

Sinyi Realty Inc.  
The Corporate Governance Principles

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**Chapter I General Principles**

**Article 1**

In order to establish a sound corporate governance system and build an effective corporate governance framework, Sinyi Realty Inc. (hereinafter, "the Company") set forth the Corporate Governance Principles (hereinafter, "the Principles") below in accordance with the Corporate Governance Best-Practice Principles for TWSE/GTSM Listed Companies announced by the Taiwan Stock Exchange Corporation (hereinafter, "TWSE") and the GreTai Securities Market (hereinafter, "TWSE"). The Company shall disclose the Principles on the Market Observatory Post System (MOPS).

**Article 2**

When setting up the corporate governance system, in addition to complying with relevant laws, regulations, articles of incorporation, contracts signed with the TWSE and other relevant regulations, the Company shall follow the following principles:

1. Protect the rights and interests of shareholders.
2. Strengthen the powers of the board of directors.
3. Fulfill the function of the audit committee and remuneration committee.
4. Respect the rights and interests of stakeholders.
5. Enhance information transparency.

**Article 3**

The Company shall follow the Criteria Governing Establishment of Internal Control Systems by Public Reporting Companies and take into consideration the overall operational activities of itself and its subsidiaries to design and fully implement an internal control system, and shall conduct continuing reviews of the system, in order to ensure the continued effectiveness of its design and implementation in light of changes in the company's internal and external environment.

The Company shall establish communication channels and mechanisms between their independent directors, audit committees, and chief internal auditors, and the convener of the audit committee shall the communications between members of the audit committees and chief internal auditor at the shareholders' meeting.

Directors shall periodically hold discussions with their internal auditors to review the internal control system deficiencies. A record of the discussions shall be kept.

The management of the Company shall pay special attention to the internal audit department and its personnel, fully empower them and urge them to conduct audits effectively, to evaluate problems of the internal control system and assess the efficiency of its operations to ensure that the system can operate effectively on an on-going basis,

and to assist the board of directors and the management to perform their duties effectively so as to ensure a sound corporate governance system.

The appointment and dismissal of the chief internal audit officer shall be approved by the audit committee and then dissolved by the board of directors of the Company. His/her evaluation and review, salary and compensation shall be approved by the remuneration committee and then dissolved by the board of directors of the Company. The chief internal audit officer shall report his/her internal audit staff's appointment and dismissal and evaluation and review, salary and compensation to the board chairperson for approval.

#### **Article 3-1**

The Company should have an adequate number of corporate governance personnel with appropriate qualifications based on the size of the Company, business situations and management needs, and shall appoint in accordance with the requirements of the competent authorities or TWSE a chief corporate governance officer as the primary officer to be in charge of corporate governance affairs. The said officer shall be a qualified, practice-eligible lawyer or accountant or has been in a managerial position for at least three years in a securities, financial, or futures related institution or a public company in handling legal affairs, legal compliance, internal audit, financial affairs, stock affairs, or corporate governance affairs.

The corporate governance affairs mentioned in the preceding paragraph shall include at least the following items:

1. Handling matters relating to meetings of the board and its functional committees and shareholders meetings in accordance with laws
2. Taking minutes of meetings of the board and its functional committees and shareholders meetings
3. Assisting in onboarding and continuous development of directors of the board and its functional committee members
4. Furnishing information required for business execution by directors of the board and its functional committee members
5. Assisting directors of the board and its functional committee members with legal compliance
6. Other matters set out in the articles or corporation or contracts

## **Chapter II Protection of Shareholders' Rights and Interests**

### **Section 1 Encouraging Shareholders to Participate in Corporate Governance**

#### **Article 4**

The corporate governance system of the Company shall protect shareholders' rights and interests and treat all shareholders fairly.

The Company shall establish a corporate governance system which ensures

shareholders' rights of being fully informed of, participating in and making decisions over important matters of the company.

#### **Article 5**

The Company shall convene shareholders meetings in accordance with the Company's Act and relevant laws and regulations, and provide comprehensive rules for such meetings. The Company shall faithfully implement resolutions adopted by shareholders meetings in accordance with the rules for the meetings.

Resolutions adopted by the Company's shareholders in the shareholders meetings shall comply with laws, regulations and articles of incorporation.

#### **Article 6**

The board of directors of The Company shall properly arrange the agenda for discussion and procedures for shareholders meetings, and formulate the principles and procedures for shareholder nominations of directors and submissions of shareholder proposals. The board shall also properly handle the proposals duly submitted by shareholders.

Arrangements shall be made to hold shareholders meetings at a convenient location, with sufficient time allowed and assign an adequate number of suitable personnel to handle attendance registrations. No arbitrary requirements shall be imposed on shareholders to provide additional evidentiary documents showing eligibility to attend.

For a shareholders meeting called by the board of directors, it is advisable that the board chairperson shall take charge of the meeting and that the majority of the directors attend in person (including at least one independent director) and convener of the audit committee attend in person, and that at least one member of other functional committee attend as representative. Attendance details should be recorded in the shareholders meeting minutes.

The chairperson of the shareholders' meeting shall make full clarification of each proposal. Shareholders shall be granted an appropriate opportunity to make statements and reasonable time to deliberate each proposal before the resolution is made.

Participating in the shareholders' meeting via simultaneous video is deemed as attendance in person.

#### **Article 7**

The Company shall encourage its shareholders to actively participate in corporate governance. The company shall engage a professional shareholder services agent to handle shareholders meeting matters, so that shareholders meetings can proceed on a legal, effective and secured basis. Except the special circumstances, the Company shall seek all ways and means, including fully exploiting technologies for information disclosure, to upload annual reports, annual financial statements, notices, agendas and supplementary information of shareholders meetings in both Chinese and English concurrently, and shall adopt electronic voting, in order to enhance shareholders' attendance rates at shareholders meetings and ensure their exercise of rights at such meetings in accordance with laws.

The Company shall avoid raising extempore motions and amendments to original proposals at a shareholders meeting, and should adopt a candidate nomination system for the election of directors and supervisors in the current year.

The Company shall arrange for their shareholders to vote on each separate proposal in the shareholders meeting agenda, and following conclusion of the meeting, to disclose the results of shareholders' approval, opposition or abstention on the Market Observation Post System.

If the company distributes souvenirs at its shareholders meeting, it shall not have differential treatment or discrimination.

#### **Article 8**

The Company, in accordance with the Company Act and other applicable laws and regulations, shall record in the shareholders meeting minutes the date and place of the meeting, the name of the chairperson, the method of adopting resolutions, and a summary of the essential points of the proceedings and the results of the meeting. With respect to the election of directors, the meeting minutes shall record the method of voting adopted therefore and the total number of votes for the elected directors.

The shareholders meeting minutes shall be properly and perpetually kept by the company during its legal existence, and should be fully disclosed on the company's website.

#### **Article 9**

The chairperson of the shareholders meetings shall be fully familiar and comply with the rules governing the proceedings of the shareholders meetings established by the company. The chairperson shall ensure the proper progress of the proceedings of the meetings and may not adjourn the meetings at will.

In order to protect the interests of most shareholders, if the chairperson declares the adjournment of the meeting in a manner in violation of rules governing the proceedings of the shareholders meetings, it is advisable for the members of the board of directors other than the chairperson to promptly assist the attending shareholders at the shareholders meeting in electing a new chairperson to continue the proceedings of the meeting, by a resolution to be adopted by a majority of the votes represented by the shareholders attending the said meeting in accordance with the legal procedures.

#### **Article 10**

The Company shall pay more attention to the shareholders' right to know, and shall faithfully comply with applicable regulations regarding information disclosure in order to provide shareholders with regular and timely information on company financial conditions and operations, insider shareholdings, and corporate governance status through the MOPS or the website established by the company.

It is advisable that the Company concurrently disclose the information under the preceding paragraph in English.

To maintain the normal order of the security trading market, the Company shall adopt internal rules prohibiting company insiders from trading the Company's securities using information not disclosed to the market.

The rules mentioned in the preceding paragraph shall include stock trading control measures from the date insiders of the Company become aware of the contents of the company's financial reports or relevant results.

#### **Article 11**

The shareholders shall be entitled to profit distributions by the Company. In order to

ensure the investment interests of shareholders, the shareholders meeting may, pursuant to Article 184 of the Company Act, examine the statements and books prepared and submitted by the board of directors and the reports submitted by the audit committee, and may decide profit distributions and deficit off-setting plans by resolution. In order to proceed with the above examination, the shareholders meeting may appoint an inspector.

The shareholders may, pursuant to Article 245 of the Company Act, apply with the court to select an inspector in examining the accounting records and assets, particulars, documents and records of specific transaction of the Company.

The board of directors, audit committee, and managers of the Company shall fully cooperate in the examination conducted by the inspectors in the aforesaid two paragraphs without any circumvention, obstruction or rejection.

## **Article 12**

In entering into material financial and business transactions such as acquisition or disposal of assets, lending funds, and making endorsements or providing guarantees, the Company shall proceed in accordance with the applicable laws and/or regulations and establish operating procedures in relation to these material financial and business transactions which shall be reported to and approved by the shareholders meeting so as to protect the interests of the shareholders.

When the Company is involved in a merger, acquisition or public tender offer, in addition to proceeding in accordance with the applicable laws and/or regulations, it shall not only pay attention to the fairness, rationality, etc. of the plan and transaction of the merger, acquisition or public tender offer, but information disclosure and the soundness of the company's financial structure thereafter.

The relevant personnel of the Company handling the matters in the preceding paragraph shall pay attention to the occurrence of any conflicts of interest and the need for recusal.

When the Company makes investment decision, it is advised to take the corporate governance of the investees into consideration as reference of investment.

## **Article 13**

In order to protect the interests of the shareholders, the Company should designate personnel exclusively dedicated to handling shareholders' proposals, inquiries, and disputes.

The Company shall actively and properly respond any legal action duly instituted by shareholders in which it is claimed that shareholder rights and interests were damaged by a resolution adopted at a shareholders meeting or a board of directors meeting in violation of applicable laws, regulations, or the Company's articles of incorporation, or that such damage was caused by a breach of applicable laws, regulations or the Company's articles of incorporation by any directors or managers in performing their duties. If claim of the legal action has abundant evidence, the Company shall take the initiative to deal with it by the law.

The Company shall adopt internal procedures for appropriate handling of matters referred to in the preceding two paragraphs, and that it keep relevant written records for future reference and incorporate the procedures in its internal control system for management purposes.

### **Article 13-1**

The Company's board of directors is responsible for establishing a mechanism for interaction with shareholders to enhance mutual understanding of the development of company's objectives.

### **Article 13-2**

In addition to communicating with shareholders through shareholders meetings and encouraging shareholders to participate in such meetings, the board of directors of the Company together with officers and independent directors shall engage with shareholders in an efficient manner to ascertain shareholders' views and concerns, and expound company policies explicitly, in order to gain shareholders' support.

## **Section 2 Corporate Governance Relationships between the Company and Its Affiliated Enterprises**

### **Article 14**

The Company shall clearly identify the objectives and the division of authority and responsibility between it and its affiliated enterprises with respect to management of personnel, assets, and financial matters, and shall properly carry out risk assessments and establish appropriate firewalls.

### **Article 15**

Unless otherwise provided by the laws and regulations, a manager of the Company may not serve as a manager of its affiliated enterprises.

A director who engages in any transaction within the scope of the Company's operations for himself or on behalf of other persons shall explain the major content of such actions to the shareholders meeting and obtain its consent.

### **Article 16**

The Company shall establish sound objectives and systems for management of finance, operations, and accounting in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. It shall further, together with its affiliated enterprises, properly conduct an overall risk assessment of major banks they deal with and customers and suppliers, and implement the necessary control mechanisms to reduce business and credit risk.

### **Article 17**

When the Company and its affiliated enterprises enter into inter-company business transactions, a written agreement governing the relevant financial and business operations between them shall be made in accordance with the principle of fair dealing and reasonableness. Price and payment terms shall be definitively stipulated when contracts are signed, and non-arm's length transactions shall be prohibited.

All transactions or contracts made by and between the Company and its affiliated persons or shareholders shall follow the principles set forth in the preceding paragraph, and improper channeling of profits is strictly prohibited.

### **Article 18**

A corporate shareholder having controlling power over the Company shall comply with the following provisions:

1. It shall bear a duty of good faith to other shareholders and shall not directly or indirectly cause the Company to conduct any business which is contrary to normal

business practice or not profitable.

2. Its representative shall follow the rules implemented by the Company with respect to the exercise of rights and participation of resolution, so that at a shareholders meeting, the representative shall exercise his/her voting right in good faith and for the best interest of all shareholders and shall exercise the fiduciary duty and duty of care of a director.
3. It shall comply with relevant laws, regulations and the articles of incorporation of the Company in nominating directors and shall not act beyond the authority granted by the shareholders meeting or board meeting.
4. It shall not improperly intervene in corporate policy making or obstruct corporate management activities.
5. It shall not restrict or impede the management or production of the Company by methods of unfair competition such as monopolizing corporate procurement or foreclosing sales channels.
6. The representative that is designated when a corporate shareholder has been elected as a director shall meet the Company's requirements for professional qualifications. Arbitrary replacement of the corporate shareholder's representative is inappropriate.
7. If the shareholders of the Company violate the regulation in the preceding paragraph, the Company shall make proper legal treatment according to the mechanism of corporate governance.

#### **Article 19**

The Company shall retain at all times a register of major shareholders who own a relatively high percentage of shares and have controlling power, and of the persons with ultimate control over those major shareholders.

The Company shall disclose periodically important information about its shareholders holding more than 10 percent of the outstanding shares of the Company relating to the pledge, increase or decrease of share ownership, or other matters that may possibly trigger a change in the ownership of their shares.

The major shareholder indicated in the first paragraph refers to those who owns 5 percent or more of the outstanding shares of the Company or the shareholding stake thereof is on the top 10 list, provided however that the Company may set up a lower shareholding threshold according to the actual shareholding stake that may control the Company.

### **Chapter III Enhancing the Function of Board of Directors**

#### **Section 1 Structure of Board of Directors**

#### **Article 20**

The board of directors of the Company shall direct company strategies, supervise the management, and be responsible to the shareholders meetings. The various procedures and arrangements of its corporate governance system shall ensure that, in the board of directors exercising its authority in accordance with laws, regulations, the Company's articles of incorporation, and the resolutions of its shareholders meetings.

The structure of the Company's board of directors shall be determined by choosing an appropriate number of board members, not less than five, in consideration of its business

scale, the shareholdings of its major shareholders, and practical operational needs.

All members of the board shall have the knowledge, skills, and experience necessary to perform their duties. The composition of the board of directors shall be determined by taking diversity into consideration. It is advisable that directors concurrently serving as company officers not exceed one-third of the total number of the board members, and that an appropriate policy on diversity based on the Company's business operations, operating dynamics, and development needs. The policy shall include, without being limited to, the following two general standards:

1. Basic requirements and values: Gender, age, nationality, and culture.
2. Professional knowledge and skills: A professional background (e.g., law, accounting, industry, finance, marketing or technology), professional skills, and industry experience.

To achieve the ideal goal of corporate governance, the board of directors shall possess the following abilities:

1. Ability to make operational judgments.
2. Ability to perform accounting and financial analysis.
3. Ability to conduct management administration.
4. Ability to conduct crisis management.
5. Knowledge of the industry.
6. An international market perspective.
7. Ability to lead.
8. Ability to make policy decisions.

## **Article 21**

The Company shall, according to the principles for the protection of shareholder rights and interests and equitable treatment of shareholders, establish a fair, just, and open procedure for the election of directors, encourage shareholder participation, and shall adopt the cumulative voting mechanism pursuant to the Company Act in order to fully reflect shareholders' views.

Unless the competent authority otherwise grants an approval, a spousal relationship or a familial relationship within the second degree of kinship may not exist among more than half of the directors of the Company.

When the number of directors falls below five due to the discharge of a director for any reason, the Company shall hold a by-election for director at the following shareholders meeting. When the number of directors falls short by one-third of the total number prescribed by the articles of incorporation, the Company shall convene a special shareholders meeting within 60 days of the occurrence of that fact for a by-election for



director(s).

The aggregate shareholding percentage of all of the directors of the Company shall comply with the laws and regulations. Restrictions on the share transfer of each director and the creation, release, or changes of any pledges over the shares held by each director shall be subject to the relevant laws and regulations, and the relevant information shall be fully disclosed.

#### **Article 22**

The Company should specify in its articles of incorporation that it adopts the candidate nomination system for elections of directors, carefully review the qualifications of a nominated candidate and the existence of any other matters set forth in Article 30 of the Company Act, and act in accordance with Article 192-1 of the Company Act.

#### **Article 23**

Clear distinctions shall be drawn between the responsibilities and duties of the chairperson of the board of the Company and those of its general manager.

It is inappropriate for the chairperson to also act as the general manager or an equivalent post.

The Company with a functional committee shall clearly define the responsibilities and duties of the committee.

### **Section 2 Independent Director System**

#### **Article 24**

The Company shall appoint independent directors in accordance with its articles of incorporation. They shall be not less than two in number and not less than one-fifth of the total number of directors.

The independent directors shall possess professional knowledge and there shall be restrictions on their shareholdings they may concurrently hold. Applicable laws and regulations shall be observed and, in addition, an independent director shall not hold office concurrently as a director (including independent director) or supervisor of more than five other TWSE/TPEX listed companies. Independent directors shall also maintain independence within the scope of their directorial duties, and may not have any direct or indirect interest in the Company.

If the Company and its group enterprises and organizations, and another company and its group enterprises and organizations nominate for each other any director, supervisor or managerial officer as a candidate for an independent director of the other, the Company shall, at the time it receives the nominations for independent directors, disclose the fact and explain the suitability of the candidate for independent director. If the candidate is elected as an independent director, the Company shall disclose the number of votes cast in favor of the elected independent director.

The "group enterprises and organizations" in the preceding paragraph comprise the subsidiaries of the Company, any foundation to which the Company's cumulative direct or indirect contribution of funds exceeds 50 percent of its endowment, and other institutions or juristic persons that are effectively controlled by the Company.

The definition of "subsidiaries" in the preceding paragraph follows the rule of "Regulations

Governing the Preparation of Financial Reports by Securities Issuers”.

Change of status between independent directors and non-independent directors during their term of office is prohibited.

The professional qualifications, restrictions on both shareholding and concurrent positions held, determination of independence, method of nomination and other requirements with regard to the independent directors shall be set forth in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Act, the Regulations Governing Appointment of Independent Directors and Compliance Matter for Public Companies, and the rules and regulations of TWSE.

The consecutive terms of the Company's independent directors shall not be more 3 sessions of the board of directors.

## **Article 25 (Deleted)**

### **Article 26**

The Company shall stipulate the scope of duties of the independent directors and empower them with manpower and physical support related to the exercise of their power. The Company or other board members shall not obstruct, restrict or circumvent the performance of duties by the independent directors.

The Company shall stipulate the remuneration of the directors according to applicable laws and regulations. The remuneration of the directors shall fully reflect the personal performance and the long-term management performance of the Company, and shall also take the overall operational risks of the Company into consideration. Different but reasonable remuneration from that of other directors may be set forth for the independent directors.

## **Section 3 Audit Committee and Other Functional Committees**

### **Article 27**

For the purpose of developing supervisory functions and strengthening management mechanisms, the board of directors of the Company, in consideration of company's scale and type of operations and the number of its board members, may set up functional committees for auditing, remuneration, nomination, risk management or any other functions, and based on concepts of corporate social responsibility and sustainable operation, may set up environmental protection, corporate social responsibility, or other committees, and expressly provide for them in the articles of incorporation.

When the board of directors sets up a functional committee, the responsibilities and duties of the committee shall be clearly defined.

Functional committees shall be responsible to the board of directors and submit their proposals to the board of directors for approval, provided that the performance of supervisor's duties by the audit committee pursuant to Article 14-4, paragraph 4 of the Securities and Exchange Act shall be excluded.

Functional committees shall adopt an organizational charter to be approved by the board of directors. The organizational charter shall contain the numbers, terms of office, and powers of committee members, as well as the meeting rules and resources to be provided by the Company for exercise of power by the committee.

## **Article 28**

The Company establishes an audit committee. The audit committee shall be composed of the entire number of independent directors. It shall not be fewer than three persons in number, one of whom shall be convener, and at least one of whom shall have accounting or financial expertise.

The exercise of power by the audit committee and independent directors and related matters shall be set forth in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Act, the Regulations Governing the Exercise of Powers by Audit Committees of Public Companies, and the rules and regulations of the TWSE.

## **Article 29**

The Company establishes a remuneration committee, and more than half of the committee members shall be independent directors. The professional qualifications for the committee members, the exercise of their authority, the adoption of the organizational charter, and related matters shall be handled pursuant to the Regulations Governing the Appointment and Exercise of Powers by the Remuneration Committee of a Company Whose Stock is Listed on the Stock Exchange or Traded Over the Counter.

## **Article 29-1**

The Company should establish the nomination committee and set up organizational regulations. And more than half of the committee members shall be independent directors with the independent director as the chairperson.

## **Article 30**

To improve the quality of its financial reports, the Company shall establish the position of deputy to its principal accounting officer.

To enhance the professional abilities of the deputy accounting officer of the preceding paragraph, the deputy's continuing education shall proceed following the schedule of the principal accounting officer.

Accounting personnel handling the preparation of financial reports shall also participate in relevant professional development courses for 6 hours or more each year. Those courses may be company internal training activities or may be professional courses offered by professional development institutions for principal accounting officers.

The Company shall select as its external auditor a professional, responsible, and independent attesting CPA, who shall perform regular reviews of the financial conditions and internal control measures of the Company. With regard to any irregularity or deficiency discovered and disclosed in a timely manner by the auditor during the review, and concrete measures for improvement or prevention suggested by the auditor, the Company shall faithfully implement improvement actions. The Company shall establish channels and mechanisms of communication between the audit committee, and the attesting CPA, and to incorporate procedures for that purpose into the Company's internal control system for management purposes.

The Company shall evaluate the independence and suitability of the CPA engaged by the Company regularly, and no less frequently than once annually. In the event that the Company engages the same CPA without replacement for 7 years consecutively, or if the CPA is subject to disciplinary action or other circumstances prejudicial to the CPA's independence, the Company shall evaluate the necessity of replacing the CPA and

submit its conclusion to the board of directors.

### **Article 31**

It is advisable that the Company engage a professional and competent legal counsel to provide adequate legal consultation services to the Company, or to assist the directors and the management to improve their knowledge of the law, for the purposes of preventing any infraction of laws or regulations by the Company or its staff and ensuring that corporate governance matters proceed pursuant to the relevant legal framework and the prescribed procedures.

When, as a result of performing their lawful duties, directors or the management are involved in litigation or a dispute with shareholders, the Company shall retain a legal counsel to provide assistance as circumstances require.

The audit committee or an independent director may retain the service of legal counsel, CPA, or other professionals on behalf of the Company to conduct a necessary audit or provide consultation on matters in relation to the exercise of their power, at the expense of the Company.

## **Section 4 Rules for the Proceedings of Board Meetings and the Decision-Making Procedures**

### **Article 32**

The board of directors of the Company shall meet at least once every quarter, or convene at any time in case of emergency. To convene a board meeting, a meeting notice which specifies the purposes of the meeting shall be sent to each director no later than 7 days before the scheduled date. Sufficient meeting materials shall also be prepared and enclosed in the meeting notice. If the meeting materials are deemed inadequate, a director may ask the unit in charge to provide more information or request a postponement of the meeting with the consent of the board of directors.

The Company shall adopt rules of procedure for board meetings, which shall follow the Regulations Governing Procedure for Board of Directors Meetings of Public Companies with regard to the content of deliberations, procedures, matters to be recorded in the meeting minutes, public announcements, and other matters for compliance.

### **Article 33**

The directors shall exercise a high degree of self-discipline. If a director or a juristic person represented by the director is an interested party with respect to any proposal for a board meeting, the director shall state the important aspects of the interested party relationship at the meeting. When the relationship is likely to prejudice the interests of the Company, the director may not participate in discussion or voting on that proposal and shall enter recusal during the discussion and voting. The director also may not act as another director's proxy to exercise voting rights on that matter.

Matters requiring the voluntary recusal of a director shall be clearly set forth in the rules of procedure for board meetings.

### **Article 34**

When a board meeting is convened to consider any matter submitted to it pursuant to Article 14-3 of the Securities and Exchange Act, an independent director of the Company shall attend the board meeting in person or may be represented by another independent director via proxy. When an independent director has a dissenting or qualified opinion, it

shall be noted in the minutes of the board of directors meeting; if the independent director cannot attend the board meeting in person to voice his or her dissenting or qualified opinion, he or she should provide a written opinion before the board meeting unless there are justifiable reasons for failure to do so, and the opinion shall be noted in the minutes of the board of directors meeting.

In any of the following circumstances, decisions made by the board of directors shall be noted in the meeting minutes, and in addition, publicly announced and filed on the MOPS two hours before the beginning of trading hours on the first business day after the date of the board meeting:

1. An independent director has a dissenting or qualified opinion which is on record or stated in a written statement.
2. The matter was not approved by the audit committee (if the Company has set up an audit committee), but had the consent of more than two-thirds of all directors.

During a board meeting, managers from relevant departments who are not directors may, in view of the meeting agenda, sit in at the meetings, make reports on the current business conditions of the Company and respond to inquiries raised by the directors. Where necessary, a CPA, legal counsel, or other professional may be invited to sit in at the meetings to assist the directors in understanding the conditions of the Company for the purpose of adopting an appropriate resolution, provided that they shall leave the meeting when deliberation or voting takes place.

### **Article 35**

Staff personnel of the Company attending board meetings shall collect and correctly record the meeting minutes in detail, as well as a summary, the method of resolution, and voting results of all the proposals submitted to the board meeting in accordance with relevant regulations.

The minutes of the board of directors meetings shall be signed by the chairperson and secretary of the meeting and sent to each director within 20 days after the meeting. The director attendance records shall be made part of the meeting minutes, treated as important corporate records, and kept safe permanently during the life of the Company.

Meeting minutes may be produced, distributed, and preserved by electronic means.

A company shall record on audio or video tape the entire proceedings of a board of directors meeting and preserve the recordings for at least 5 years, in electronic form or otherwise.

If before the end of the preservation period referred to in the preceding paragraph a lawsuit arises with respect to a resolution of a board of directors meeting, the relevant audio or video recordings shall be preserved for a further period, in which case the preceding paragraph does not apply.

Where a board of directors meeting is held via teleconference or video conference, the audio or video recordings of the meeting form a part of the meeting minutes and shall be preserved permanently.

When a resolution of the board of directors violates laws, regulations, the articles of incorporation, or resolutions adopted in the shareholders meeting, and thus causes an

injury to the Company, dissenting directors whose dissent can be proven by minutes or written statements will not be liable for damages.

### **Article 36**

The Company shall submit the following matters to its board of directors for discussion:

1. Corporate business plans.
2. Quarterly, semi-annual and annual financial reports, with the exception of semi-annual financial reports which, under relevant laws and regulations, need not be CPA audited and attested.
3. Adoption or amendment to an internal control system pursuant to Article 14-1 of the Securities and Exchange Act, and evaluation of effectiveness of an internal control system.
4. Adoption or amendment, pursuant to Article 36-1 of the Securities and Exchange Act, to the handling procedures for financial or operational actions of material significance, such as acquisition or disposal of assets, derivatives trading, extension of monetary loans to others, and endorsements or guarantees for others.
5. The offering, issuance, or private placement of any equity-type securities.
6. The performance assessment and the standard of remuneration of the managerial officers.
7. The structure and system of director's remuneration.
8. The appointment or dismissal of a financial, accounting officer and the appointment or dismissal, evaluation and review and compensation of chief internal audit officer.
9. A donation to a related party or a major donation to a non-related party, provided that a public-interest donation of disaster relief for a major natural disaster may be submitted to the next board meeting for retroactive recognition.
10. Any matter required by Article 14-3 of the Securities and Exchange Act or any other law, regulation, or bylaw to be approved by resolution at a shareholders meeting or to be submitted to a meeting of the board of directors, or any such significant matter as may be prescribed by the competent authority.

When the board of directors is in recess, it may delegate the exercise of its power to others in accordance with law, regulations, or its articles of incorporation. However, the level of delegation or the content or matters to be delegated shall be clearly specified, and general authorization is not permitted.

### **Article 37**

The Company shall ask the appropriate corporate department or personnel to execute matters pursuant to board of directors' resolutions in a manner consistent with the planned schedule and objectives. It shall also follow up on those matters and faithfully review their implementation.

The board of directors shall remain informed of the progress of implementation and receive reports in subsequent meetings to ensure the actual implementation of the

board's management decisions.

## **Section 5 Fiduciary Duty, Duty of Care and Responsibility of Directors**

### **Article 38**

Members of the board of directors shall faithfully conduct corporate affairs and perform the duty of care of a good administrator. In conducting the affairs of the Company, they shall exercise their authority with a high level of self-discipline and prudence. Unless matters are otherwise reserved by law for approval in shareholders meetings or in the articles of incorporation, they shall ensure that all matters are handled according to the resolutions of board of directors.

The Company shall formulate rules and procedures for board of directors performance assessments, and that each year it conduct regularly scheduled performance assessments of the board of directors, functional committees, and individual directors through self-assessment or peer-to-peer assessments, and may also do so through outside professional institutions, or in any other appropriate manner.

The performance assessment of the board of directors shall include the following aspects, and that appropriate assessment indicators be developed in consideration of the Company's needs:

1. The degree of participation in the Company's operations
2. Improvement in the quality of decision making by the board of directors
3. The composition and structure of the board of directors
4. The election of the directors and their continuing professional education
5. Internal controls.

The performance assessments of board members, self-assessments or peer-to-peer assessments shall include the following aspects, with appropriate adjustments made on the basis of the Company's needs:

1. Their grasp of the Company's goals and missions.
2. Their recognition of director's duties.
3. Their degree of participation in the Company's operations.
4. Their management of internal relationships and communication.
5. Their professionalism and continuing professional education.
6. Internal controls.

The performance assessment of a functional committee shall cover the following aspects, subject to changes according to the Company's needs:

1. Their degree of participation in the company's operations.
2. Their recognition of the duties of the functional committee.

3. Improvement in the quality of decision making by the functional committee.
4. The composition of the functional committee, and election and appointment of committee members.
5. Internal control.

The Company shall submit the results of performance assessments to the board of directors and use them as reference in determining compensation for individual directors, their nomination and additional office term.

#### **Article 38-1**

The board of directors should evaluate and monitor the following aspects of the Company's direction of operation and performance in connection with intellectual properties, to ensure the company develops an intellectual property regulatory system in accordance with the Plan-Do-Check-Act cycle:

1. Formulate intellectual property regulatory policies, objectives and systems that are slightly associated with the operational strategies.
2. Develop, implement and maintain on the basis of scale and form its regulatory systems governing the procurement, protection, maintenance and utilization of intellectual properties.
3. Identify and provide the necessary resources sufficient to ensure effective implementation and maintenance of the intellectual property regulatory system.
4. Observe internally and externally the risks and opportunities that intellectual property regulation may present and adopt corresponding measures.
5. Plan for and implement a continuous improvement mechanism to ensure the operation and effects of the intellectual property regulatory regime meet the company's expectations.

#### **Article 39**

It is advisable for the Company to establish a succession plan for the management. The development and implementation of such plan shall be periodically evaluated by the board of directors to ensure sustainable operation.

#### **Article 40**

If a resolution of the board of directors violates the laws, regulations or the Company's articles of incorporation, then at the request of shareholders holding shares continuously for a year or an independent director, to discontinue the implementation of the resolution, members of the board shall take appropriate measures or discontinue the implementation of such resolution as soon as possible.

Upon discovering the likelihood that the Company would suffer material injury, members of the board of directors shall immediately report to the audit committee, an independent director member of the audit committee in accordance with the foregoing paragraph.

#### **Article 41**

The Company shall insure the liability insurance for directors with respect to liabilities resulting from exercising their duties during their terms of occupancy so as to reduce and



spread the risk of material harm to the Company and shareholders arising from the wrongdoings or negligence of a director.

The Company shall report the insured amount, coverage, premium rate, and other major contents of the liability insurance it has taken out or renewed for directors, at the next board meeting.

#### **Article 42**

Members of the board of directors shall participate in training courses on finance, risk management, business, commerce, accounting, law or corporate social responsibility offered by institutions designated in the Rules Governing Implementation of Continuing Education for Directors and Supervisors of TWSE/GTSM Listed Companies, which cover subjects relating to corporate governance upon becoming directors and throughout their terms of occupancy. They shall also ensure that Company employees at all levels will enhance their professionalism and knowledge of the law.

### **Chapter IV Empowering the Audit Committee**

#### **Section 1 Functions of the Audit Committee**

#### **Article 43**

The Company shall stipulate a fair, just, and open procedure for the election of the audit committee members, and shall adopt a cumulative voting mechanism pursuant to the Company Act to fully reflect the opinions of the shareholders.

The Company shall take into consideration the needs of overall business operations and comply with the rules of the TWSE in setting the minimum number of the audit committee members.

The aggregate shareholding percentage of all of the audit committee members of the Company shall comply with laws and regulations. Restrictions on share transfers by each member and the creation, release, or changes in pledges of shares held by each member shall comply with the relevant laws and regulations, and the relevant information shall be fully disclosed.

#### **Article 44 (Deleted)**

#### **Article 45**

Unless otherwise approved by the competent authority, at least one member seat of the audit committee shall have no spousal relationship or familial relationship within the second degree of kinship with another director.

The Company is advised to refer to the provisions on independence provided in the Regulations Governing Appointment of Independent Directors and Compliance Matters for Public Companies and appoint suitable audit committee members to enhance the risk management and financial and operational control of the Company.

The audit committee members will preferably be domiciled within the territory of the ROC to allow timely performance of supervisory functions.

### **Powers and Obligations of Audit Committee**

#### **Article 46**

The audit committee shall be familiar with the relevant laws and regulations, and shall understand the rights, obligations, and duties of directors of the Company and the functions, duties, and operation of each department. The audit committee shall supervise the board of directors' operations and state his/her opinions when appropriate so as to grasp or discover any abnormal situation early on.

The Company shall stipulate the audit committee member's remuneration in its articles of incorporation or by an approval in a shareholders meeting.

#### **Article 47**

The audit Committee shall supervise the implementation of the operations of the Company, and the performance of duties by directors and managers, and care the enforcement of the internal control system so as to reduce the financial and operational risks of the Company.

An independent director member of the audit committee shall act as the representative of the Company where another director, for himself/herself or on behalf of others, enters into a sale/purchase or loan transaction, or conducts any legal act with the Company.

#### **Article 48**

The audit committee may investigate the operational and financial conditions of the Company from time to time, and the relevant departments in the Company shall provide the books or documents that will be needed for the audit committee's review, transcription or duplication.

When reviewing the finance or operations of the Company, the audit committee may retain attorneys or CPAs on behalf of the Company to perform the review; however, the Company shall inform the relevant persons of their confidentiality obligations.

The board of directors or managers shall submit reports in accordance with the request of the audit committee and shall not for any reason circumvent, obstruct, or refuse the inspection of the audit committee.

When the audit committee performs its duties, the Company shall provide necessary assistance as needed by the audit committee, and the reasonable expenses that the audit committee needs shall be borne by the Company.

#### **Article 49**

The Company shall establish a channel for the audit committee to communicate with the employees, shareholders, and stakeholders.

Upon discovering any irregular conduct, the audit committee shall take appropriate measures timely to curb the expansion of the irregular conduct, and file a report to the relevant regulatory authorities or agencies if necessary.

When an independent director or general manager, an officer of the finance, accounting, research and development, or internal audit department, or a CPA resigns or is removed from his/her position, the audit committee shall investigate the reasons.

In the event that the audit committee neglects its duties and therefore causes harm to the Company, the audit committee shall be liable to the Company.

The Company shall establish and announce channels for internal and external personnel

to have a whistleblower protection mechanism in place. The unit that handles whistleblowers' reporting shall be independent, provide encrypted protection for the files furnished by whistleblowers, and appropriately restrict access to such files. It shall also formulate internal procedures and incorporate those procedures into the company's internal control system for management purposes.

#### **Article 50**

When each independent director or audit committee exercise their authority, each independent director or the audit committee of the Company may, after taking into consideration the overall interest of the Company and shareholders, convene a meeting to exchange opinions among all independent directors or the audit committee, but may not obstruct other independent directors or the audit committee in exercising their authority.

#### **Article 51**

In accordance with the articles of incorporation or a resolution adopted in a shareholders meeting, the Company shall purchase liability insurance for the audit committee members with respect to liabilities resulting from the exercise of authorities during their terms, so as to reduce the risk of major damage to the Company and shareholders arising from the mistakes or negligence of the audit committee.

#### **Article 52**

Upon the new appointment and throughout their terms, the audit committee members shall participate in training courses in finance, risk management, business, commerce, accounting, law or corporate social responsibility offered by institutions which are designated in the Rules Governing Implementation of Continuing Education for Directors and Supervisors of TWSE/GTSM Listed Companies covering subjects relating to corporate governance.

### **Respecting Stakeholders' Rights**

#### **Article 53**

The Company shall maintain smooth communication channels with its correspondent banks, other creditors, employees, consumers, suppliers, community, or other stakeholders of the Company, and respect and uphold their legal rights. The Company shall designate a stakeholders section on its website.

The Company's internal whistleblower protection system applies to other whistleblowers.

When any of the stakeholder's legal rights or interests is infringed, the Company shall handle the matter in a proper manner and in good faith.

#### **Article 54**

The Company shall provide sufficient information to its correspondent banks and other creditors to facilitate their evaluation of the operational and financial conditions of the Company and their decision-making process. When any of their legal rights or interest is infringed, the Company shall respond with a responsible attitude and compensate them through a proper manner.

#### **Article 55**

The Company shall establish communication channels with employees and encourage employees to communicate directly with the management or directors so as to reflect employees' opinions on the management, financial conditions, and major decisions of the

Company concerning employees' interests.

In addition to employees' basic benefits, the Company also shall provide their employees and their family members with professional consulting services, individually aiming at their career, family affairs, relationship with children, affection life, mental and physical health, legal and financial management and medical treatment issues, to ensure that all the employees have work-life balance.

#### **Article 56**

The Company shall provide secured, prompt and fair trading services to consumers, and continue to develop innovative service system to ensure the consumers to get satisfactory services.

#### **Article 57**

The Company shall engage in evaluation on service quality, delivery schedule, and price of a supplier, and based on the evaluation result to establish a qualified supplier database; and a price negotiation and tendering would be provided to suppliers with outstanding service in priority to ensure quality.

The Company may take the suppliers' corporate governance into consideration for the reference of establishing an authorized supplier list.

#### **Article 58**

In developing its normal business and maximizing the shareholders' interest, the Company shall pay attention to consumers' interests, environmental protection of the community, and public interest issues, and shall pay more attention to the Company's social responsibility.

### **Chapter VI Improving Information Transparency**

#### **Enhancing Information Disclosure**

#### **Article 59**

Disclosure of information is a major responsibility of a listed company. The Company shall perform its obligations faithfully in accordance with the relevant laws and the related TWSE rules.

The Company should publish and report its annual financial report within two months after the end of a fiscal year, and publish and report its financial reports for the first, second and third quarters as well as its monthly operating status before the specified deadline.

The Company shall establish an Internet-based reporting system for public information, appoint one personnel to be responsible for gathering and disclosing the information, and establish a spokesperson system in order to ensure the proper and timely disclosure of information about policies that might affect the decisions of shareholders and stakeholders.

#### **Article 60**

In order to enhance the accuracy and timeliness of the material information disclosure, the Company shall appoint a spokesperson who has a comprehensive understanding of the Company's financial and business conditions and who are capable of coordinating among departments to gather relevant information and can speak on behalf of the

Company independently.

The Company shall appoint one or more deputy spokespersons who shall be able to speak on behalf of the Company independently, when the spokesperson fails to perform his/her duties, provided that the order of authority is established to avoid any confusion.

In order to implement the spokesperson system, the Company shall unify the speaking procedure. It shall require the management and employees to maintain the confidentiality of financial and operational secrets and prohibit their disclosure of any such information at will.

The Company shall disclose the relevant information immediately whenever there is any change of a spokesperson or acting spokesperson.

#### **Article 61**

In order to keep shareholders and stakeholders fully informed, the Company shall utilize the convenience of the Internet and set up a website containing the information regarding the Company's finances, operations, and corporate governance. The Company shall provide the financial, corporate governance, and other relevant information in English.

The website mentioned in the preceding paragraph should be maintained by a dedicated personnel, and the information listed should be detailed and correct and updated in a timely basis to avoid any misunderstanding.

#### **Article 62**

The Company shall convene an investor conference periodically or circumstantially, enable the stakeholders to know well the Company's operation status.

The Company shall hold an investor conference in compliance with the regulations of the TWSE, and shall keep an audio or video record of the meeting. The financial and business information should be disclosed on the Market Observation Post System and inquiries should be provided through the company's website or other appropriate channels. .

### **Section 2 Disclosure of Information on Corporate Governance**

#### **Article 63**

The Company shall, in accordance with relevant laws and regulations of TWSE, disclose the relevant information on corporate governance in the following year, and continue to update the followings,

1. Corporate governance structure and rules.
2. Shareholding structure and' shareholder's equity, including specific and explicit dividend policy).
3. Structure of the board and its members' professionalism, independence, gender, expertise and age and the board's management objectives for its diversity policy and the implementation.
4. Responsibilities of the board of directors and managerial officers.
5. Composition, duties and independence of the audit committee.

6. Composition, duties and operation of the remuneration committee and other functional committees.
7. The remuneration paid to the directors, general manager and deputy general manager in the most recent fiscal year, the proportion of the total remuneration to after tax net profit of individual financial reports, the policy, standard and package of remuneration payment, the procedure for determination of remuneration and the connection with the operation performance and future risk. Under special individual circumstances, remuneration of individual directors shall be disclosed.
8. Director's training.
9. The rights and relationships of the stakeholders, channel for appeals, issues of concerns, and appropriate response mechanisms.
10. Details of the events subject to information disclosure required by law and regulations.
11. The operating condition of corporate governance and the company's own corporate governance, and the gap and the reasons for the differences.
12. Other information regarding corporate governance.

The Company should consider the actual implementation of the corporate governance system, to disclose the plans and measures to improve its corporate governance system through appropriate mechanisms.

## **Chapter VII Supplementary Provisions**

### **Article 64**

The Company shall always monitor the domestic and international developments in corporate governance as a basis to review and improve the Company's own corporate governance mechanisms, so as to enhance their effectiveness.

### **Article 65**

The Principles, and any amendments hereto, shall be proposed by the board of directors.