish and improve a safety guarantee system, as well as a support system for software, hardware, and data resources. The coordination of international standards and regulations in key areas such as autonomous driving will reach an advanced level.

According to the Circular of the State Council on Issuing the Plan for Developing the Next Generation Artificial Intelligence (《國務院關於印發新一代人工智能發展規劃的通知》), the government will take three steps, the first step is that its overall technologies and applications of artificial intelligence should be synchronized with the world's advanced level by 2020. The second step is that major breakthroughs will be made in the basic theories of artificial intelligence, with some technologies and applications reaching the world's advanced level by 2025. The third step is that the theory, technology and application of artificial intelligence in general will reach the world-leading level, with China becoming the world's major artificial intelligence innovation center by 2030. Moreover, on February 10, 2020, the Strategies for the Innovative Development of Intelligent Vehicles (《智能汽車創新發展戰略》) was promulgated by the National Development and Reform Commission, the Office of the Central Leading Group for Cyberspace Affairs, the Ministry of Science and Technology and other eight departments. By 2025, the technological innovation, industrial ecology, infrastructure, regulations and standards, product supervision and cybersecurity systems for intelligent vehicles with Chinese standards shall be basically formed. Large-scale production shall be reached for intelligent vehicles with conditions for autonomous driving, and market-oriented application of intelligent vehicles featured by highly autonomous driving shall be realized under specific environment. Active progress has been made in the construction of

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facilities concerning intelligent transportation systems and intelligent cities. Regional coverage shall be realized for automotive wireless communications networks (LTE-V2X, etc.). A new generation of automotive wireless communications networks (5G-V2X) shall be gradually applied in some cities and on highways. Full coverage of the high-precision spatio-temporal reference service network shall be realized. From 2035 to 2050, China’s standard intelligent vehicle system will be fully established and more complete. The vision of a safe, efficient, green and civilized power of intelligent vehicles will be gradually realized, and intelligent vehicles will fully meet the people’s growing needs for a better life.

Regulations on Data Security, Cyber Security and Data Privacy Protection

Pursuant to the PRC Civil Code (《中華人民共和國民法典》) promulgated by the NPC on May 28, 2020 and effective from January 1, 2021, the personal information of a natural person shall be protected by the law. An information processor shall not disclose or tamper with any personal information collected or stored thereby; and without the consent of the natural person, no personal information shall be illegally provided to any other person.

On May 8, 2017, the Supreme People’s Court and the Supreme People’s Procuratorate jointly released the Interpretations of the Supreme People’s Court and the Supreme People’s Procuratorate on Several Issues Concerning the Application of Law in the Handling of Criminal Cases Involving Infringement of Citizens’ Personal Information (《最高人民法院、最高人民檢察院關於辦理侵犯公民個人信息刑事案件適用法律若干問題的解釋》) (the “**Interpretations**”), which came into effect on June 1, 2017, clarifies several concepts regarding the crime of “infringement of citizens’ personal information” stipulated by Article 253A of the Criminal Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國刑法》), including the “provision of citizens’ personal information” and “illegally obtaining any citizen’s personal information by other methods”. In addition, the Interpretations specify the standards for determining “serious circumstances” and “particularly serious circumstances” of this crime.

On November 7, 2016, the Standing Committee of National People’s Congress (the “**SCNPC**”) promulgated the Cybersecurity Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國網絡安全法》), the “**Cybersecurity Law**”), effective as of June 1, 2017, which applies to the construction, operation, maintenance and use of networks as well as the supervision and administration of cybersecurity in the PRC. The Cybersecurity Law defines “network” as a system comprising computers or other information terminals and relevant facilities used for the purpose of collecting, storing, transmitting, exchanging and processing information in accordance with specific rules and procedures. “Network operators”, who are broadly defined as owners and administrators of networks and network service providers, are subject to various security protection-related obligations, including but not limited: (i) complying with security protection obligations under graded system for cybersecurity protection requirements, which include formulating internal security management rules and operating instructions, appointing cybersecurity responsible personnel and their duties, adopting technical measures to prevent computer viruses, cyber-attack, cyber-intrusion and other activities endangering cybersecurity, adopting technical measures to monitor and record network operation status and cybersecurity events; (ii) formulating a emergency plan and promptly responding and handling security risks,

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initiating the emergency plans, taking appropriate remedial measures and reporting to regulatory authorities in the event comprising cybersecurity threats; and (iii) following the principles of legality, legitimacy and necessity, disclosing the rules of collection and use, making clear the purpose, mean and scope of collection and use of information, and obtaining the consent of the person whose information is collected.

The Data Security Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國數據安全法》), which was promulgated by the SCNPC on June 10, 2021 and took effect on September 1, 2021, provides that entities and individuals carrying out data activities shall establish a data classification and grading protection system and important data catalogs to enhance the protection of important data. Processors of important data shall specify the person responsible for data security and management agencies to implement data security protection responsibilities. Relevant authorities will establish the measures for the cross-border transfer of important data. If any company violates the Data Security Law of the PRC to provide important data outside China, such company may be punished by administration sanctions, including penalties, fines, and/or suspension of relevant business or revocation of the business license. In addition, the Data Security Law of the PRC provides a national security review procedure for those data activities which affect or may affect national security and imposes export restrictions on certain data and information.

On 28 December 2021, the Cyberspace Administration of China (the “CAC”) promulgated the Measures for Cybersecurity Review (《網絡安全審查辦法》) (the “**Cybersecurity Review Measures**”), which came into effect on 15 February 2022. According to the Cybersecurity Review Measures, there are two mechanisms to trigger cybersecurity review: (a) review of voluntary declaration by enterprises: applicable to (i) critical information infrastructure operators that intend to purchase network products and services; (ii) a network platform operator that processes the personal information of more than one million people intends to be listed overseas (國外上市); and (b) initiation of review by regulatory authorities: for any member of the cybersecurity review working mechanism believes that any network product or service or data processing activity affects or is likely to affect national security. In this case, the Office of Cybersecurity Review shall report this circumstance to the Central Cyberspace Affairs Commission for approval, and conduct a review after approval.

On November 14, 2021, the CAC promulgated the Regulation on the Administration of Cyber Data Security (Draft for Comments) (《網絡數據安全管理條例(徵求意見稿)》) (the “**Draft Cyber Data Security Regulation**”), which proposes to provide more detailed guidelines on the current rules on various aspects of data processing, including the processors’ announcement of data processing rules, obtaining consents and separate consents, security of important data and cross-border transfer of data, and further obligations of platform operators.

Furthermore, on July 7, 2022, the CAC promulgated the Measures on Security Assessment of Cross-border Data Transfer (《數據出境安全評估辦法》) which became effective on September 1, 2022. Such data export measures requires that any data processor which processes or exports personal information exceeding certain volume threshold under such measures shall apply for security assessment by the CAC before transferring any personal

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information abroad, including the following circumstances: (i) important data will be provided overseas by any data processor; (ii) personal information will be provided overseas by any operator of critical information infrastructure or any data processor who processes the personal information of more than 1,000,000 individuals; (iii) personal information will be provided overseas by any data processor who has provided the personal information of more than 100,000 individuals in aggregate or has provided the sensitive personal information of more than 10,000 individuals in aggregate since January 1 of last year; and (iv) other circumstances where the security assessment is required as prescribed by the CAC. The security assessment requirement also applies to any transfer of important data outside of China.

Regulations on Product Liability

Pursuant to the PRC Product Quality Law (《中華人民共和國產品質量法》), which was promulgated on February 22, 1993 and latest amended on December 29, 2018, a manufacturer is prohibited from producing or selling products that do not meet applicable standards and requirements for safeguarding human health and ensuring human and property safety. Products must be free from unreasonable dangers threatening human and property safety. Where a defective product causes personal injury or property damage, the aggrieved party may make a claim for compensation from the manufacturer or the seller of the product. Manufacturers and sellers of non-compliant products may be ordered to cease the production or sale of the products and could be subject to confiscation of the products and fines. Earnings from sales in violation of such standards or requirements may also be confiscated, and in severe cases, an offender’s business license may be revoked.

Pursuant to the PRC Civil Code, if a product is found to be defective and to compromise the personal and property security of others, the victim may require compensation to be made by the manufacturer or the seller of the product. Where any manufacturer or seller knowingly produces or sells defective products or fails to take effective remedial measures in accordance with the PRC Civil Code and thus causes death or serious damage to the health of another person, such person shall be entitled to claim punitive damages. If the transporter or storekeeper is responsible for the matter, the manufacturer or seller shall have the right to demand compensation for its losses.

Regulations on Import and Export of Goods

The General Administration of Customs of the PRC promulgated the Administrative Provisions of the Customs of the People’s Republic of China on the Registration of Customs Declaration Entities (Revised in 2018) (《中華人民共和國海關報關單位註冊登記管理規定(2018年修訂)》) on May 29, 2018, which stipulates that in completing customs formalities, customs declaration entities shall go through the applicable registration procedures with customs in accordance with the Provisions unless otherwise required by the laws, administrative regulations or rules of the customs, and only after obtaining approval to become registered from the local customs directly under the general administration of customs or the subordinate customs authorized thereby may the customs declaration enterprise complete the customs declaration procedure. However, this provisions has been replaced by the

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Administrative Provisions of the Customs of the PRC on the Filing of Customs Declaration Entities (《中華人民共和國海關報關單位備案管理規定》) which promulgated by the General Administration of Customs of China on November 19, 2021 and took effect on January 1, 2022. As of now, local customs no longer issue the “Custom Registration Certificate for Declaration Units of the PRC”, subsequent enterprises shall comply with the Administrative Provisions of the Customs of the PRC on the Filing of Customs Declaration Entities.

According to the Administrative Provisions of the Customs of the PRC on the Filing of Customs Declaration Entities, consignors or consignees of imported or exported goods or customs declaration enterprises that apply for record-filing shall obtain market entity qualifications. Due to the involvement of technology or product import and export in the business, the Company and iMotion Electronics have respectively obtained the Custom Registration Certificate for Declaration Units of the PRC in 2019 and 2018. According to the Announcement on Cancelling the Validity Period of Registration for Customs Declaration Enterprises and Their Branches(《關於取消報關企業和報關企業分支機構註冊登記有效期的公告》) which is promulgated on December 24, 2019, the validity period of registration for customs declaration enterprises and their branches will be cancelled nationwide from the date of the Announcement, and such registration will be valid on a long-term basis. Any customs declaration enterprise or its branch whose Custom Registration Certificate for Declaration Units of the PRC with an expiration date after December 1, 2019 has been issued before the date of the Announcement, does not need to renew the certificate, and the application of such enterprise or its branch for other relevant customs services will not be affected. Therefore, the Company and iMotion Electronics have obtained the Custom Registration Certificate for Declaration Units of the PRC which is valid on a long-term basis.

Regulations on Intellectual Property Rights

Patents

According to the Patent Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國專利法》) promulgated by the SCNPC on March 12, 1984, and most recently amended on October 17, 2020, the Implementation Rules of the Patent Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國專利法實施細則》), promulgated by the State Council on June 15, 2001, last amended on January 9, 2010, and effective from February 1, 2010 and the Interim Measures on the Handling of Examination Operations in relation to the Implementation of the Amended Patent Law (《關於施行修改後專利法的相關審查業務處理暫行辦法》) issued by the China National Intellectual Property Administration on January 4, 2023, invention patents are valid for 20 years, utility model patents are valid for 10 years and design patents filed no later than May 31, 2021 are valid for 10 years while design patents filed on or after June 1, 2021 are valid for 15 years, from the date of application.

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Trademarks

According to the Trademark Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國商標法》), promulgated by the SCNPC on August 23, 1982, amended on February 22, 1993, October 27, 2001, August 30, 2013 and April 23, 2019 and effective from November 1, 2019, the period of validity for a registered trademark is 10 years, commencing from the date of registration. Upon expiry of the period of validity, the registrant shall go through the formalities for renewal within twelve months prior to the date of expiry, if intending to continue to use the trademark. Where the registrant fails to do so, a grace period of six months may be granted. The period of validity for each renewal of registration is 10 years, commencing from the day immediately after the expiry of the preceding period of validity for the trademark. In the absence of a renewal upon expiry, the registered trademark shall be canceled. Industrial and commercial administrative authorities have the authority to investigate any behavior in infringement of the exclusive right under a registered trademark in accordance with the law. In the case of a suspected criminal offense, the case shall be timely referred to a judicial authority and decided according to law.

Domain Names

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Measures for Internet Domain Names (《互聯網域名管理辦法》) promulgated by the MIIT on August 24, 2017 and taking effect on November 1, 2017, to establish domain name root servers and domain name root server operating organizations, domain name registration management organizations and domain registration service organizations within the territory of China, licenses from the MIIT or the telecommunications administration authority of the province, autonomous region or municipality directly under the central government shall be obtained in accordance with the relevant regulations. The domain name registration service shall be conducted following the principle of “apply first, register first”. The Notice of the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology on Regulating the Use of Domain Names in Internet Information Services (《工業和信息化部關於規範互聯網信息服務使用域名的通知》) promulgated by the MIIT on November 27, 2017 and effective on January 1, 2018 provides for the obligations of internet information service providers and other entities to fight terrorism and maintain network security.

Copyright and Software Registration

According to the Copyright Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國著作權法》) which was promulgated by the SCNPC on September 7, 1990 and implemented on June 1, 1991, and finally revised on November 11, 2020 and came into effect on June 1, 2021, and the Implementation Regulations of the Copyright Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國著作權法實施條例》) promulgated by the State Council on August 2, 2002 and implemented on September 15, 2002, and finally revised on January 30, 2013. Copyright holders enjoy a variety of personal and property rights, including the right of publication, the right of authorship, the right of reproduction, and the right of communication of information on networks.

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The Regulation on Computers Software Protection (《計算機軟件保護條例》), which was promulgated by the State Council on June 4, 1991 and amended in 2001, 2011 and 2013, respectively, was formulated for the purposes of protecting the rights and interests of copyright owners of computer software, regulating the relationship of interests generated in the development, dissemination and use of computer software, encouraging the development and application of computer software, and promoting the development of software industry and the informatization of national economy. According to the Regulation on Computer Software Protection, Chinese citizens, legal entities or other organizations are entitled to the copyright in the software which they have developed, whether published or not. A software copyright owner may register with the software registration institution recognized by the copyright administration department of the State Council. A registration certificate issued by the software registration institution is a preliminary proof of the registered items.

According to the Measures for the Registration of Computer Software Copyright (《計算機軟件著作權登記辦法》) promulgated by the National Copyright Administration on February 20, 2002, the Computer Software Protection Regulations (《計算機軟件保護條例》) revised by the State Council on January 30, 2013 taking force on March 1, 2013, the National Copyright Administration is mainly responsible for the registration and management of national software copyright, and the China Copyright Protection Center is recognized as the software registration agency. The China Copyright Protection Center will grant registration certificates to computer software copyright applicants who conform to the Measures for Registration of Computer Software Copyright and the Regulations on Computer Software Protection.

Trade Secrets

According to the PRC Anti-Unfair Competition Law (《中華人民共和國反不正當競爭法》), promulgated by the SCNPC in September 1993, as amended on November 4, 2017 and April 23, 2019 respectively, the term "trade secrets" refers to technical and business information that is unknown to the public, has utility, may create business interests or profits for its legal owners or holders, and is maintained as a secret by its legal owners or holders. Under the PRC Anti-Unfair Competition Law, business persons are prohibited from infringing others' trade secrets by: (1) obtaining the trade secrets from the legal owners or holders by any unfair methods such as theft, bribery, fraud, coercion, electronic intrusion, or any other illicit means; (2) disclosing, using or permitting others to use the trade secrets obtained illegally under item above; or (3) disclosing, using or permitting others to use the trade secrets, in violation of any contractual agreements or any requirements of the legal owners or holders to keep such trade secrets in confidence; (4) instigate, induce or assist others to violate confidentiality obligation or to violate a rights holder's requirements on keeping confidentiality of commercial secrets, so as to disclose, use or allow others to use the commercial secrets of the rights holder. If a third party knows or should have known of the above-mentioned illegal conduct but nevertheless obtains, uses or discloses trade secrets of others, the third party may be deemed to have committed a misappropriation of the others' trade secrets. The parties whose trade secrets are being misappropriated may petition for administrative corrections, and regulatory authorities may stop any illegal activities and fine infringing parties.

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Regulations on Environmental Protection and Fire Prevention

Environment Impact Assessment

According to the Environmental Protection Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國環境保護法》), promulgated by the SCNPC on December 26, 1989 and amended on April 24, 2014, the Administrative Regulations on the Environmental Protection of Construction Project (《建設項目環境保護管理條例》) (the “**Construction Environmental Protection Rule**”), promulgated by the State Council on November 29, 1998 and amended on July 16, 2017, and other relevant environmental laws and regulations, enterprises which plan to construct projects shall provide the assessment reports, assessment form, or registration form on the environmental impact of such projects with relevant environmental protection administrative authority for approval or filing. Enterprises may entrust a technical entity to conduct an environmental impact assessment of its construction projects and prepare environmental impact reports and environmental impact statements on construction projects. If a construction entity has the technical capability of environmental impact assessment, it may carry out the above activities itself.

According to the Environmental Impact Assessment Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國環境影響評價法》), promulgated by the SCNPC on October 28, 2002 and amended on July 2, 2016 and December 29, 2018 respectively, for any construction projects that have an impact on the environment, an entity is required to produce either a report, or a statement, or a registration form of such environmental impacts depending on the seriousness of effect that may be exerted on the environment.

The Construction Environmental Protection Rule also requires that upon completion of construction for which an environmental impact report or environmental impact statement is formulated, the constructor shall conduct an acceptance inspection of the environmental protection facilities pursuant to the standards and procedures stipulated by the environmental protection administrative authorities of the State Council, formulate the acceptance inspection report, and announce the acceptance inspection report pursuant to the law except for circumstances where there is a need to keep confidentiality pursuant to the provisions of the State. Where the environmental protection facilities have not undergone acceptance inspection or do not pass acceptance inspection, the construction project shall not be put into production or use.

Completion and Acceptance

The Interim Measures for Acceptance of Environmental Protection upon Completion of Construction Projects (《建設項目竣工環境保護驗收暫行辦法》) was promulgated and implemented by the former Ministry of Environmental Protection (now the Ministry of Ecology and Environment) on November 20, 2017. The Measures regulates the procedures and standards for environmental protection independent acceptance by construction units upon the completion of construction projects.

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Water Pollution and Pollutant Discharge

According to the Catalog of Classified Administration of Pollutant Discharge License for Stationary Pollution Sources (2019 Version) 《(固定污染源排污許可分類管理名錄(2019年版)》) issued by the Ministry of Ecology and Environment on December 20, 2019, key management, simplified management and registration management of pollutant discharge permits are implemented according to factors such as the amount of pollutants generated, the amount of emissions, the degree of impact on the environment, etc., and only pollutant discharge entities that implement registration management do not need to apply for a pollutant discharge permit.

Fire Protection Design Approval and Filing

The Fire Prevention Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國消防法》) (the “**Fire Prevention Law**”) was adopted on April 29, 1998 and latest amended on April 29, 2021. According to the Fire Prevention Law and other relevant laws and regulations of the PRC, the Emergency Management Authority of the State Council and its local counterparts at or above county level shall monitor and administer the fire prevention affairs. The Fire and Rescue Department of the People’s Government are responsible for implementation. The Fire Prevention Law provides that the fire prevention design or construction of a construction project must conform to the national fire prevention technical standards (as the case may be). According to the Interim Provisions on the Administration of Fire Protection Design Review and Final Inspection of Construction Projects (《建設工程消防設計審查驗收管理暫行規定》), issued by the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development on April 1, 2020 and effective on June 1, 2020, special construction projects as defined under such Interim Provisions shall conduct fire protection design review and fire protection final inspection, construction projects other than such special construction projects shall fill protection design and acceptance of the project with competent authority.

Regulation on Production Safety

Pursuant to the Production Safety Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國安全生產法》) which was promulgated on June 29, 2002 and amended on August 27, 2009, August 31, 2014 and June 10, 2021, production and operation entities shall abide by the Production Safety Law of the PRC and other laws and regulations concerning work safety, and redouble their efforts to ensure work safety by setting up and perfecting the responsibility system for work safety of all employees and rules and regulations on work safety, increasing the input and guarantee of funds, materials, technologies, and personnel in terms of work safety, improving the conditions for work safety, strengthening the development of standards and adoption of information technologies for work safety, building a dual prevention mechanism of level-to-level safety risk management and control and hidden danger identification and management, and perfecting the risk prevention and resolution mechanism, to raise the work safety level and ensure work safety.

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Regulations on Real Estates

Pursuant to the Land Administration Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國土地管理法》) promulgated by the SCNPC on June 25, 1986, latest amended on August 26, 2019 and became effective on January 1, 2020, the PRC applies a system of control over the purposes of use of land, including land for agriculture, land for construction and unused land. All units and individuals shall use land in strict compliance with the purposes of use defined in the overall plans for land utilization. Registration of the ownership and the right to the use of land shall be governed by the laws and administrative regulations relating to real estate registration and the legally registered ownership and right to the use of land shall be protected by law and may not be infringed upon by any entities or individuals.

Under the Interim Regulations on Assignment and Transfer of the Rights to the Use of the State-Owned Urban Land (2020 Revision) (《城鎮國有土地使用權出讓和轉讓暫行條例(2020修訂)》) promulgated by the State Council on November 29, 2020, a system of assignment and transfer of the right to use state-owned land was adopted. A land user shall pay land premiums to the state as consideration for the assignment of the right to use a land site within a certain term, and the land user who obtained the right to use the land may transfer, lease out, mortgage, or otherwise commercially exploit the land within the term of use. Under the Interim Regulations on Assignment and Transfer of the Rights to the Use of the State-Owned Urban Land, the local land administration authority may enter into an assignment contract with the land user for the assignment of land use rights. The land user is required to pay the land premium as provided in the assignment contract. After the full payment of the land premium, the land user must register with the land administration authority and obtain a land use rights certificate that evidences the acquisition of land use rights.

The Interim Regulations on Real Estate Registration (《不動產登記暫行條例》), promulgated by the State Council on November 24, 2014, became effective on March 1, 2015 and amended on March 24, 2019, and the Implementing Rules of the Interim Regulations on Real Estate Registration (《不動產登記暫行條例實施細則》) promulgated by the Ministry of Land and Resources on January 1, 2016 and amended on July 24, 2019, provide that, among other things, the State implements a uniform real estate registration system and the registration of real estate shall be strictly administered and carried out in a stable and continuous manner that provides convenience for people.

According to the Administrative Measures for Commodity House Leasing (《商品房屋租賃管理辦法》) which was promulgated by the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development on December 1, 2010 and came into effect on February 1, 2011, the parties to a commodity house lease shall complete the lease registration with the competent construction(real-estate) departments of the municipalities directly under the Central Government, cities and counties where the leased property is located within 30 days after the lease is executed. The competent construction (real estate) departments of the municipalities directly under the Central Government, cities and counties shall order the lease record filing to make corrections within a prescribed time limit, and shall impose a fine below RMB1,000 on individuals who fail to rectify within the specified time limit, and a fine between RMB1,000 and RMB10,000 on institutions which fail to rectify within the specified time limit.

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Regulations on Foreign Exchange

On January 29, 1996, the State Council promulgated the Administrative Regulations on Foreign Exchange of the PRC (《中華人民共和國外匯管理條例》) which became effective on April 1, 1996 and was amended on January 14, 1997 and August 5, 2008. Foreign exchange payments under current account items shall, pursuant to the administrative provisions of the foreign exchange control department of the State Council on payments of foreign currencies and purchase of foreign currencies, be made using self-owned foreign currency or foreign currency purchased from financial institutions engaging in conversion and sale of foreign currencies by presenting the valid document. Domestic entities and domestic individuals making overseas direct investments or engaging in issuance and trading of overseas securities and derivatives shall process registration formalities pursuant to the provisions of the foreign exchange control department of the State Council.

On November 19, 2012, the SAFE issued the Circular of Further Improving and Adjusting Foreign Exchange Administration Policies on Foreign Direct Investment (《國家外匯管理局關於進一步改進和調整直接投資外匯管理政策的通知》) (the “**SAFE Circular 59**”), which came into effect on December 17, 2012 and was revised on May 4, 2015, October 10, 2018 and partially abolished on December 30, 2019. The SAFE Circular 59 aims to simplify the foreign exchange procedure and promote the facilitation of investment and trade. According to the SAFE Circular 59, the opening of various special purpose foreign exchange accounts, such as pre-establishment expenses accounts, foreign exchange capital accounts and guarantee accounts, the reinvestment of RMB proceeds derived by foreign investors in the PRC, and remittance of foreign exchange profits and dividends by a foreign-invested enterprise to its foreign shareholders no longer require the approval or verification of SAFE, as well multiple capital accounts for the same entity may be opened in different provinces. Later, the SAFE promulgated the Circular on Further Simplifying and Improving Foreign Exchange Administration Policies in Respect of Direct Investment (《關於進一步簡化和改進直接投資外匯管理政策的通知》) in February 2015, which was partially abolished in December 2019 and prescribed that the bank instead of SAFE can directly handle the foreign exchange registration and approval under foreign direct investment while SAFE and its branches indirectly supervise the foreign exchange registration and approval under foreign direct investment through the bank.

On May 10, 2013, the SAFE issued the Administrative Provisions on Foreign Exchange in Domestic Direct Investment by Foreign Investors (《外國投資者境內直接投資外匯管理規定》) (the “**SAFE Circular 21**”), which became effective on May 13, 2013, amended on October 10, 2018 and partially abolished on December 30, 2019. The SAFE Circular 21 specifies that the administration by SAFE or its local branches over direct investment by foreign investors in the PRC must be conducted by way of registration and banks must process foreign exchange business relating to the direct investment in the PRC based on the registration information provided by SAFE and its branches.

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According to the Notice on Relevant Issue Concerning the Administration of Foreign Exchange for Overseas Listing (《關於境外上市外匯管理有關問題的通知》) issued by the SAFE on December 26, 2014, the domestic companies shall register the overseas listed with the foreign exchange control bureau located at its registered address in 15 working days after completion of the overseas listing and issuance. The funds raised by the domestic companies through overseas listing may be repatriated to China or deposited overseas, provided that the intended use of the fund shall be consistent with the contents of the document and other public disclosure documents.

According to the Notice of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Reforming the Management Mode of Foreign Exchange Capital Settlement of Foreign Investment Enterprises (《國家外匯管理局關於改革外商投資企業外匯資本金結匯管理方式的通知》) (the "SAFE Circular 19") promulgated on March 30, 2015, coming effective on June 1, 2015 and partially abolished on December 30, 2019, foreign-invested enterprises could settle their foreign exchange capital on a discretionary basis according to the actual needs of their business operations. Whilst, foreign-invested enterprises are prohibited to use the foreign exchange capital settled in RMB (a) for any expenditures beyond the business scope of the foreign-invested enterprises or forbidden by laws and regulations; (b) for direct or indirect securities investment; (c) to provide entrusted loans (unless permitted in the business scope), repay loans between enterprises (including advances by third parties) or repay RMB bank loans that have been on-lent to a third party; and (d) to purchase real estates not for self-use purposes (save for real estate enterprises).

On October 23, 2019, SAFE promulgated the Notice on Further Facilitating Cross-Board Trade and Investment (《國家外匯管理局關於進一步促進跨境貿易投資便利化的通知》), which became effective on the same date (except for Article 8.2, which became effective on January 1, 2020). The notice canceled restrictions on domestic equity investments made with capital funds by non-investing foreign-funded enterprises. In addition, restrictions on the use of funds for foreign exchange settlement of domestic accounts for the realization of assets have been removed and restrictions on the use and foreign exchange settlement of foreign investors' security deposits have been relaxed. Eligible enterprises in the pilot area are also allowed to use revenues under capital accounts, such as capital funds, foreign debts and overseas listing revenues for domestic payments without providing materials to the bank in advance for authenticity verification on an item by item basis, while the use of funds should be true, in compliance with applicable rules and conforming to the current capital revenue management regulations.

Labor and Social Security

According to the PRC Labor Law (《中華人民共和國勞動法》), which was promulgated by the SCNPC on July 5, 1994 and effective from January 1, 1995, and amended on August 27, 2009 and December 29, 2018 respectively, the PRC Labor Contract Law (《中華人民共和國勞動合同法》), which was promulgated by the SCNPC on June 29, 2007 and effective from January 1, 2008, and amended on December 28, 2012 and effective from July 1, 2013, and the Implementing Regulations of the Employment Contracts Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國

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勞動合同法實施條例》), which was promulgated by the State Council on September 18, 2008, labor contracts in written form shall be executed to establish labor relationships between employers and employees. In addition, wages cannot be lower than the local minimum wage. The employers must establish a system for labor safety and sanitation, strictly abide by State rules and standards, provide education regarding labor safety and sanitation to its employees, provide employees with labor safety and sanitation conditions and necessary protection materials in compliance with State rules, and carry out regular health examinations for employees engaged in work involving occupational hazards.

According to the Social Insurance Law of PRC (《中華人民共和國社會保險法》), which was promulgated by the SCNPC on October 28, 2010 and effective from July 1, 2011, and amended on December 29, 2018, the Interim Regulations on the Collection and Payment of Social Security Funds (《社會保險費徵繳暫行條例》), which was promulgated by the State Council on January 22, 1999 and amended on March 24, 2019, and the Regulations on the Administration of Housing Provident Funds (《住房公積金管理條例》), which was promulgated by the State Council on April 3, 1999 and amended on March 24, 2002 and March 24, 2019, employers are required to open social insurance account and housing provident fund account within 30 days from the date of establishment, and employers are also required to contribute, on behalf of their employees, to a number of social security funds, including funds for basic pension insurance, unemployment insurance, basic medical insurance, occupational injury insurance, maternity insurance and to housing provident funds. Any employer who fails to contribute may be fined and ordered to make good the deficit within a stipulated time limit.

Regulations on Taxation

Enterprise Income Tax (“EIT”)

According to the Enterprise Income Tax Law of the PRC (《中華人民共和國企業所得稅法》) (the “**EIT Law**”), promulgated by the NPC on March 16, 2007, which became effective on January 1, 2008 and was amended on February 24, 2017 and December 29, 2018, and the Implementation Rules of the EIT Law (《中華人民共和國企業所得稅法實施條例》), promulgated by the State Council on December 6, 2007, which became effective on January 1, 2008, and amended on April 23, 2019, a domestic enterprise which is established within the PRC in accordance with the laws or established in accordance with any laws of foreign country (region) but with an actual management entity within the PRC shall be regarded as a resident enterprise. A resident enterprise shall be subject to an EIT of 25% of any income generated within or outside the PRC. A preferential EIT rate shall be applicable to any key industry or project which is supported or encouraged by the State. High and new technology enterprises which are supported by the State may enjoy a reduced EIT rate of 15%.

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Value-Added Tax (“VAT”)

Pursuant to the Provisional Regulations of the PRC on Value-added Tax (《中華人民共和國增值稅暫行條例》), promulgated by the State Council on December 13, 1993 and newly amended on November 19, 2017, and the Detailed Rules for the Implementation of the Provisional Regulations of the PRC on Value-added Tax (《中華人民共和國增值稅暫行條例實施細則》), promulgated by the MOF and the STA on December 25, 1993 and latest amended on October 28, 2011 and came into effect on November 1, 2011 (collectively, the “**VAT Law**”), all enterprises and individuals engaged in the sale of goods, the provision of processing, repairing and replacement of services, and the importation of goods within the territory of the PRC must pay value-added tax. On November 19, 2017, the State Council promulgated the Decisions on Abolition of the Provisional Regulations of the PRC on Business Tax and Revision of the Provisional Regulations of the PRC on Value-added Tax (《關於廢止<中華人民共和國營業稅暫行條例>和修改<中華人民共和國增值稅暫行條例>的決定》) (the “**Order 691**”). According to the VAT Law and Order 691, all enterprises and individuals engaged in the sale of goods, the provision of processing, repairing and replacement of services, sales of services, intangible assets, real property, and the importation of goods within the territory of the PRC are taxpayers of VAT and shall pay the VAT in accordance with the law and regulation. The VAT tax rates generally applicable are simplified as 17%, 11%, 6% and 0%, and the VAT tax rate applicable to the small-scale taxpayers is 3%. The Notice of the Ministry of Finance and the State Administration of Taxation on Adjusting Value-added Tax Rates (《財政部、稅務總局關於調整增值稅稅率的通知》), was promulgated on April 4, 2018 and came into effect on May 1, 2018. The VAT tax rates of 17% and 11% are changed to 16% and 10%, respectively. On March 20, 2019, the MOF, STA and General Administration of Customs jointly promulgated the Announcement on Policies for Deeping the VAT Reform (《關於深化增值稅改革有關政策的公告》) (the “**Notice 39**”), which came into effect on April 1, 2019. Pursuant to Notice 39, the tax rate of 16% applicable to the VAT taxable sale or import of goods shall be adjusted to 13%, and the tax rate of 10% applicable thereto shall be adjusted to 9%.

Regulations on the H Share Full Circulation

“Full circulation” means listing and circulating on the stock exchange of the domestic unlisted shares of an H-share listed company, including unlisted domestic shares held by domestic shareholders prior to overseas listing, unlisted domestic shares additionally issued after overseas listing, and unlisted shares held by foreign shareholders. On August 10, 2023, the China Securities Regulatory Commission (the “**CSRC**”) issued the Guidelines for the “Full Circulation” Program for Domestic Unlisted Shares of H-share Listed Companies (2023 Revision) (《H股公司境內未上市股份申請“全流通”業務指引(2023修正)》) (the “**Guidelines for the Full Circulation**”).

According to the Guidelines for the Full Circulation, shareholders of domestic unlisted shares may determine by themselves through consultation the amount and proportion of shares, for which an application will be filed for circulation, provided that the requirements laid down in the relevant laws and regulations and set out in the policies for state-owned asset administration, foreign investment and industry regulation are met, and the corresponding H-share listed company may be entrusted to file with the CSRC. And domestic companies limited by shares that have not been listed may file with the CSRC for the “Full circulation” at the time of their initial public offering and listing overseas.

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On December 31, 2019, CSDC and the Shenzhen Stock Exchange (the “SZSE”) jointly announced the Measures for Implementation of H-share Full Circulation Business (《H股“全流通”業務實施細則》) (the “**Measures for Implementation**”). The businesses in relation to the H-share full circulation business, such as cross-border transfer registration, maintenance of deposit and holding details, transaction entrustment and instruction transmission, settlement, management of settlement participants, services of nominal holders, etc. are subject to the Measures for Implementation.

In order to fully promote the reform of H-share full circulation and clarify the business arrangement and procedures for the relevant shares’ registration, custody, settlement and delivery, CSDC promulgated the Circular on Issuing the Guide to the Program for Full Circulation of H-shares (《H股“全流通”業務指南》) on February 7, 2020, which specifies the business preparation, account arrangement, cross-border share transfer registration and overseas centralized custody, and other relevant matters. In February 2020, China Securities Depository and Clearing (Hong Kong) Limited also promulgated the Guide of China Securities Depository and Clearing (Hong Kong) Limited to the Program for Full Circulation of H-shares to specify the relevant escrow, custody, agent service, arrangement for settlement and delivery, risk management measures and other relevant matters.

According to the Measures for Implementation and the Guide to the Program for Full Circulation of H-shares, shareholders who apply for H Share Full Circulation (the “**Participating Shareholders**”) shall complete the cross-border transfer registration for conversion of relevant domestic unlisted shares into H Shares before dealing in the shares, i.e., CSDC as the nominal shareholder, deposits the relevant securities held by Participating Shareholders at China Securities Depository and Clearing (Hong Kong) Limited (the “**CSDC (Hong Kong)**”), and CSDC (Hong Kong) will then deposit the securities at HKSCC in its own name, and exercise the rights to the securities issuer through HKSCC, while HKSCC Nominees as the ultimate nominal shareholder is listed on the register of shareholders of H-share listed companies.

According to the Guide to the Program for Full Circulation of H-shares, H-share listed companies shall be authorized by Participating Shareholders to designate the only domestic securities company (the “**Domestic Securities Company**”) to participate in the transaction of converted H shares. The specific procedure is as follows:

Participating Shareholders submit trading orders of the converted H Shares through the Domestic Securities Company, which transmits the orders to the Hong Kong Securities Company designated by the Domestic Securities Company through Shenzhen Securities Communications Co., Ltd.; and Hong Kong Securities Company conducts corresponding securities transactions in the Hong Kong market in accordance with the aforementioned trading orders and the rules of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

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According to the Guide to the Program for Full Circulation of H-shares, upon the completion of the transaction, settlements between each of the Hong Kong Securities Company and CSDC (Hong Kong), CSDC (Hong Kong) and CSDC, CSDC and the Domestic Securities Company, and the Domestic Securities Company and the Participating Shareholders, will all be conducted separately.

Regulations Relating to Overseas Securities Offering and Listing

The CSRC promulgated the Trial Administrative Measures of Overseas Securities Offering and Listing by Domestic Companies (《境內企業境外發行證券和上市管理試行辦法》) (the “**Overseas Listing Trial Measures**”) and five relevant guidelines on February 17, 2023, which took effect on March 31, 2023. The Overseas Listing Trial Measures comprehensively reformed the regulatory regime for overseas offering and listing of PRC domestic companies’ securities, either directly or indirectly, into a filing-based system.

According to the Overseas Listing Trial Measures, the PRC domestic companies that seek to offer and list securities in overseas markets, either in direct or indirect means, are required to fulfill the filing procedure with the CSRC and report relevant information. The Overseas Listing Trial Measures provides that an overseas listing or offering is explicitly prohibited, if any of the following applies: (i) such securities offering or listing is explicitly prohibited by provisions in PRC laws, administrative regulations or relevant state rules; (ii) the proposed securities offering or listing may endanger national security as reviewed and determined by competent authorities under the State Council in accordance with laws; (iii) the domestic company intending to be listed or offer securities in overseas markets, or its controlling shareholder(s) and the actual controller, have committed crimes such as corruption, bribery, embezzlement, misappropriation of property or undermining the order of the socialist market economy during the latest three years; (iv) the domestic company intending to be listed or offer securities in overseas markets is currently under investigations for suspicion of criminal offenses or major violations of laws and regulations, and no conclusion has yet been made thereof; or (v) there are material ownership disputes over equity held by the domestic company’s controlling shareholder(s) or by other shareholder(s) that are controlled by the controlling shareholder(s) and/or actual controller.

Where an issuer submits an application for initial public offering to competent overseas regulators, filing application with the CSRC shall be submitted within three business days thereafter. Subsequent securities offering of an issuer in the same overseas market where it has previously offered and listed securities shall be filed with the CSRC within three business days after the offering is completed. Subsequent securities offering and listing of an issuer in other overseas markets shall be filed as initial public offering.

Moreover, upon the occurrence of any of the material events specified below after an issuer has offered and listed securities in an overseas market, the issuer shall submit a report thereof to CSRC within 3 working days after the occurrence and public disclosure of the event: (i) change of control; (ii) investigations or sanctions imposed by overseas securities regulatory agencies or other relevant competent authorities; (iii) change of listing status or transfer of

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listing segment; (iv) voluntary or mandatory delisting. Where an issuer’s main business undergoes material changes after overseas offering and listing, and is therefore beyond the scope of business stated in the filing documents, such issuer shall submit to the CSRC an ad hoc report and a relevant legal opinion issued by a domestic law firm within 3 working days after occurrence of the changes.

On February 24, 2023, the CSRC and other relevant government authorities promulgated the Provisions on Strengthening the Confidentiality and Archives Administration of Overseas Securities Issuance and Listing by Domestic Enterprises (《關於加強境內企業境外發行證券和上市相關保密和檔案管理工作的規定》) (the “**Provision on Confidentiality**”), which took effect on March 31, 2023. Pursuant to the Provision on Confidentiality, where a domestic enterprise provides or publicly discloses to the relevant securities companies, securities service institutions, overseas regulatory authorities and other entities and individuals, or provides or publicly discloses through its overseas listing subjects, documents and materials involving state secrets and working secrets of state organs, it shall report the same to the competent department with the examination and approval authority for approval in accordance with the law, and submit the same to the secrecy administration department of the same level for filing. Domestic enterprises providing accounting archives or copies thereof to entities and individuals concerned such as securities companies, securities service institutions and overseas regulatory authorities shall perform the corresponding procedures pursuant to the relevant provisions of the State.