



HENDERSON INVESTMENT LIMITED

恒基兆業發展有限公司

Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability
(Stock Code : 97)

Terms of Reference of the Audit Committee

The terms of reference of the Audit Committee include the following duties:

Relationship with the Company's auditors

- (a) to be primarily responsible for making recommendations to the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board") on the appointment, reappointment and removal of the external auditor, and to approve the remuneration and terms of engagement of the external auditor, and any questions of its resignation or dismissal;
- (b) to review and monitor the external auditor's independence and objectivity and the effectiveness of the audit process in accordance with applicable standards. The audit committee should discuss with the auditor the nature and scope of the audit and reporting obligations before the audit commences; and to act as the key representative body for overseeing the Company's relations with the external auditor;
- (c) to develop and implement policy on engaging an external auditor to supply non-audit services. For this purpose, "external auditor" includes any entity that is under common control, ownership or management with the audit firm or any entity that a reasonable and informed third party knowing all relevant information would reasonably conclude to be part of the audit firm nationally or internationally. The audit committee should report to the Board, identifying and making recommendations on any matters where action or improvement is needed;

Review of the Company's financial information

- (d) to monitor integrity of the Company's financial statements, annual report and accounts, half-year report and, if prepared for publication, quarterly reports, and to review significant financial reporting judgements contained in them. In reviewing these reports before submission to the Board, the committee should focus particularly on:
 - (i) any changes in accounting policies and practices;
 - (ii) major judgmental areas;
 - (iii) significant adjustments resulting from audit;
 - (iv) the going concern assumptions and any qualifications;

- (v) compliance with accounting standards; and
 - (vi) compliance with the Exchange Listing Rules and legal requirements in relation to financial reporting;
- (e) Regarding (d) above:
- (i) members of the committee should liaise with the Board and senior management and the committee must meet, at least twice a year, with the Company's auditors; and
 - (ii) the committee should consider any significant or unusual items that are, or may need to be, reflected in the report and accounts, it should give due consideration to any matters that have been raised by the Company's staff responsible for the accounting and financial reporting function, compliance officer or auditors;

Oversight of the Company's financial reporting system, risk management (including ESG risks) and internal control systems

- (f) to review the Company's financial controls, internal control and risk management systems;
- (g) to discuss with management to evaluate if management has performed its duty to ensure the systems in item (f) are effective. This discussion should include the adequacy of resources, staff qualifications and experience, training programmes and budget of the Company's accounting, internal audit, financial reporting functions, as well as those relating to the Company's ESG performance and reporting;
- (h) to consider major investigation findings on risk management and internal control matters as delegated by the Board or on its own initiative and management's response to these findings;
- (i) to ensure co-ordination between the internal and external auditors, and to ensure that the internal audit function is adequately resourced and has appropriate standing within the Company, and to review and monitor its effectiveness;
- (j) to review the group's financial and accounting policies and practices;
- (k) to review the external auditor's management letter, any material queries raised by the auditor to management about accounting records, financial accounts or systems of control and management's response;
- (l) to ensure that the Board will provide a timely response to the issues raised in the external auditor's management letter;

- (m) to review arrangements employees of the Company can use, in confidence, to raise concerns about possible improprieties in financial reporting, internal control or other matters. The audit committee should ensure that proper arrangements are in place for fair and independent investigation of these matters and for appropriate follow-up action;
- (n) to report back to the Board on the committee's decisions or recommendations, as appropriate and when necessary, unless there are legal or regulatory restrictions on its ability to do so; and
- (o) to consider other topics, as defined by the Board.