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1. Class of shares	Ordinary shares	Type of shares	Not applicable	Listed on the Exchange (Note 1)	Yes	
Stock code (if listed)	00148	Description				
		Number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares)	Number of treasury shares	Total number of issued shares		
Balance at close of preceding month		1,108,311,736	0	1,108,311,736		
Increase / decrease (-)		13,470,000				
Balance at close of the month		1,121,781,736	0	1,121,781,736		

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Pursuant to Main Board Rule 13.32D(1) or 19A.28D(1) / GEM Rule 17.37D(1) or 25.21D(1), we hereby confirm that, in relation to the class of shares as set out above, as at the close of the month:	
☒	the applicable public float requirement (see below) has been complied with
☐	the applicable public float requirement (see below) has not been complied with
The applicable minimum public float requirement for the class of shares as set out above pursuant to Main Board Rule 13.32B or 19A.28B / GEM Rule 17.37B or 25.21B (as the case may be) is:	
Applicable public float threshold	Initial Prescribed Threshold - 25% of the total number of issued shares in the class to which the listed shares belong (excluding treasury shares)
Additional information	



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Stock code (if listed)		00148		Description											
Particulars of share option scheme		Number of share options outstanding at close of preceding month		Movement during the month		Number of share options outstanding at close of the month		Number of new shares issued during the month pursuant thereto (A1)		Number of treasury shares transferred out of treasury during the month pursuant thereto (A2)		Number of shares which may be issued or transferred out of treasury pursuant thereto as at close of the month		The total number of shares which may be issued or transferred out of treasury upon exercise of all share options to be granted under the scheme at close of the month	
1).	Exercise price HKD30.89 per share for share options granted on 23 June 2022	16,370,000		Exercised - new shares involved		-13,470,000		2,900,000		13,470,000				46,405,223	
General Meeting approval date (if applicable) 27 May 2019															
2).	Exercise price HKD21.50 per share for share options granted on 28 July 2023	16,040,000						16,040,000						46,405,223	
General Meeting approval date (if applicable) 27 May 2019															

Increase in issued shares (excluding treasury shares): 13,470,000 Ordinary shares (AA1)

Decrease in treasury shares: Ordinary shares (AA2)

Total funds raised during the month from exercise of options: HKD 416,088,300

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Total increase/ decrease (-) in issued shares (excluding treasury shares) during the month (i.e. Total of AA1 to EE1):	13,470,000	Ordinary shares
Total increase/ decrease (-) in treasury shares during the month (i.e. Total of AA2 to EE2):		Ordinary shares

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Not applicable

Pursuant to Main Board Rule 13.25C / GEM Rule 17.27C, we hereby confirm to the best knowledge, information and belief that, in relation to each of the securities issued, or the treasury shares sold or transferred by the issuer during the month as set out in Parts III and IV which has not been previously disclosed in a return published under Main Board Rule 13.25A / GEM Rule 17.27A, it has been duly authorised by the board of directors of the listed issuer and carried out in compliance with all applicable listing rules, laws and other regulatory requirements and, insofar as applicable:

(Note 5)

- (i) all money due to the listed issuer in respect of the issue of securities, or sale or transfer of treasury shares has been received by it;
- (ii) all pre-conditions for listing imposed by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited under "Qualifications of listing" have been fulfilled;
- (iii) all (if any) conditions contained in the formal letter granting listing of and permission to deal in the securities have been fulfilled;
- (iv) all the securities of each class are in all respects identical (Note 6);
- (v) all documents required by the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance to be filed with the Registrar of Companies have been duly filed and that compliance has been made with all other legal requirements;
- (vi) all the definitive documents of title have been delivered/are ready to be delivered/are being prepared and will be delivered in accordance with the terms of issue, sale or transfer;

Notes

1. The Exchange refers to The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.
2. In the case of repurchase of shares (shares repurchased and cancelled) and redemption of shares (shares redeemed and cancelled), "date of event" should be construed as "cancellation date".
In the case of repurchase of shares (shares held as treasury shares), "date of event" should be construed as "date on which shares were repurchased and held by the issuer in treasury".
3. The information is required in the case of repurchase of shares (shares repurchased for cancellation but not yet cancelled) and redemption of shares (shares redeemed but not yet cancelled). Please state the number of shares repurchased or redeemed during the month or in preceding month(s) but pending cancellation as at close of the month as a negative number.
4. "Initial Prescribed Threshold", "Alternative Threshold" and "market value" have the meanings ascribed thereto under Main Board Rule 13.32A or 19A.28A / GEM Rule 17.37A or 25.21A. See also Main Board Rule 13.32D(4) or 19A.28D(4) / GEM Rule 17.37D(4) or 25.21D(4) on the basis of the public float disclosure.
5. Items (i) to (viii) are suggested forms of confirmation. The listed issuer may amend the item(s) that is/are not applicable to meet individual cases. Where the issuer has already made the relevant confirmations in a return published under Main Board Rule 13.25A / GEM Rule 17.27A in relation to the securities issued, or the treasury shares sold or transferred, no further confirmation is required to be made in this return.
6. "Identical" means in this context:
 - the securities are of the same nominal value with the same amount called up or paid up;
 - they are entitled to dividend/interest at the same rate and for the same period, so that at the next ensuing distribution, the dividend/interest payable per unit will amount to exactly the same sum (gross and net); and
 - they carry the same rights as to unrestricted transfer, attendance and voting at meetings and rank pari passu in all other respects.