

## EXPECTED TIMETABLE

2004  
(Note 3)

Application lists in respect of  
Public Offer open (Note 1) ..... 11:45 a.m. on Friday, 3 December

Latest time to lodge **WHITE** and **YELLOW**  
Application Forms ..... 12:00 noon on Friday, 3 December

Application lists in respect of  
Public Offer close (Note 1) ..... 12:00 noon on Friday, 3 December

Announcement of the levels of indication  
of interests in the Placing, results  
of the applications under the Public Offer  
and basis of allotment of the Public Offer  
Shares to be published in the South China  
Morning Post (in English) and the Hong  
Kong Economic Times (in Chinese) on ..... Wednesday, 8 December

Despatch/collection of share certificates and refund  
cheques in respect of wholly or partially  
unsuccessful applications on (Note 2) ..... Wednesday, 8 December

Dealings in the Shares on the Main Board  
to commence on ..... Thursday, 9 December

### Notes:

1. If a "black" rainstorm warning signal or a tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above is in force in Hong Kong at any time between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Friday, 3 December, 2004, the application lists will not open or close on that day. Please refer to the paragraph headed "Effect of bad weather on the opening of the application lists" on page 157 of this prospectus.
2. Applicants who have applied on **WHITE** Application Forms for 1,000,000 Public Offer Shares or more may collect their share certificates and/or refund cheques (if any) in person. In order to do so, applicants must tick the appropriate box on their **WHITE** Application Form and provide the particulars specified in that form. These applicants may collect their share certificates and refund cheques (if any) from the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 8 December, 2004. Applicants being individuals who opt for personal collection must not authorise any other persons to make their collection on their behalf. Applicants being corporations who opt for personal collection must attend by their authorised representatives bearing letters of authorisation from their corporations duly stamped with the corporations' chops. Both individuals and authorised representatives of corporations (where applicable) must produce, at the time of collection, evidence of identity acceptable to Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited.

Applicants who have applied on **YELLOW** Application Forms for 1,000,000 Public Offer Shares or more may collect their refund cheques (if any) in person but may not elect to collect their share certificates, which will be deposited into CCASS for credit to their designated CCASS participants' stock accounts or investor participants' stock accounts, as appropriate. The procedures for collection of refund cheques for **YELLOW** Application Form applicants is the same as those for **WHITE** Application Form applicants.

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Uncollected share certificates and/or refund cheques (if any) will be despatched by ordinary post at the applicants' own risk to the addresses specified in the relevant Application Forms promptly after the expiry of the time for their collection. Please refer to the paragraph headed "Collection/posting of share certificate(s)/refund cheque(s) and deposit of share certificate(s) into CCASS" on pages 158 to 160 of this prospectus for further details. Part of the Hong Kong identity card number/passport number of an applicant, or, if the applicants are joint applicants, part of the Hong Kong identity card number/passport number of the first-named applicant, provided by the applicants may be printed on the refund cheque, if any. Such data would also be transferred to a third party for refund purpose. The banker may require verification of the applicant's Hong Kong identity card number/passport number before encashment of the refund cheque. Inaccurate completion of the applicant's Hong Kong identity card number/passport number may lead to delay in encashment of or may invalidate the refund cheque.

3. In this prospectus, unless otherwise stated, all times and dates refer to Hong Kong local times and dates.

For details of the structure of the Share Offer, including conditions, see the section headed "Structure and conditions of the Share Offer" on pages 146 to 152 of this prospectus.