

Corporate Governance ▶▶

The Company strives to attain and maintain high standards of corporate governance best suited to the needs and interests of the Company and its subsidiaries (together, the "Group") as it believes that effective corporate governance practices are fundamental to safeguarding interests of shareholders and other stakeholders and enhancing shareholder value. Accordingly, the Company has adopted and applied sound corporate governance principles that emphasise a quality board of Directors (the "Board"), effective internal controls, stringent disclosure practices and transparency and accountability. It is, in addition, committed to continuously improving these practices and inculcating an ethical corporate culture.

Compliance with the Corporate Governance Code

The Company has been compliant throughout the six months ended 30 June 2013 with all code provisions of the Corporate Governance Code contained in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules"), other than those in respect of the nomination committee. The Company has considered the merits of establishing a nomination committee but is of the view that it is in the best interests of the Company that the Board collectively reviews, deliberates on and approves the structure, size and composition of the Board and the appointment of any new Director, as and when appropriate. The Board is tasked with ensuring that it has a balanced composition of skills and experience appropriate for the requirements of the businesses of the Group and that appropriate individuals with the relevant expertise and leadership qualities are appointed to the Board to complement the capabilities of the existing Directors. In addition, the Board as a whole is also responsible for reviewing the succession plan for Directors, including the Chairman of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer & Group Managing Director.

Compliance with the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of the Company

The Board has adopted its own Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors (the "Securities Code") on terms no less exacting than the required standard of the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as the code of conduct of the Group regarding securities transactions of Directors. In response to specific enquiries made, all Directors confirmed that they have complied with the Securities Code in their securities transactions throughout the accounting period covered by this interim report.