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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 20-F/A
(Amendment No.1)

(Mark One)

REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

OR

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

OR

SHELL COMPANY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of event requiring this shell company report _____
For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 001-35126

VNET Group, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

N/A

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Cayman Islands

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol(s)</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
American depository shares, each representing six Class A ordinary shares, par value US\$0.00001 per share	VNET	NASDAQ Global Select Market
Class A ordinary shares, par value US\$0.00001 per share*		

* Not for trading, but only in connection with the listing on the Nasdaq Global Select Market of the American depository shares

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None

(Title of Class)

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act:

None
(Title of Class)

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report: 859,932,323 Class A ordinary shares (excluding treasury shares and Class A ordinary shares in the form of ADSs that are reserved for issuance upon the exercise of share incentive awards), 30,721,723 Class B ordinary shares and 60,000 Class C ordinary shares, par value US\$0.00001 per share, were outstanding as of December 31, 2022.

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

If this report is an annual or transition report, indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Yes No

Note – Checking the box above will not relieve any registrant required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 from their obligations under those Sections.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S- T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company that prepares its financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards† provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

† The term "new or revised financial accounting standard" refers to any update issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board to its Accounting Standards Codification after April 5, 2012.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed a report on and attestation to its management's assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)) by the registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its audit report.

If securities are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act, indicate by check mark whether the financial statements of the registrant included in the filing reflect the correction of an error to previously issued financial statements.

Indicate by check mark whether any of those error corrections are restatements that required a recovery analysis of incentive-based compensation received by any of the registrant's executive officers during the relevant recovery period pursuant to § 240.10D-1(b).

Indicate by check mark which basis of accounting the registrant has used to prepare the financial statements included in this filing:

U.S. GAAP International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board Other

If "Other" has been checked in response to the previous question, indicate by check mark which financial statement item the registrant has elected to follow. Item 17 Item 18

If this is an annual report, indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

(APPLICABLE ONLY TO ISSUERS INVOLVED IN BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed all documents and reports required to be filed by Sections 12, 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 subsequent to the distribution of securities under a plan confirmed by a court. Yes No

Auditor Name:	Location:	PCAOB ID:
KPMG Huazhen LLP	Beijing, China	1186
Ernst & Young Hua Ming LLP	Shanghai, China	1408

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

VNET Group, Inc. (the “Company”) is filing this Amendment No. 1 on the Form 20-F/A (this “Amendment No. 1”) to amend its annual report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022 as originally filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on April 26, 2023 (the “Original Filing”), to address certain comments from the staff of the SEC in relation to the Original Filing. In addition, as required by Rule 12b-15 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Company is filing or furnishing the certifications required under Section 302 and Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 as exhibits to this Amendment No. 1.

Accordingly, the Company is restating in their entirety the following sections of the Original Filing: (i) “Part II – Item 16I. Disclosure Regarding Foreign Jurisdictions that Prevent Inspections” and (ii) “Part III – Item 19. Exhibits” in this Amendment No. 1.

This Amendment No. 1 speaks as of the date of the Original Filing, or April 26, 2023. No attempt has been made in this Amendment No. 1 to modify or update in any way the financial statements or any other items or disclosure in the Original Filing. Except as specifically noted herein, this Amendment No. 1 does not amend, update or restate any of the information previously included in the Original Filing, nor does this Amendment No. 1 reflect any event that has occurred after the date of the Original Filing. Accordingly, this Amendment No. 1 should be read in conjunction with the Original Filing and the Company’s other filings with the SEC subsequent to April 26, 2023.

PART II

ITEM 16L. DISCLOSURE REGARDING FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS THAT PREVENT INSPECTIONS

On December 16, 2021, the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, or the PCAOB, issued a report to notify the SEC its determinations that it was unable to inspect or investigate completely registered public accounting firms headquartered in mainland China and Hong Kong, and identified the registered public accounting firms that were subject to such determinations. Our former auditor was identified by the PCAOB and was subject to the determination. On May 26, 2022, we were conclusively identified by the SEC as a Commission-Identified Issuer under the Holdings Foreign Companies Accountable Act, or the HFCA Act, following the filing of our annual report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021. On December 15, 2022, the PCAOB issued a report that vacated its December 16, 2021 determination and removed mainland China and Hong Kong from the list of jurisdictions where it was unable to inspect or investigate completely registered public accounting firms. For this reason, we do not expect to be identified as a Commission-Identified Issuer under the HFCA Act after we file this annual report.

As of the date of this annual report, (i) to our best knowledge, except for (a) a 49% equity interest in Shanghai Wantong VNET Information Technology Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of one of the VIEs, Beijing Yiyun Network Technology Co., Ltd., which is beneficially owned by a PRC state-owned enterprise in Shanghai and (b) a 40% equity interest in Hangzhou Hanggong Shilian Cloud Technology Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of Beijing Yiyun Network Technology Co., Ltd., which is beneficially owned by a PRC state-owned enterprise in Hangzhou, Zhejiang province, none of ordinary shares of, or equity interest in, VNET Group, Inc., its subsidiaries, the VIEs, and the VIEs' subsidiaries is held by governmental entities in mainland China, Hong Kong, Singapore, the British Virgin Islands or the Cayman Islands in which such entities are incorporated; (ii) to our best knowledge, no governmental entities in mainland China, the applicable foreign jurisdiction with respect to our independent registered public accounting firm, have a controlling financial interest with respect to VNET Group, Inc., its subsidiaries, the VIEs and the VIEs' subsidiaries; (iii) to our best knowledge, no member of the boards of directors of VNET Group, Inc., its subsidiaries, the VIEs and the VIEs' subsidiaries is an official of the Chinese Communist Party; and (iv) the currently effective memorandum and articles of associate of each of VNET Group, Inc., its subsidiaries, the VIEs and the VIEs' subsidiaries do not contain charter or the text of charter of the Chinese Communist Party.

PART III

ITEM 19. EXHIBITS

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description of Document</u>
<u>1.1**</u>	<u>Fifth Amended and Restated Memorandum and Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant</u>
<u>2.1</u>	<u>Specimen American Depositary Receipt of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 from our registration statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-173292), as amended, initially filed with the Commission on April 4, 2011).</u>
<u>2.2</u>	<u>Specimen Certificate for Class A Ordinary Shares of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 from our registration statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-173292), as amended, initially filed with the Commission on April 4, 2011).</u>
<u>2.3</u>	<u>Deposit Agreement among the Registrant, the depository and holders and beneficial holders of the American Depositary Shares (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 from our registration statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-177273), as amended, filed with the Commission on October 13, 2011).</u>
<u>2.4</u>	<u>Amended and Restated Shareholders Agreement between the Registrant and other parties therein dated January 14, 2011 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 from our registration statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-173292), as amended, initially filed with the Commission on April 4, 2011).</u>
<u>2.5*</u>	<u>Description of securities</u>
<u>2.6</u>	<u>Indenture dated April 15, 2019 constituting US\$300 million 7.875% Senior Notes due 2021 between the Registrant and Citicorp International Limited, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.6 from our annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-35126), initially filed with the Commission on April 12, 2020).</u>
<u>2.7</u>	<u>Indenture dated January 26, 2021 constituting US\$600 million 0.00% Convertible Senior Notes due 2026 between the Registrant and Citicorp International Limited, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.7 from our annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-35126), initially filed with the Commission on April 28, 2021).</u>
<u>4.1</u>	<u>Form of Indemnification Agreement between the Registrant and its Directors (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 from our registration statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-173292), as amended, initially filed with the Commission on April 4, 2011).</u>
<u>4.2</u>	<u>Form of Employment Agreement between the Registrant and an Executive Officer of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 from our registration statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-173292), as amended, initially filed with the Commission on April 4, 2011).</u>
<u>4.3</u>	<u>English translation of Loan Agreement dated January 28, 2011, between 21Vianet Data Center Co., Ltd. (which is referred to as VNET Data Center Co., Ltd. in this annual report) and the shareholders of Beijing aBitCool Network Technology Co., Ltd. (which later changed its name to Beijing Yiyun Network Technology Co., Ltd.) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.7 from our annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-35126), initially filed with the Commission on April 19, 2013).</u>
<u>4.4</u>	<u>English translation of Share Pledge Agreement dated February 23, 2011, among 21Vianet Data Center Co., Ltd. (which is referred to as VNET Data Center Co., Ltd. in this annual report), Beijing aBitCool Network Technology Co., Ltd. (which later changed its name to Beijing Yiyun Network Technology Co., Ltd.) and the shareholders of Beijing aBitCool Network Technology Co., Ltd. (which later changed its name to Beijing Yiyun Network Technology Co., Ltd.) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 from our registration statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-173292), as amended, initially filed with the Commission on April 4, 2011).</u>
<u>4.5</u>	<u>English translation of Form Irrevocable Power of Attorney, by the shareholders of Beijing aBitCool Network Technology Co., Ltd. (which later changed its name to Beijing Yiyun Network Technology Co., Ltd.) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 from our registration statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-173292), as amended, initially filed with the Commission on April 4, 2011).</u>
<u>4.6</u>	<u>English Translation of Power of Attorney dated September 30, 2010, by 21Vianet Data Center Co., Ltd. (which is referred to as VNET Data Center Co., Ltd. in this annual report) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 from our registration statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-173292), as amended, initially filed with the Commission on April 4, 2011).</u>
<u>4.7</u>	<u>Exclusive Technical Consulting and Services Agreement dated December 19, 2006, between 21Vianet Data Center Co., Ltd. (which is referred to as VNET Data Center Co., Ltd. in this annual report) and Beijing aBitCool Network Technology Co., Ltd. (which later changed its name to Beijing Yiyun Network Technology Co., Ltd.) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9 from our registration statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-173292), as amended, initially filed with the Commission on April 4, 2011).</u>
<u>4.8</u>	<u>Optional Share Purchase Agreement dated December 19, 2006, among 21Vianet Data Center Co., Ltd. (which is referred to as VNET Data Center Co., Ltd. in this annual report), 21Vianet System Limited (which later changed its name to Beijing aBitCool Network Technology Co., Ltd. and then to Beijing Yiyun Network Technology Co., Ltd.), Beijing 21Vianet Broad Band Data Center Co., Ltd. (which is referred to as Beijing VNET Broad Band Data Center Co., Ltd. in this annual report) and the shareholders of Beijing aBitCool Network Technology Co., Ltd. (which later changed its name to Beijing Yiyun Network Technology Co., Ltd.) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10 from our registration statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-173292), as amended, initially filed with the Commission on April 4, 2011).</u>
<u>4.9</u>	<u>Commitment Letter dated September 30, 2010, by AsiaCloud Inc. (which later changed its name to 21Vianet Group, Inc. and then to VNET Group, Inc.), 21Vianet Data Center Co., Ltd. (which is referred to as VNET Data Center Co., Ltd. in this annual report), Sheng Chen and Jun Zhang (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.13 from our annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-35126), initially filed with the Commission on April 19, 2013).</u>
<u>4.10</u>	<u>2010 Share Incentive Plan, as amended on January 14, 2011 and July 6, 2012 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12 from our Form S-8 (File No. 333-187695), initially filed with the Commission on April 3, 2013).</u>
<u>4.11</u>	<u>English summary of Property Lease Agreement dated February 4, 2013, between Beijing Xingguang Tuocheng Investment Co., Ltd. and Beijing 21Vianet Broad Band Data Center Co., Ltd. (which is referred to as Beijing VNET Broad Band Data Center Co., Ltd. in this annual report) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.18 from our annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-35126), initially filed with the Commission on April 19, 2013).</u>

Exhibit Number	Description of Document
4.12	<u>Investor Rights Agreement dated January 15, 2015, among 21Vianet Group, Inc. (which later changed its name to VNET Group, Inc.), King Venture Holdings Limited, Xiaomi Ventures Limited and certain other parties named therein (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 7.04 from Form Schedule 13D (File No. 005-86326), initially filed by King Venture Holdings Limited and other filers with the Commission on January 20, 2015)</u>
4.13	<u>Registration Rights Agreement dated January 15, 2015, among 21Vianet Group, Inc. (which later changed its name to VNET Group, Inc.), King Venture Holdings Limited and Xiaomi Ventures Limited (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 7.05 from Form Schedule 13D (File No. 005-86326), initially filed by King Venture Holdings Limited and other filers with the Commission on January 20, 2015)</u>
4.14	<u>English translation of Loan Agreement dated January 11, 2021, between Abitcool (China) Broadband Inc. and Sheng Chen (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.14 from our annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-35126), initially filed with the Commission on April 28, 2021)</u>
4.15	<u>English translation of Equity Pledge Agreement dated January 11, 2021, between Abitcool (China) Broadband Inc. and Sheng Chen (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.15 from our annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-35126), initially filed with the Commission on April 28, 2021)</u>
4.16	<u>English translation of Form Irrevocable Power of Attorney dated January 11, 2021, by Sheng Chen, the sole shareholder of WiFire Network Technology (Beijing) Co., Ltd. (previously known as aBitcool Small Micro Network Technology (BJ) Co., Ltd.) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.16 from our annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-35126), initially filed with the Commission on April 28, 2021)</u>
4.17	<u>English translation of Power of Attorney dated January 11, 2021, by Abitcool (China) Broadband Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.17 from our annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-35126), initially filed with the Commission on April 28, 2021)</u>
4.18	<u>English translation of Exclusive Technology Consulting and Services Agreement dated January 11, 2021, between Abitcool (China) Broadband Inc. and WiFire Network Technology (Beijing) Co., Ltd. (previously known as aBitcool Small Micro Network Technology (BJ) Co., Ltd.) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.18 from our annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-35126), initially filed with the Commission on April 28, 2021)</u>
4.19	<u>English translation of Exclusive Services Agreement dated January 11, 2021, between Abitcool (China) Broadband Inc. and WiFire Network Technology (Beijing) Co., Ltd. (previously known as aBitcool Small Micro Network Technology (BJ) Co., Ltd.) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.19 from our annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-35126), initially filed with the Commission on April 28, 2021)</u>
4.20	<u>English translation of Exclusive Call Option Agreement dated January 11, 2021, among WiFire Group Inc. (previously known as aBitcool Broadband Inc.), Sheng Chen and WiFire Network Technology (Beijing) Co., Ltd. (previously known as aBitcool Small Micro Network Technology (BJ) Co., Ltd.) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.20 from our annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-35126), initially filed with the Commission on April 28, 2021)</u>
4.21	<u>English translation of Commitment Letter dated January 11, 2021 by Sheng Chen and WiFire Network Technology (Beijing) Co., Ltd. (previously known as aBitcool Small Micro Network Technology (BJ) Co., Ltd.) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.21 from our annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-35126), initially filed with the Commission on April 28, 2021)</u>
4.22	<u>English translation of Commitment Letter dated January 11, 2021 by WiFire Group Inc. (previously known as aBitcool Broadband Inc.) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.22 from our annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-35126), initially filed with the Commission on April 28, 2021)</u>
4.23	<u>2014 Share Incentive Plan, as amended on April 1, 2015 and December 22, 2017 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 from our Form S-8 (File No. 333-222521), initially filed with the Commission on January 12, 2018)</u>
4.24	<u>Share Subscription Agreement, dated May 23, 2016, between 21Vianet Group Inc. (which later changed its name to VNET Group, Inc.) and Tuspark Innovation Venture Limited (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 7.02 from Form Schedule 13D (File No. 005-86326), initially filed by Tuspark Innovation Venture Limited and other filers with the Commission on July 13, 2016)</u>
4.25	<u>English translation of the Supplemental Agreement to the Optional Share Purchase Agreement, dated December 19, 2016, by and among 21Vianet Data Center Co., Ltd. (which is referred to as VNET Data Center Co., Ltd. in this annual report), Beijing Yiyun Network Technology Co., Ltd., Beijing 21Vianet Broad Band Data Center Co., Ltd. (which is referred to as Beijing VNET Broad Band Data Center Co., Ltd. in this annual report) and the shareholders of Beijing Yiyun Network Technology Co., Ltd. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.37 from our annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-35126), initially filed with the Commission on April 12, 2017)</u>
4.26	<u>English translation of the Supplemental Agreement to the Exclusive Technical Consulting and Services Agreement, dated December 19, 2016, by and among 21Vianet Data Center Co., Ltd. (which is referred to as VNET Data Center Co., Ltd. in this annual report), Beijing Yiyun Network Technology Co., Ltd., and Beijing 21Vianet Broad Band Data Center Co., Ltd. (which is referred to as Beijing VNET Broad Band Data Center Co., Ltd. in this annual report) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.38 from our annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-35126), initially filed with the Commission on April 12, 2017)</u>
4.27	<u>English translation of the equity interest purchase agreement dated September 27, 2017, by and among Beijing TUS Yuanchuang Technology Development Co., Ltd., a company wholly owned by Tus-Holdings, Beijing 21Vianet Broad Band Data Center Co., Ltd. (which is referred to as Beijing VNET Broad Band Data Center Co., Ltd. in this annual report), WiFire Network Technology (Beijing) Co., Ltd., WiFire (Beijing) Technology Co., Ltd., Guangzhou Gehua Network Technology and Development Company Limited, Beijing Chengyishidai Network Technology Co., Ltd., Zhiboxintong (Beijing) Network Technology Co., Ltd., Beijing Fastweb Network Technology Co., Ltd. and Guangzai Wuxian (Shanghai) Network Technology Co., Ltd (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.30 from our annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-35126), initially filed with the Commission on April 12, 2018)</u>

Exhibit Number	Description of Document
4.28	English translation of the lease dated August 15, 2018 by and between the Beijing 21Vianet Broad Band Data Center Co., Ltd. (which is referred to as Beijing VNET Broad Band Data Center Co., Ltd. in this annual report) and Beijing Tuspark Harmonious Investment Development Co., Ltd. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.33 from our annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-35126), initially filed with the Commission on March 27, 2019)
4.29	2020 Share Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.1 on Form 6-K furnished to the Commission on May 29, 2020)
4.30	Amended and Restated Investment Agreement dated July 24, 2019 by and among 21Vianet Group, Inc. (which later changed its name to VNET Group, Inc.), 21Vianet DRP Investment Holdings Limited (which later changed its name to VNET DRP Investment Holdings Limited) and Marble Stone Holdings Limited (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.28 from our annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-35126), initially filed with the Commission on April 2, 2020)
4.31	Restructuring Agreement dated July 24, 2019 by and among 21Vianet Group, Inc. (which later changed its name to VNET Group, Inc.), 21Vianet DRP Investment Holdings Limited (which later changed its name to VNET DRP Investment Holdings Limited) and Marble Stone Holdings Limited (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.29 from our annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-35126), initially filed with the Commission on April 2, 2020)
4.32	Amendment to Restructuring Agreement dated January 15, 2020 by and among 21Vianet Group, Inc. (which later changed its name to VNET Group, Inc.), 21Vianet DRP Investment Holdings Limited (which later changed its name to VNET DRP Investment Holdings Limited) and Marble Stone Holdings Limited (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.30 from our annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-35126), initially filed with the Commission on April 2, 2020)
4.33	Share Subscription Agreement dated October 14, 2019 by and between 21Vianet Group, Inc. (which later changed its name to VNET Group, Inc.) and Personal Group Limited (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.31 from our annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-35126), initially filed with the Commission on April 2, 2020)
4.34	Form of Note Purchase Agreement by and between 21Vianet Group, Inc. (which later changed its name to VNET Group, Inc.) and a purchaser (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.2 from our Form 6-K (File No. 001-35126), initially furnished with the Commission on February 20, 2020)
4.35	English translation of Equity Pledge Agreement dated December 10, 2020, among Shanghai Edge Connect Technology Co., Ltd. and the shareholder of Shanghai Zhiyan Yunwei Technology Co., Ltd. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.35 from our annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-35126), initially filed with the Commission on April 28, 2021)
4.36	English translation of Power of Attorney dated December 10, 2020, by the shareholder of Shanghai Zhiyan Yunwei Technology Co., Ltd. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.36 from our annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-35126), initially filed with the Commission on April 28, 2021)
4.37	English translation of Exclusive Technical Consulting and Service Agreement dated December 10, 2020, between Shanghai Edge Connect Technology Co., Ltd. and Shanghai Zhiyan Yunwei Technology Co., Ltd. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.37 from our annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-35126), initially filed with the Commission on April 28, 2021)
4.38	English translation of Exclusive Call Option Agreement dated December 10, 2020, among Shanghai Edge Connect Technology Co., Ltd., Shanghai Zhiyan Yunwei Technology Co., Ltd. and its shareholder (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.38 from our annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-35126), initially filed with the Commission on April 28, 2021)
4.39	English translation of Letter of Undertaking dated December 10, 2020, by Shanghai Zhiyan Yunwei Technology Co., Ltd. and its shareholder (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.39 from our annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-35126), initially filed with the Commission on April 28, 2021)
4.40	English translation of Letter of Undertaking dated December 10, 2020, by Shanghai Edge Connect Technology Co., Ltd. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.40 from our annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-35126), initially filed with the Commission on April 28, 2021)
4.41	English translation of Supplementary Exclusive Technical Consulting and Service Agreement dated December 10, 2020, among Shanghai Edge Connect Technology Co., Ltd., Shanghai Zhiyan Yunwei Technology Co., Ltd. and its shareholder (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.41 from our annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-35126), initially filed with the Commission on April 28, 2021)
4.42	English translation of Share Repurchase Agreement dated March 23, 2021, between 21Vianet Group, Inc. (which later changed its name to VNET Group, Inc.) and Tuspark Innovation Venture Limited (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.42 from our annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-35126), initially filed with the Commission on April 28, 2021)
4.43	Investment Agreement dated January 28, 2022 by and among VNET Group, Inc. and Vector Holdco Pte. Ltd., BTO Vector Fund FD (CYM) L.P. and Blackstone Tactical Opportunities Fund — FD L.P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.2 from our Form 6-K (File No. 001-35126), initially furnished with the Commission on January 31, 2022)
8.1*	List of Subsidiaries and Principal Consolidated Affiliated Entities
11.1	Code of Business Conduct and Ethics of Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 from our F-1 registration statement (File No. 333-173292), as amended, initially filed with the Commission on April 4, 2011)
12.1**	Chief Executive Officer Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
12.2**	Chief Financial Officer Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
13.1***	Chief Executive Officer Certification Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
13.2***	Chief Financial Officer Certification Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
15.1*	Consent of Ernst & Young Hua Ming LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
15.2*	Consent of KPMG Huazhen LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
15.3*	Consent of Han Kun Law Offices
16.1	Letter of Ernst & Young Hua Ming LLP to the Commission (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.2 on Form 6-K furnished to the Commission on September 7, 2022)

Exhibit Number	Description of Document
101.INS*	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
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SIGNATURES

The registrant hereby certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form 20-F/A and that it has duly caused and authorized the undersigned to sign this Amendment No. 1 to the Form 20-F on its behalf.

VNET Group, Inc.

By: /s/ Qiyu Wang

Name: Qiyu Wang

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 1, 2024

THE COMPANIES ACT (AS REVISED)
OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS
COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES
FIFTH AMENDED AND RESTATED
MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
OF
VNET GROUP, INC.

(adopted by a Special Resolution passed on January 9, 2024)

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**FIFTH AMENDED AND RESTATED
MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION**

OF

VNET GROUP, INC.

(adopted by a Special Resolution passed on January 9, 2024)

1. The name of the Company is VNET Group, Inc.
 2. The Registered Office of the Company is situated at the offices of Maples Corporate Services Limited, PO Box 309, Ugland House, Grand Cayman, KY1-1104, Cayman Islands, or at such other location within the Cayman Islands as the Directors may from time to time determine.
 3. The objects for which the Company is established are unrestricted and the Company shall have full power and authority to carry out any object not prohibited by the Companies Act or any other law of the Cayman Islands.
 4. The Company shall have and be capable of exercising all the functions of a natural person of full capacity irrespective of any question of corporate benefit as provided by the Companies Act.
 5. The Company will not trade in the Cayman Islands with any person, firm or corporation except in furtherance of the business of the Company carried on outside the Cayman Islands; provided that nothing in this section shall be construed as to prevent the Company effecting and concluding contracts in the Cayman Islands, and exercising in the Cayman Islands all of its powers necessary for the carrying on of its business outside the Cayman Islands.
 6. The liability of each Shareholder of the Company is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid on the Shares held by such Shareholder.
 7. The authorised share capital of the Company is US\$30,000 divided into 3,000,000,000 shares, par value of US\$0.00001 each, comprised of (i) 2,698,935,000 Class A ordinary shares of a par value of US\$0.00001 each, (ii) 300,000,000 Class B ordinary shares of a par value of US\$0.00001 each, (iii) 60,000 Class C ordinary shares of a par value of US\$0.00001 each, (iv) 555,000 Class D ordinary shares of a par value of US\$0.00001 each, (v) 150,000 Series A perpetual convertible preferred shares of a par value of US\$0.00001 each, and (vi) 300,000 Series A-1 perpetual convertible preferred shares of a par value of US\$0.00001 each.
 8. Subject to the Companies Act and the Articles of Association, the Company shall have power to redeem or purchase any of its Shares and to subdivide or consolidate the said Shares or any of them and to issue all or any part of its capital whether original, redeemed, increased or reduced with or without any preference, priority, special privilege or other rights or subject to any postponement of rights or to any conditions or restrictions whatsoever and so that unless the conditions of issue shall otherwise expressly provide every issue of shares whether stated to be ordinary, preference or otherwise shall be subject to the powers on the part of the Company hereinbefore provided.
 9. The Company has the power contained in the Companies Act to deregister in the Cayman Islands and be registered by way of continuation in some other jurisdiction.
 10. Capitalized terms that are not defined in this Memorandum of Association bear the same meanings as those given in the Articles of Association of the Company.
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TABLE A

The Regulations contained or incorporated in Table 'A' in the First Schedule of the Law shall not apply to the Company and the following Articles shall comprise the Articles of Association of the Company.

INTERPRETATION

1. In these Articles the following defined terms will have the meanings ascribed to them, if not inconsistent with the subject or context:

"ADS" means an American depository share representing Class A Ordinary Shares;

"Affiliate" means in respect of a Person, any other Person that, directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such Person, and (i) in the case of a natural person, shall include, without limitation, such person's spouse, parents, children, siblings, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, a trust for the benefit of any of the foregoing, and a corporation, partnership or any other entity wholly or jointly owned by any of the foregoing, and (ii) in the case of an entity, shall include a partnership, a corporation or any other entity or any natural person which directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such entity. The term "control" (including, with its correlative meanings, "controlled by" and "under common control with" of a given Person shall mean the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power or authority, whether exercised or not, to direct or cause the direction of the business, management or policies of such Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise; provided that such power or authority shall conclusively be presumed to exist upon possession of beneficial ownership or power to direct the vote of more than 50% of the votes entitled to be cast at a meeting of the members or shareholders of such Person or power to control the composition of a majority of the board of directors (or analogous governing body) of such Person;

"Articles" or "Articles of Association"	means these articles of association of the Company, as amended or substituted from time to time;
"Board" or "Board of Directors" or "Directors"	means the directors of the Company for the time being, or as the case may be, the directors assembled as a board or as a committee thereof;
"Chairperson"	means the Director from time to time appointed to be the Chairperson of the Board pursuant to these Articles;
"Class" or "Classes"	means any class or classes of Shares as may from time to time be issued by the Company;
"Class A Ordinary Share"	means a Class A Ordinary Share in the capital of the Company with a par value of US\$0.00001 per share;
"Class B Ordinary Share"	means a Class B Ordinary Share in the capital of the Company with a par value of US\$0.00001 per share;
"Co-Chairperson(s)"	means the Director(s) from time to time appointed to be the Co-Chairperson(s) of the Board pursuant to these Articles;
"Commission"	means the Securities and Exchange Commission of the United States of America or any other federal agency for the time being administering the Securities Act;
"Communication Facilities"	means video, video-conferencing, internet or online conferencing applications, telephone or tele-conferencing and/or any other video-communications, internet or online conferencing application or telecommunications facilities by means of which all Persons participating in a meeting are capable of hearing and being heard by each other;
"Company"	means VNET Group, Inc., a Cayman Islands exempted company;

"Companies Act"	means the Companies Act (As Revised) of the Cayman Islands and any statutory amendment or re-enactment thereof;
"Company's Website"	means the main corporate / investor relations website of the Company, the address or domain name of which has been disclosed in any registration statement filed by the Company with the Commission in connection with its initial public offering of ADSs, or which has otherwise been notified to Shareholders;
"Designated Stock Exchange"	means The New York Stock Exchange in the United States or any other stock exchange that the Company's ADSs are listed for trading;
"Designated Stock Exchange Rules"	means the relevant code, rules and regulations, as amended, from time to time, applicable as a result of the original and continued listing of any Shares or ADSs on the Designated Stock Exchange;
"electronic"	has the meaning given to it in the Electronic Transactions Act and any amendment thereto or re-enactments thereof for the time being in force and includes every other law incorporated therewith or substituted therefor;
"electronic communication"	means electronic posting to the Company's Website, transmission to any number, address or internet website or other electronic delivery methods as otherwise decided and approved by not less than two-thirds of the vote of the Board;
"electronic record"	has the meaning given to it in the Electronic Transactions Act and any amendment thereto or re-enactments thereof for the time being in force and includes every other law incorporated therewith or substituted therefor;
"Electronic Transactions Act"	means the Electronic Transactions Act (As Revised) of the Cayman Islands and any statutory amendment or re-enactment thereof;
"Founder"	means Mr. CHEN Sheng;
"Founder Affiliate"	(a) each of the Founder's spouse, parents, children, siblings, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law and other lineal descendants (each, an "Immediate Family Member"); and (b) a trust or an estate planning vehicle established for the benefit of the Founder and/or any of the Immediate Family Members, and (c) any corporation, partnership or any other entity ultimately controlled by the Founder and/or any of the Immediate Family Members through possession of voting power or investment power over Shares held by any such corporation, partnership or entity. For the avoidance of doubt, the terms "voting power" and "investment power" shall have such meanings as defined under Rule 13d-3 of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended;

"Independent Director"	means a director who is an independent director as defined in the Designated Stock Exchange Rules;
"Law"	means the Companies Act and every other law and regulation of the Cayman Islands for the time being in force concerning companies and affecting the Company;
"Memorandum of Association"	means the memorandum of association of the Company, as amended or substituted from time to time;
"Month"	means calendar month;
"Ordinary Resolution"	means a resolution: (a) passed by a simple majority of such Shareholders as, being entitled to do so, vote in person or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy at a general meeting of the Company and where a poll is taken regard shall be had in computing a majority to the number of votes to which each Shareholder is entitled; or (b) approved in writing by all of the Shareholders entitled to vote at a general meeting of the Company in one or more instruments each signed by one or more of the Shareholders and the effective date of the resolution so adopted shall be the date on which the instrument, or the last of such instruments, if more than one, is executed;
"paid up"	means paid up as to the par value in respect of the issue of any Shares and includes credited as paid up;
"Person"	means any natural person, firm, company, joint venture, partnership, corporation, association or other entity (whether or not having a separate legal personality) or any of them as the context so requires;
"Present"	means in respect of any Person, such Person's presence at a general meeting of Shareholders (or any meeting of the holders of any Class of Shares), which may be satisfied by means of such Person or, if a corporation or other non natural Person, its duly authorized representative (or, in the case of any Shareholder, a proxy which has been validly appointed by such Shareholder in accordance with these Articles), being: (a) physically present at the meeting; or (b) in the case of any meeting at which Communication Facilities are permitted in accordance with these Articles, including any Virtual Meeting, connected by means of the use of such Communication Facilities;

"Register"	means the register of Members of the Company maintained in accordance with the Companies Act;
"Registered Office"	means the registered office of the Company as required by the Companies Act;
"Seal"	means the common seal of the Company (if adopted) including any facsimile thereof;
"Secretary"	means any Person appointed by the Directors to perform any of the duties of the secretary of the Company;
"Securities Act"	means the Securities Act of 1933 of the United States of America, as amended, or any similar federal statute and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, all as the same shall be in effect at the time;
"Share"	means a share in the capital of the Company. All references to "Shares" herein shall be deemed to be Shares of any or all Classes as the context may require. For the avoidance of doubt in these Articles the expression "Share" shall include a fraction of a Share;
"Shareholder" or "Member"	means a Person who is registered as the holder of one or more Shares in the Register;
"Share Premium Account"	means the share premium account established in accordance with these Articles and the Companies Act;
"signed"	means bearing a signature or representation of a signature affixed by mechanical means or an electronic symbol or process attached to or logically associated with an electronic communication and executed or adopted by a Person with the intent to sign the electronic communication;
"Special Resolution"	means a special resolution of the Company passed in accordance with the Companies Act, being a resolution: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the votes cast by such Shareholders as, being entitled to do so, vote in person or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy or, in the case of corporations, by their duly authorised representatives, at a general meeting of the Company of which notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution has been duly given and where a poll is taken regard shall be had in computing a majority to the number of votes to which each Shareholder is entitled; or (b) approved in writing by all of the Shareholders entitled to vote at a general meeting of the Company in one or more instruments each signed by one or more of the Shareholders and the effective date of the special resolution so adopted shall be the date on which the instrument or the last of such instruments, if more than one, is executed;

"United States"	means the United States of America, its territories, its possessions and all areas subject to its jurisdiction;
"Virtual Meeting"	means any general meeting of the Shareholders (or any meeting of the holders of any Class of Shares) at which the Shareholders (and any other permitted participants of such meeting, including without limitation the chairperson of the meeting and any Directors) are permitted to attend and participate solely by means of Communication Facilities; and
"year"	means calendar year.

2. In these Articles, save where the context requires otherwise:

- (a) words importing the singular number shall include the plural number and vice versa;
- (b) words importing the masculine gender only shall include the feminine gender and any Person as the context may require;
- (c) the word "may" shall be construed as permissive and the word "shall" shall be construed as imperative;
- (d) reference to a dollar or dollars (or US\$) and to a cent or cents is reference to dollars and cents of the United States of America;
- (e) reference to a statutory enactment shall include reference to any amendment or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force;
- (f) reference to any determination by the Directors shall be construed as a determination by the Directors in their sole and absolute discretion and shall be applicable either generally or in any particular case;
- (g) reference to "in writing" shall be construed as written or represented by any means reproducible in writing, including any form of print, lithograph, email, facsimile, photograph or telex or represented by any other substitute or format for storage or transmission for writing including in the form of an electronic record or partly one and partly another; and
- (h) any requirements as to delivery under the Articles include delivery in the form of an electronic record or an electronic communication;
- (i) any requirements as to execution or signature under the Articles, including the execution of the Articles themselves, can be satisfied in the form of an electronic signature as defined in the Electronic Transaction Act; and
- (j) Sections 8 and 19(3) of the Electronic Transactions Act shall not apply.

3. Subject to the last two preceding Articles, any words defined in the Companies Act shall, if not inconsistent with the subject or context, bear the same meaning in these Articles.

PRELIMINARY

4. The business of the Company may be conducted as the Directors see fit.

5. The Registered Office shall be at such address in the Cayman Islands as the Directors may from time to time determine. The Company may in addition establish and maintain such other offices and places of business and agencies in such places as the Directors may from time to time determine.

6. The expenses incurred in the formation of the Company and in connection with the offer for subscription and issue of Shares shall be paid by the Company. Such expenses may be amortised over such period as the Directors may determine and the amount so paid shall be charged against income and/or capital in the accounts of the Company as the Directors shall determine.

7. The Directors shall keep, or cause to be kept, the Register at such place as the Directors may from time to time determine and, in the absence of any such determination, the Register shall be kept at the Registered Office.

SHARES

8. Subject to these Articles, all Shares for the time being unissued shall be under the control of the Directors who may:

(a) issue, allot and dispose of the same to such Persons, in such manner, on such terms and having such rights and being subject to such restrictions as they may from time to time determine; and

(b) grant options with respect to such Shares and issue warrants or similar instruments with respect thereto;

and, for such purposes, the Directors may reserve an appropriate number of Shares for the time being unissued.

9. The Directors may authorise the division of Shares into any number of Classes and the different Classes shall be authorised, established and designated (or re-designated as the case may be) and the variations in the relative rights (including, without limitation, voting, dividend and redemption rights), restrictions, preferences, privileges and payment obligations as between the different Classes (if any) may be fixed and determined by the Directors or by a Special Resolution. The Directors may issue Shares with such preferred or other rights, all or any of which may be greater than the rights of the existing classes of shares in the capital of the Company (subject to their terms of issuance), at such time and on such terms as they may think appropriate.

10. The Company may insofar as may be permitted by law, pay a commission to any Person in consideration of his subscribing or agreeing to subscribe whether absolutely or conditionally for any Shares. Such commissions may be satisfied by the payment of cash or the lodgement of fully or partly paid-up Shares or partly in one way and partly in the other. The Company may also pay such brokerage as may be lawful on any issue of Shares.

11. The Directors may refuse to accept any application for Shares, and may accept any application in whole or in part, for any reason or for no reason.

MODIFICATION OF RIGHTS

12. Whenever the capital of the Company is divided into different Classes the rights attached to any such Class may, subject to any rights or restrictions for the time being attached to any Class, only be materially adversely varied or abrogated with the consent in writing of the holders of a majority of the issued Shares of that Class or with the sanction of a Special Resolution passed at a separate meeting of the holders of the Shares of that Class. To every such separate meeting all the provisions of these Articles relating to general meetings of the Company or to the proceedings thereat shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply, except that the necessary quorum shall be one or more Persons at least holding or representing by proxy one-third in nominal or par value amount of the issued Shares of the relevant Class (but so that if at any adjourned meeting of such holders a quorum as above defined is not Present, those Shareholders who are Present shall form a quorum) and that, subject to any rights or restrictions for the time being attached to the Shares of that Class, every Shareholder of the Class shall on a poll have one vote for each Share of the Class held by him. For the purposes of this Article the Directors may treat all the Classes or any two or more Classes as forming one Class if they consider that all such Classes would be affected in the same way by the proposals under consideration, but in any other case shall treat them as separate Classes.

13. The rights conferred upon the holders of the Shares of any Class issued with preferred or other rights shall not, subject to any rights or restrictions for the time being attached to the Shares of that Class, be deemed to be materially adversely varied or abrogated by, *inter alia*, the creation, allotment or issue of further Shares ranking *pari passu* with or in priority or subsequent to them or the redemption or purchase of any Shares of any Class by the Company. The rights of the holders of Shares shall not be deemed to be materially adversely varied or abrogated by the creation or issue of Shares with preferred or other rights including, without limitation, the creation of Shares with enhanced or weighted voting rights.

CERTIFICATES

14. Every Person whose name is entered as a member in the Register shall, without payment, be entitled to a certificate within two months after allotment or lodgement of transfer (or within such other period as the conditions of issue shall provide) in the form determined by the Directors. All certificates shall specify the Share or Shares held by that person and the amount paid up thereon, provided that in respect of a Share or Shares held jointly by several persons the Company shall not be bound to issue more than one certificate, and delivery of a certificate for a Share to one of several joint holders shall be sufficient delivery to all. All certificates for Shares shall be delivered personally or sent through the post addressed to the member entitled thereto at the Member's registered address as appearing in the Register.

15. Every share certificate of the Company shall bear legends required under the applicable laws, including the Securities Act.

16. Any two or more certificates representing Shares of any one Class held by any Member may at the Member's request be cancelled and a single new certificate for such Shares issued in lieu on payment (if the Directors shall so require) of US\$1.00 or such smaller sum as the Directors shall determine.

17. If a share certificate shall be damaged or defaced or alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed, a new certificate representing the same Shares may be issued to the relevant Member upon request subject to delivery up of the old certificate or (if alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed) compliance with such conditions as to evidence and indemnity and the payment of out-of-pocket expenses of the Company in connection with the request as the Directors may think fit.

18. In the event that Shares are held jointly by several persons, any request may be made by any one of the joint holders and if so made shall be binding on all of the joint holders.

FRACTIONAL SHARES

19. The Directors may issue fractions of a Share and, if so issued, a fraction of a Share shall be subject to and carry the corresponding fraction of liabilities (whether with respect to nominal or par value, premium, contributions, calls or otherwise), limitations, preferences, privileges, qualifications, restrictions, rights (including, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, voting and participation rights) and other attributes of a whole Share. If more than one fraction of a Share of the same Class is issued to or acquired by the same Shareholder such fractions shall be accumulated.

LIEN

20. The Company has a first and paramount lien on every Share (whether or not fully paid) for all amounts (whether presently payable or not) payable at a fixed time or called in respect of that Share. The Company also has a first and paramount lien on every Share registered in the name of a Person indebted or under liability to the Company (whether he is the sole registered holder of a Share or one of two or more joint holders) for all amounts owing by him or his estate to the Company (whether or not presently payable). The Directors may at any time declare a Share to be wholly or in part exempt from the provisions of this Article. The Company's lien on a Share extends to any amount payable in respect of it.

21. The Company may sell, in such manner as the Directors in their absolute discretion think fit, any Share on which the Company has a lien, but no sale shall be made unless an amount in respect of which the lien exists is presently payable nor until the expiration of fourteen days after a notice in writing, demanding payment of such part of the amount in respect of which the lien exists as is presently payable, has been given to the registered holder for the time being of the Share, or the Persons entitled thereto by reason of his death or bankruptcy.

22. For giving effect to any such sale the Directors may authorise some Person to transfer the Shares sold to the purchaser thereof. The purchaser shall be registered as the holder of the Shares comprised in any such transfer and he shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money, nor shall his title to the Shares be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings in reference to the sale.

23. The proceeds of the sale after deduction of expenses, fees and commission incurred by the Company shall be received by the Company and applied in payment of such part of the amount in respect of which the lien exists as is presently payable, and the residue shall (subject to a like lien for sums not presently payable as existed upon the Shares prior to the sale) be paid to the Person entitled to the Shares immediately prior to the sale.

CALLS ON SHARES

24. Subject to the terms of the allotment, the Directors may from time to time make calls upon the Shareholders in respect of any moneys unpaid on their Shares by giving notice to such Shareholders at least fourteen days prior to the specified time of payment, and each Shareholder shall pay to the Company at the time or times so specified the amount called on such Shares.

25. The joint holders of a Share shall be jointly and severally liable to pay calls in respect thereof.

26. If a sum called in respect of a Share is not paid before or on the day appointed for payment thereof, the Person from whom the sum is due shall pay interest upon the sum at the rate of eight percent per annum from the day appointed for the payment thereof to the time of the actual payment, but the Directors shall be at liberty to waive payment of that interest wholly or in part.

27. The provisions of these Articles as to the liability of joint holders and as to payment of interest shall apply in the case of non-payment of any sum which, by the terms of issue of a Share, becomes payable at a fixed time, whether on account of the amount of the Share, or by way of premium, as if the same had become payable by virtue of a call duly made and notified.

28. The Directors may make arrangements on the issue of partly paid Shares for a difference between the Shareholders, or the particular Shares, in the amount of calls to be paid and in the times of payment.

29. The Directors may, if they think fit, receive from any Shareholder willing to advance the same all or any part of the moneys uncalled and unpaid upon any partly paid Shares held by him, and upon all or any of the moneys so advanced may (until the same would, but for such advance, become presently payable) pay interest at such rate (not exceeding without the sanction of an Ordinary Resolution, eight percent per annum) as may be agreed upon between the Shareholder paying the sum in advance and the Directors.

FORFEITURE OF SHARES

30. If a Shareholder fails to pay any call or instalment of a call in respect of partly paid Shares on the day appointed for payment, the Directors may, at any time thereafter during such time as any part of such call or instalment remains unpaid, serve a notice on him requiring payment of so much of the call or instalment as is unpaid, together with any interest which may have accrued.

31. The notice shall name a further day (not earlier than the expiration of fourteen days from the date of the notice) on or before which the payment required by the notice is to be made, and shall state that in the event of non-payment at or before the time appointed the Shares in respect of which the call was made will be liable to be forfeited.

32. If the requirements of any such notice as aforesaid are not complied with, any Share in respect of which the notice has been given may at any time thereafter, before the payment required by notice has been made, be forfeited by a resolution of the Directors to that effect.

33. A forfeited Share may be sold or otherwise disposed of on such terms and in such manner as the Directors think fit, and at any time before a sale or disposition the forfeiture may be cancelled on such terms as the Directors think fit.

34. A Person whose Shares have been forfeited shall cease to be a Shareholder in respect of the forfeited Shares, but shall, notwithstanding, remain liable to pay to the Company all moneys which at the date of forfeiture were payable by him to the Company in respect of the Shares forfeited, but his liability shall cease if and when the Company receives payment in full of the amount unpaid on the Shares forfeited.

35. A certificate in writing under the hand of a Director of the Company that a Share has been duly forfeited on a date stated in the certificate, shall be conclusive evidence of the facts in the declaration as against all Persons claiming to be entitled to the Share.

36. The Company may receive the consideration, if any, given for a Share on any sale or disposition thereof pursuant to the provisions of these Articles as to forfeiture and may execute a transfer of the Share in favour of the Person to whom the Share is sold or disposed of and that Person shall be registered as the holder of the Share, and shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money, if any, nor shall his title to the Shares be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings in reference to the disposition or sale.

37. The provisions of these Articles as to forfeiture shall apply in the case of non-payment of any sum which by the terms of issue of a Share becomes due and payable, whether on account of the amount of the Share, or by way of premium, as if the same had been payable by virtue of a call duly made and notified.

TRANSFER OF SHARES

38. The instrument of transfer of any Share shall be in writing and in any usual or common form or such other form as the Directors may, in their absolute discretion, approve and be executed by or on behalf of the transferor and if in respect of a nil or partly paid up Share, or if so required by the Directors, shall also be executed on behalf of the transferee and shall be accompanied by the certificate (if any) of the Shares to which it relates and such other evidence as the Directors may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer. The transferor shall be deemed to remain a Shareholder until the name of the transferee is entered in the Register in respect of the relevant Shares.

39. (a) The Directors may in their absolute discretion decline to register any transfer of Shares which is not fully paid up or on which the Company has a lien.

(b) The Directors may also, but are not required to, decline to register any transfer of any Share unless:

- i. the instrument of transfer is lodged with the Company, accompanied by the certificate for the Shares to which it relates and such other evidence as the Board may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer;
- ii. the instrument of transfer is in respect of only one Class of Shares;
- iii. the instrument of transfer is properly stamped, if required;
- iv. in the case of a transfer to joint holders, the number of joint holders to whom the Share is to be transferred does not exceed four;
- v. the Shares transferred are free of any lien in favour of the Company; and
- vi. a fee of such maximum sum as the Designated Stock Exchange may determine to be payable, or such lesser sum as the Board of Directors may from time to time require, is paid to the Company in respect thereof.

40. The registration of transfers may, on 14 days' notice being given by advertisement in such one or more newspapers or by electronic means, be suspended and the Register closed at such times and for such periods as the Directors may, in their absolute discretion, from time to time determine, provided always that such registration of transfer shall not be suspended nor the Register of Members closed for more than 30 days in any year.

41. All instruments of transfer that are registered shall be retained by the Company. If the Directors refuse to register a transfer of any Shares, they shall within two months after the date on which the transfer was lodged with the Company send to each of the transferor and the transferee notice of the refusal.

CLASS A ORDINARY SHARES AND CLASS B ORDINARY SHARES

42. Each Class B Ordinary Share is convertible into one (1) Class A Ordinary Share at any time by the holder thereof. The right to convert shall be exercisable by the holder of the Class B Ordinary Share delivering a written notice to the Company that such holder elects to convert a specified number of Class B Ordinary Shares into Class A Ordinary Shares.

Class A Ordinary Shares are not convertible into Class B Ordinary Shares under any circumstances.

Any conversion of Class B Ordinary Shares to Class A Ordinary Shares shall be effected by way of the re-designation of such Class B Ordinary Shares into an equal number of Class A Ordinary Shares. Such conversion shall become effective forthwith upon entries being made in the Register of Members to record the re-designation of the relevant Class B Ordinary Shares as Class A Ordinary Shares.

Subject to the Companies Act and notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, upon any sale, transfer, assignment or disposition of any Class B Ordinary Share by a Shareholder to any Person who is not an existing holder of Class B Ordinary Shares, the Founder, an Affiliate of the Founder, or a Founder Affiliate, or upon a change of control of the ultimate beneficial ownership of any Class B Ordinary Share to any Person who is not an existing holder of Class B Ordinary Shares, the Founder, an Affiliate of the Founder, or a Founder Affiliate, such Class B Ordinary Share shall be automatically and immediately converted into the same number of Class A Ordinary Share.

Save and except for voting rights as set out in Article 72 and conversion rights as set out in this Article 42, the Class A Ordinary Shares and the Class B Ordinary Shares shall rank *pari passu* and shall have the same rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions.

TRANSMISSION OF SHARES

43. The legal personal representative of a deceased sole holder of a Share shall be the only Person recognised by the Company as having any title to the Share. In the case of a Share registered in the name of two or more holders, the survivors or survivor, or the legal personal representatives of the deceased survivor, shall be the only Person recognised by the Company as having any title to the Share.

44. Any Person becoming entitled to a Share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a Shareholder shall upon such evidence being produced as may from time to time be required by the Directors, have the right either to be registered as a Shareholder in respect of the Share or, instead of being registered himself, to make such transfer of the Share as the deceased or bankrupt Person could have made; but the Directors shall, in either case, have the same right to decline or suspend registration as they would have had in the case of a transfer of the Share by the deceased or bankrupt Person before the death or bankruptcy.

45. A Person becoming entitled to a Share by reason of the death or bankruptcy of a Shareholder shall be entitled to the same dividends and other advantages to which he would be entitled if he were the registered Shareholder, except that he shall not, before being registered as a Shareholder in respect of the Share, be entitled in respect of it to exercise any right conferred by membership in relation to meetings of the Company, provided however, that the Directors may at any time give notice requiring any such Person to elect either to be registered himself or to transfer the Share, and if the notice is not complied with within ninety days, the Directors may thereafter withhold payment of all dividends, bonuses or other monies payable in respect of the Share until the requirements of the notice have been complied with.

REGISTRATION OF EMPOWERING INSTRUMENTS

46. The Company shall be entitled to charge a fee not exceeding one dollar (US\$1.00) on the registration of every probate, letters of administration, certificate of death or marriage, power of attorney, notice in lieu of distringas, or other instrument.

ALTERATION OF SHARE CAPITAL

47. The Company may from time to time by Ordinary Resolution increase the share capital by such sum, to be divided into Shares of such Classes and amount, as the resolution shall prescribe.

48. The Company may by Ordinary Resolution:

- (a) consolidate and divide all or any of its share capital into Shares of a larger amount than its existing Shares;
- (b) convert all or any of its paid up Shares into stock and reconvert that stock into paid up Shares of any denomination;
- (c) subdivide its existing Shares, or any of them into Shares of a smaller amount provided that in the subdivision the proportion between the amount paid and the amount, if any, unpaid on each reduced Share shall be the same as it was in case of the Share from which the reduced Share is derived; and
- (d) cancel any Shares that, at the date of the passing of the resolution, have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any Person and diminish the amount of its share capital by the amount of the Shares so cancelled.

49. The Company may by Special Resolution reduce its share capital and any capital redemption reserve in any manner authorised by law.

REDEMPTION AND PURCHASE OF SHARES

50. Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act and these Articles, the Company may:

- (a) issue Shares that are to be redeemed or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the Shareholder or the Company. The redemption of Shares shall be effected in such manner as may be determined, before the issue of such Shares, by either the Board or by the Shareholders by Special Resolution;
- (b) purchase its own Shares (including any redeemable Shares) provided that the Shareholders shall have approved the manner of purchase by Ordinary Resolution or the manner of purchase is in accordance with the following Articles (this authorisation is in accordance with section 37(2) of the Companies Act); and
- (c) the Company may make a payment in respect of the redemption or purchase of its own Shares in any manner permitted by the Companies Act, including out of capital.

51. *Purchase of Shares represented by ADSs listed on the Designated Stock Exchange*

The Company is authorised to purchase any Shares which are represented by ADSs listed on the Designated Stock Exchange in accordance with the following manner of purchase:

- (a) in the event that the Company purchases any ADSs, it shall also purchase the Shares underlying such ADS in accordance with this Article;
- (b) the purchase price shall be paid by the Company to the depository, to be paid by the depository to the seller of the relevant ADSs (and such monies shall be held on trust by the depository for the account of such seller until they have been paid to such seller), or may, by agreement between the depository and the Company, be paid directly by the Company to such seller;
- (c) the maximum number of Shares that may be repurchased shall be equal to the number of issued and outstanding Shares less one Share; and
- (d) the repurchase of the ADSs and the underlying Shares shall be at such time; at such price and on such other terms as determined and agreed by the Board in their sole discretion provided however that:
 - (i) such repurchase transactions shall be in accordance with the Designated Stock Exchange Rules and any other relevant codes, rules and regulations applicable to the listing of the ADSs on the Designated Stock Exchange; and
 - (ii) at the time of the repurchase, the Company is able to pay its debts as they fall due in the ordinary course of its business.

52. *Purchase of shares not represented by ADSs*

The Company is authorised to purchase any Shares not underlying ADSs in accordance with the following manner of purchase:

- (a) the Company shall serve a repurchase notice in a form approved by the Board on the Shareholder from whom the Shares are to be repurchased at least two business days prior to the date specified in the notice as being the repurchase date;
- (b) the price for the Shares being repurchased shall be such price agreed between the Board and the applicable Shareholder;
- (c) the date of repurchase shall be the date specified in the repurchase notice; and
- (d) the repurchase shall be on such other terms as specified in the repurchase notice as determined and agreed by the Board and the applicable Shareholder in their sole discretion.

53. The purchase of any Share shall not oblige the Company to purchase any other Share other than as may be required pursuant to applicable law and any other contractual obligations of the Company.

54. The holder of the Shares being purchased shall be bound to deliver up to the Company the certificate(s) (if any) thereof for cancellation and thereupon the Company shall pay to him the purchase or redemption monies or consideration in respect thereof.

GENERAL MEETINGS

55. All general meetings other than annual general meetings shall be called extraordinary general meetings.
56. (a) The Company may (but shall not be obliged to) in each calendar year hold a general meeting as its annual general meeting and shall specify the meeting as such in the notices calling it. The annual general meeting shall be held at such time and place as may be determined by the Directors.
- (b) At these meetings the report of the Directors (if any) shall be presented.
57. (a) The Directors may call general meetings, and they shall on a Shareholders' requisition forthwith proceed to convene an extraordinary general meeting of the Company.
- (b) A Shareholders' requisition is a requisition of Shareholders holding at the date of deposit of the requisition in aggregate not less than one-third of such of the issued Shares of the Company as at that date of the deposit carries the right of voting at general meetings of the Company.
- (c) The requisition must state the objects of the meeting and must be signed by the requisitionists and deposited at the Registered Office, and may consist of several documents in like form each signed by one or more requisitionists.
- (d) If the Directors do not within 21 days from the date of the deposit of the requisition duly proceed to convene a general meeting to be held within a further 21 days, the requisitionists, or any of them representing more than one-half of the total voting rights of all of them, may themselves convene a general meeting, but any meeting so convened shall not be held after the expiration of three months after the expiration of the said 21 days.
- (e) A general meeting convened as aforesaid by requisitionists shall be convened in the same manner as nearly as possible as that in which general meetings are to be convened by Directors.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS

58. At least 14 days' notice shall be given for any general meeting. Every notice shall be exclusive of the day on which it is given or deemed to be given and of the day for which it is given and shall specify the place, the day and the hour of the meeting and the general nature of the business and shall be given in the manner hereinafter mentioned or in such other manner if any as may be prescribed by the Company, provided that a general meeting of the Company shall, whether or not the notice specified in this Article has been given and whether or not the provisions of these Articles regarding general meetings have been complied with, be deemed to have been duly convened if it is so agreed:

- (a) in the case of an annual general meeting by all the Shareholders (or their proxies) entitled to attend and vote thereat; and
- (b) in the case of an extraordinary general meeting by a majority in number of the Shareholders (or their proxies) having a right to attend and vote at the meeting, being a majority together holding not less than ninety five per cent in par value of the Shares giving that right.

59. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to or the non-receipt of a notice of a meeting by any Shareholder shall not invalidate the proceedings at any meeting.

PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

60. No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum of Shareholders is Present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. The quorum required for a general meeting of Shareholders consists of at least one Shareholder, Present and entitled to vote, holding in aggregate not less than one-third of the voting power of the Shares in issue carrying a right to vote at such meeting.

61. If within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not Present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of Shareholders, shall be dissolved. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not Present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting the Shareholder or Shareholders Present and entitled to vote shall form a quorum.

62. If the Directors wish to make this facility available for a specific general meeting or all general meetings of the Company, attendance and participation in any general meeting of the Company may be by means of Communication Facilities. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Directors may determine that any general meeting may be held as a Virtual Meeting. The notice of any general meeting at which Communication Facilities will be utilized (including any Virtual Meeting) must disclose the Communication Facilities that will be used, including the procedures to be followed by any Shareholder or other participant of the meeting who wishes to utilise such Communication Facilities for the purposes of attending and participating in such meeting, including attending and casting any vote thereat.

63. At every general meeting of the Company, the chairperson of such general meeting shall be:

(a) where the Board has appointed one Chairperson of the Board, the Chairperson. If the Chairperson is not Present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding such general meeting or if the Chairperson is not willing to preside as chairperson of such general meeting, any Director or Person nominated by the Directors shall preside as chairperson, failing which the Shareholders Present shall choose any Person Present to be chairperson of that meeting;

(b) where the Board has appointed two Co-Chairpersons of the Board, then

(i) if both Co-Chairpersons are Present, then (x) if the Founder is a Co-Chairperson, then the Founder shall preside as the chairperson of such general meeting, and (y) if the Founder is not a Co-Chairperson, then the Co-Chairpersons shall determine, among themselves, which one of them shall preside as the chairperson of such general meeting, failing which the Directors Present shall choose the Co-Chairperson who shall preside as chairperson of such general meeting;

(ii) if one Co-Chairperson is Present, then that Co-Chairperson shall preside as chairperson of such general meeting;

(iii) if neither Co-Chairperson is Present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding such general meeting or if neither Co-Chairperson is willing to act as chairperson of such general meeting, any Director or Person nominated by the Directors shall preside as chairperson, failing which the Shareholders Present shall choose any Person Present to be chairperson of that meeting.

64. If there is no such Chairperson or Co-Chairperson appointed by the Board, any Director or Person nominated by the Directors shall preside as chairperson of such general meeting, failing which the Shareholders Present shall choose any Person Present to be chairperson of that meeting.

65. The chairperson of any general meeting (including any Virtual Meeting) shall be entitled to attend and participate at any such general meeting by means of Communication Facilities, and to act as the chairperson of such general meeting, in which event the following provisions shall apply:

(a) the chairperson of the meeting shall be deemed to be Present at the meeting; and

(b) if the Communication Facilities are interrupted or fail for any reason to enable the chairperson of the meeting to hear and be heard by all other Persons participating in the meeting, then the other Directors Present at the meeting shall choose another Director Present to act as chairperson of the meeting for the remainder of the meeting; provided that if no other Director is Present at the meeting, or if all the Directors Present decline to take the chair, then the meeting shall be automatically adjourned to the same day in the next week and at such time and place as shall be decided by the Board of Directors.

66. The chairperson may with the consent of any general meeting at which a quorum is Present (and shall if so directed by the meeting) adjourn a meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. When a meeting, or adjourned meeting, is adjourned for fourteen days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting. Save as aforesaid it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

67. The Directors may cancel or postpone any duly convened general meeting at any time prior to such meeting, except for general meetings requisitioned by the Shareholders in accordance with these Articles, for any reason or for no reason, upon notice in writing to Shareholders. A postponement may be for a stated period of any length or indefinitely as the Directors may determine.

68. At any general meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands, unless a poll is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded by the chairperson of the meeting, or by any three Shareholders entitled to vote at the meeting, or any one or more Shareholders holding at least one-tenth of the paid-up Shares given a right to vote at the meeting or one-tenth of the total voting rights entitled to vote at the meeting and Present, and unless a poll is so demanded, a declaration by the chairperson of the meeting that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried, or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, and an entry to that effect in the book of the proceedings of the Company, shall be conclusive evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of, or against, that resolution.

69. If a poll is duly demanded it shall be taken in such manner as the chairperson of the meeting directs, and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.

70. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairperson of the meeting at which the show of hands takes place or at which the poll is demanded, shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.

71. A poll demanded on the election of a chairperson of the meeting or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken at such time as the chairperson of the meeting directs.

VOTES OF SHAREHOLDERS

72. Subject to any rights and restrictions for the time being attached to any Share, on a show of hands every Shareholder Present shall, at a general meeting of the Company, each have one vote and on a poll (i) every holder of Class A Ordinary Shares and every Person representing a holder of Class A Ordinary Shares by proxy shall have one vote for each Class A Ordinary Share of which such Person or the Person represented by proxy is the holder, and (ii) every holder of Class B Ordinary Shares and every Person representing a holder of Class B Ordinary Shares by proxy shall have ten (10) votes for each Class B Ordinary Share of which such Person or the Person represented by proxy is the holder.

73. In the case of joint holders, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote whether in person or by proxy shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders and for this purpose seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the Register.

74. A Shareholder of unsound mind, or in respect of whom an order has been made by any court having jurisdiction in lunacy, may vote in respect of Shares carrying the right to vote held by him, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, by his committee, or other Person in the nature of a committee appointed by that court, and any such committee or other Person, may vote in respect of such Shares by proxy.

75. No Shareholder shall be entitled to vote at any general meeting of the Company unless all calls, if any, or other sums presently payable by him in respect of Shares carrying the right to vote held by him have been paid.

76. On a poll, votes may be given either personally or by proxy.

77. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or of his attorney duly authorised in writing or, if the appointor is a corporation, either under Seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised. A proxy need not be a Shareholder.

78. An instrument appointing a proxy may be in any usual or common form or such other form as the Directors may approve.

79. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be deposited at the Registered Office or at such other place as is specified for that purpose in the notice convening the meeting, or in any instrument of proxy sent out by the Company:

- (a) not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote; or
- (b) in the case of a poll taken more than 48 hours after it is demanded, be deposited as aforesaid after the poll has been demanded and not less than 24 hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll; or
- (c) where the poll is not taken forthwith but is taken not more than 48 hours after it was demanded be delivered at the meeting at which the poll was demanded to the chairperson of the meeting or to the secretary or to any Director;

provided that the Directors may in the notice convening the meeting, or in an instrument of proxy sent out by the Company, direct that the instrument appointing a proxy may be deposited (no later than the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting) at the registered office or at such other place as is specified for that purpose in the notice convening the meeting, or in any instrument of proxy sent out by the Company. The Chairperson or any one Co-Chairperson may in any event at his discretion direct that an instrument of proxy shall be deemed to have been duly deposited. An instrument of proxy that is not deposited in the manner permitted shall be invalid.

80. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a poll.

81. A resolution in writing signed by all the Shareholders for the time being entitled to receive notice of and to attend and vote at general meetings of the Company (or being corporations by their duly authorised representatives) shall be as valid and effective as if the same had been passed at a general meeting of the Company duly convened and held.

CORPORATIONS ACTING BY REPRESENTATIVES AT MEETINGS

82. Any corporation which is a Shareholder or a Director may by resolution of its directors or other governing body authorise such Person as it thinks fit to act as its representative at any meeting of the Company or of any meeting of holders of a Class or of the Directors or of a committee of Directors, and the Person so authorised shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the corporation which he represents as that corporation could exercise if it were an individual Shareholder or Director.

CLEARING HOUSES

83. If a clearing house (or its nominee) is a Member of the Company it may, by resolution of its directors or other governing body or by power of attorney, authorise such person or persons as it thinks fit to act as its representative or representatives at any general meeting of the Company or at any general meeting of any class of Members of the Company provided that, if more than one person is so authorised, the authorisation shall specify the number and class of Shares in respect of which each such person is so authorised. A person so authorised pursuant to this Article shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the clearing house (or its nominee) which he represents as that clearing house (or its nominee) could exercise if it were an individual Member holding the number and Class of Shares specified in such authorisation.

DIRECTORS

84. (a) Unless otherwise determined by the Company in general meeting, the number of Directors shall not be less than two Directors, the exact number of Directors to be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. For so long as Shares or ADSs are listed on the Designated Stock Exchange, the Directors shall include such number of Independent Directors as applicable law, rules or regulations or the Designated Stock Exchange Rules require.

(b) The Board of Directors shall have a Chairperson or two Co-Chairpersons elected and appointed by a majority of the Directors then in office. The period for which the Chairperson or Co-Chairpersons will hold office will also be determined by a majority of all of the Directors then in office. At every meeting of the Board of Directors, the chairperson of the meeting shall be:

(i) where the Board has appointed one Chairperson of the Board, the Chairperson. To the extent the Chairperson is not present at a meeting of the Board of Directors within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the same, or if the Chairperson is not willing to preside as chairperson of the meeting, the attending Directors may choose one of their number to be the chairperson of the meeting; and

(ii) where the Board has appointed two Co-Chairpersons, then

- (A) if both Co-Chairpersons are Present, then (x) if the Founder is a Co-Chairperson, then the Founder shall preside as the chairperson of such meeting, and (y) if the Founder is not a Co-Chairperson, then the Co-Chairpersons shall determine, among themselves, which one of them shall preside as the chairperson of such meeting, failing which the Directors Present shall choose the Co-Chairperson who shall preside as chairperson of such meeting;
- (B) if one Co-Chairperson is present at a meeting of the Board of Directors, then that Co-Chairperson shall preside as chairperson of such meeting;
- (C) if neither Co-Chairperson is present at a meeting of the Board of Directors within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding such general meeting or if neither Co-Chairperson is willing to act as chairperson of such meeting, any Director present at the meeting shall choose one of their number to preside as chairperson of the meeting.
- (iii) If there is no such Chairperson or Co-Chairperson appointed by the Board, the Directors present at any meeting of the Board shall choose one of their number to be chairperson of the meeting.
- (c) The Company may by Ordinary Resolution appoint any person to be a Director.
- (d) The Board may appoint any person as a Director, to fill a casual vacancy on the Board or as an addition to the existing Board, subject to the Company's compliance with director nomination procedures required under the Designated Stock Exchange Rules, as long as Shares or ADSs are listed on the Designated Stock Exchange.
85. A Director shall hold office until he is removed from office by Ordinary Resolution notwithstanding anything in these Articles or in any agreement between the Company and such Director (but without prejudice to any claim for damages under such agreement).
86. The Board may, from time to time, and except as required by applicable law or the listing rules of the recognized stock exchange where the Company's securities are traded, adopt, institute, amend, modify or revoke the corporate governance policies or initiatives, which shall be intended to set forth the policies of the Company and the Board on various corporate governance related matters as the Board shall determine by resolution from time to time.
87. A Director shall not be required to hold any Shares in the Company by way of qualification. A Director who is not a member of the Company shall nevertheless be entitled to attend and speak at general meetings.
88. The remuneration of the Directors may be determined by the Directors or by Ordinary Resolution.
89. The Directors shall be entitled to be paid their travelling, hotel and other expenses properly incurred by them in going to, attending and returning from meetings of the Directors, or any committee of the Directors, or general meetings of the Company, or otherwise in connection with the business of the Company, or to receive such fixed allowance in respect thereof as may be determined by the Directors from time to time, or a combination partly of one such method and partly the other.

ALTERNATE DIRECTOR OR PROXY

90. Any Director may in writing appoint another Person to be his alternate and, save to the extent provided otherwise in the form of appointment, such alternate shall have authority to sign written resolutions on behalf of the appointing Director, but shall not be required to sign such written resolutions where they have been signed by the appointing director, and to act in such Director's place at any meeting of the Directors at which he is unable to be present. Every such alternate shall be entitled to attend and vote at meetings of the Directors as a Director when the Director appointing him is not personally present and where he is a Director to have a separate vote on behalf of the Director he is representing in addition to his own vote. A Director may at any time in writing revoke the appointment of an alternate appointed by him. Such alternate shall be deemed for all purposes to be a Director of the Company and shall not be deemed to be the agent of the Director appointing him. The remuneration of such alternate shall be payable out of the remuneration of the Director appointing him and the proportion thereof shall be agreed between them.

91. Any Director may appoint any Person, whether or not a Director, to be the proxy of that Director to attend and vote on his behalf, in accordance with instructions given by that Director, or in the absence of such instructions at the discretion of the proxy, at a meeting or meetings of the Directors which that Director is unable to attend personally. The instrument appointing the proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointing Director and shall be in any usual or common form or such other form as the Directors may approve, and must be lodged with the chairperson of the meeting of the Directors at which such proxy is to be used, or first used, prior to the commencement of the meeting.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF DIRECTORS

92. Subject to the Companies Act, these Articles and to any resolutions passed in a general meeting, the business of the Company shall be managed by the Directors, who may pay all expenses incurred in setting up and registering the Company and may exercise all powers of the Company.

93. Subject to these Articles, the Directors may from time to time appoint any natural person or corporation, whether or not a Director to hold such office in the Company as the Directors may think necessary for the administration of the Company, including but not limited to, the office of president, one or more vice-presidents, treasurer, assistant treasurer, manager or controller, and for such term and at such remuneration (whether by way of salary or commission or participation in profits or partly in one way and partly in another), and with such powers and duties as the Directors may think fit. Any natural person or corporation so appointed by the Directors may be removed by the Directors.

94. No resolution passed by the Company in general meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Directors that would have been valid if that resolution had not been passed.

95. The Directors may appoint any natural person or corporation to be a Secretary (and if need be an assistant Secretary or assistant Secretaries) who shall hold office for such term, at such remuneration and upon such conditions and with such powers as they think fit. Any Secretary or assistant Secretary so appointed by the Directors may be removed by the Directors or by the Company by Ordinary Resolution.

96. The Directors may delegate any of their powers to committees consisting of such member or members of their body as they think fit; any committee so formed shall in the exercise of the powers so delegated conform to any regulations that may be imposed on it by the Directors.

97. The Directors may from time to time and at any time by power of attorney (whether under Seal or under hand) or otherwise appoint any company, firm or Person or body of Persons, whether nominated directly or indirectly by the Directors, to be the attorney or attorneys or authorised signatory (any such person being an "Attorney" or "Authorised Signatory", respectively) of the Company for such purposes and with such powers, authorities and discretion (not exceeding those vested in or exercisable by the Directors under these Articles) and for such period and subject to such conditions as they may think fit, and any such power of attorney or other appointment may contain such provisions for the protection and convenience of Persons dealing with any such Attorney or Authorised Signatory as the Directors may think fit, and may also authorise any such Attorney or Authorised Signatory to delegate all or any of the powers, authorities and discretion vested in him.

98. The Directors may from time to time provide for the management of the affairs of the Company in such manner as they shall think fit and the provisions contained in the three next following Articles shall not limit the general powers conferred by this Article.

99. The Directors from time to time and at any time may establish any committees, local boards or agencies for managing any of the affairs of the Company and may appoint any natural person or corporation to be a member of such committees or local boards and may appoint any managers or agents of the Company and may fix the remuneration of any such natural person or corporation.

100. The Directors from time to time and at any time may delegate to any such committee, local board, manager or agent any of the powers, authorities and discretions for the time being vested in the Directors and may authorise the members for the time being of any such local board, or any of them to fill any vacancies therein and to act notwithstanding vacancies and any such appointment or delegation may be made on such terms and subject to such conditions as the Directors may think fit and the Directors may at any time remove any natural person or corporation so appointed and may annul or vary any such delegation, but no Person dealing in good faith and without notice of any such annulment or variation shall be affected thereby.

101. Any such delegates as aforesaid may be authorised by the Directors to sub-delegate all or any of the powers, authorities, and discretion for the time being vested in them.

BORROWING POWERS OF DIRECTORS

102. The Directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money and to mortgage or charge its undertaking, property and uncalled capital or any part thereof, to issue debentures, debenture stock and other securities whenever money is borrowed or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party.

THE SEAL

103. The Seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of a resolution of the Directors provided always that such authority may be given prior to or after the affixing of the Seal and if given after may be in general form confirming a number of affixings of the Seal. The Seal shall be affixed in the presence of a Director or a Secretary (or an assistant Secretary) or in the presence of any one or more Persons as the Directors may appoint for the purpose and every Person as aforesaid shall sign every instrument to which the Seal is so affixed in their presence.

104. The Company may maintain a facsimile of the Seal in such countries or places as the Directors may appoint and such facsimile Seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of a resolution of the Directors provided always that such authority may be given prior to or after the affixing of such facsimile Seal and if given after may be in general form confirming a number of affixings of such facsimile Seal. The facsimile Seal shall be affixed in the presence of such Person or Persons as the Directors shall for this purpose appoint and such Person or Persons as aforesaid shall sign every instrument to which the facsimile Seal is so affixed in their presence and such affixing of the facsimile Seal and signing as aforesaid shall have the same meaning and effect as if the Seal had been affixed in the presence of and the instrument signed by a Director or a Secretary (or an assistant Secretary) or in the presence of any one or more Persons as the Directors may appoint for the purpose.

105. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Secretary or any assistant Secretary shall have the authority to affix the Seal, or the facsimile Seal, to any instrument for the purposes of attesting authenticity of the matter contained therein but which does not create any obligation binding on the Company.

DISQUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS

106. The office of Director shall be vacated, if the Director:

- (a) becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors;
- (b) dies or is found to be or becomes of unsound mind;
- (c) resigns his office by notice in writing to the Company;
- (d) without special leave of absence from the Board, is absent from meetings of the Board for three consecutive meetings and the Board resolves that his office be vacated; or
- (e) is removed from office pursuant to any other provision of these Articles.

PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

107. The Directors may meet together (either within or outside the Cayman Islands) for the despatch of business, adjourn, and otherwise regulate their meetings and proceedings as they think fit. Save as provided in Article 94, questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. At any meeting of the Directors, each Director present in person or represented by his proxy or alternate shall be entitled to one vote. In case of an equality of votes the chairperson of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote. A Director may, and a Secretary or assistant Secretary on the requisition of a Director shall, at any time summon a meeting of the Directors.

108. A Director may participate in any meeting of the Directors, or of any committee appointed by the Directors of which such Director is a member, by means of telephone or similar communication equipment by way of which all Persons participating in such meeting can communicate with each other and such participation shall be deemed to constitute presence in person at the meeting.

109. The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Directors may be fixed by the Directors, and unless so fixed, the quorum shall be a majority of Directors then in office. A Director represented by proxy or by an alternate Director at any meeting shall be deemed to be present for the purposes of determining whether or not a quorum is present.

110. A Director who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in a contract or proposed contract with the Company shall declare the nature of his interest at a meeting of the Directors. A general notice given to the Directors by any Director to the effect that he is a member of any specified company or firm and is to be regarded as interested in any contract which may thereafter be made with that company or firm shall be deemed a sufficient declaration of interest in regard to any contract so made. A Director may vote in respect of any contract or proposed contract or arrangement notwithstanding that he may be interested therein and if he does so his vote shall be counted and he may be counted in the quorum at any meeting of the Directors at which any such contract or proposed contract or arrangement shall come before the meeting for consideration.

111. A Director may hold any other office or place of profit under the Company (other than the office of auditor) in conjunction with his office of Director for such period and on such terms (as to remuneration and otherwise) as the Directors may determine and no Director or intending Director shall be disqualified by his office from contracting with the Company either with regard to his tenure of any such other office or place of profit or as vendor, purchaser or otherwise, nor shall any such contract or arrangement entered into by or on behalf of the Company in which any Director is in any way interested, be liable to be avoided, nor shall any Director so contracting or being so interested be liable to account to the Company for any profit realised by any such contract or arrangement by reason of such Director holding that office or of the fiduciary relation thereby established. A Director, notwithstanding his interest, may be counted in the quorum present at any meeting of the Directors whereat he or any other Director is appointed to hold any such office or place of profit under the Company or whereat the terms of any such appointment are arranged and he may vote on any such appointment or arrangement.

112. Any Director may act by himself or his firm in a professional capacity for the Company, and he or his firm shall be entitled to remuneration for professional services as if he were not a Director; provided that nothing herein contained shall authorise a Director or his firm to act as auditor to the Company.

113. The Directors shall cause minutes to be made in books or loose-leaf folders provided for the purpose of recording:

- (a) all appointments of officers made by the Directors;
- (b) the names of the Directors present at each meeting of the Directors and of any committee of the Directors; and
- (c) all resolutions and proceedings at all meetings of the Company, and of the Directors and of committees of Directors.

114. When the chairperson of a meeting of the Directors signs the minutes of such meeting the same shall be deemed to have been duly held notwithstanding that all the Directors have not actually come together or that there may have been a technical defect in the proceedings.

115. A resolution in writing signed by all the Directors or all the members of a committee of Directors entitled to receive notice of a meeting of Directors or committee of Directors, as the case may be (an alternate Director, subject as provided otherwise in the terms of appointment of the alternate Director, being entitled to sign such a resolution on behalf of his appointer), shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a duly called and constituted meeting of Directors or committee of Directors, as the case may be. When signed a resolution may consist of several documents each signed by one or more of the Directors or his duly appointed alternate.

116. The continuing Directors may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body but if and for so long as their number is reduced below the number fixed by or pursuant to these Articles as the necessary quorum of Directors, the continuing Directors may act for the purpose of increasing the number, or of summoning a general meeting of the Company, but for no other purpose.

117. [Reserved].

118. Subject to any regulations imposed on it by the Directors, a committee appointed by the Directors may elect a chairperson of its meetings. If no such chairperson is elected, or if at any meeting the chairperson is not present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the committee members present may choose one of their number to be chairperson of the meeting.

119. A committee appointed by the Directors may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. Subject to any regulations imposed on it by the Directors, questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes of the committee members present and in case of an equality of votes the chairperson shall have a second or casting vote.

120. All acts done by any meeting of the Directors or of a committee of Directors, or by any Person acting as a Director, shall notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such Director or Person acting as aforesaid, or that they or any of them were disqualified, be as valid as if every such Person had been duly appointed and was qualified to be a Director.

PRESUMPTION OF ASSENT

121. A Director of the Company who is present at a meeting of the Board of Directors at which action on any Company matter is taken shall be presumed to have assented to the action taken unless his dissent shall be entered in the Minutes of the meeting or unless he shall file his written dissent from such action with the person acting as the chairperson or secretary of the meeting before the adjournment thereof or shall forward such dissent by registered post to such person immediately after the adjournment of the meeting. Such right to dissent shall not apply to a Director who voted in favour of such action.

DIVIDENDS

122. Subject to any rights and restrictions for the time being attached to any Shares, the Directors may from time to time declare dividends (including interim dividends) and other distributions on Shares in issue and authorise payment of the same out of the funds of the Company lawfully available therefor.

123. Subject to any rights and restrictions for the time being attached to any Shares, the Company by Ordinary Resolution may declare dividends, but no dividend shall exceed the amount recommended by the Directors.

124. The Directors may, before recommending or declaring any dividend, set aside out of the funds legally available for distribution such sums as they think proper as a reserve or reserves which shall, in the absolute discretion of the Directors be applicable for meeting contingencies, or for equalising dividends or for any other purpose to which those funds may be properly applied and pending such application may in the absolute discretion of the Directors, either be employed in the business of the Company or be invested in such investments (other than Shares of the Company) as the Directors may from time to time think fit.

125. Any dividend payable in cash to the holder of Shares may be paid in any manner determined by the Directors. If paid by cheque it will be sent by mail addressed to the holder at his address in the Register, or addressed to such person and at such addresses as the holder may direct. Every such cheque or warrant shall, unless the holder or joint holders otherwise direct, be made payable to the order of the holder or, in the case of joint holders, to the order of the holder whose name stands first on the Register in respect of such Shares, and shall be sent at his or their risk and payment of the cheque or warrant by the bank on which it is drawn shall constitute a good discharge to the Company.

126. With the sanction of an Ordinary Resolution, the Directors may determine that a dividend shall be paid wholly or partly by the distribution of specific assets (which may consist of the shares or securities of any other company) and may settle all questions concerning such distribution. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Directors may fix the value of such specific assets, may determine that cash payment shall be made to some Shareholders in lieu of specific assets and may vest any such specific assets in trustees on such terms as the Directors think fit.

127. Subject to any rights and restrictions for the time being attached to any Shares, all dividends shall be declared and paid according to the amounts paid up on the Shares, but if and for so long as nothing is paid up on any of the Shares dividends may be declared and paid according to the par value of the Shares. No amount paid on a Share in advance of calls shall, while carrying interest, be treated for the purposes of this Article as paid on the Share.

128. If several Persons are registered as joint holders of any Share, any of them may give effectual receipts for any dividend or other moneys payable on or in respect of the Share.

129. No dividend shall bear interest against the Company.

130. Any dividend unclaimed after a period of six years from the date of declaration of such dividend may be forfeited by the Board of Directors and, if so forfeited, shall revert to the Company.

ACCOUNTS, AUDIT AND ANNUAL RETURN AND DECLARATION

131. The books of account relating to the Company's affairs shall be kept in such manner as may be determined from time to time by the Directors.

132. The books of account shall be kept at the Registered Office, or at such other place or places as the Directors think fit, and shall always be open to the inspection of the Directors.

133. The Directors may from time to time determine whether and to what extent and at what times and places and under what conditions or regulations the accounts and books of the Company or any of them shall be open to the inspection of Shareholders not being Directors, and no Shareholder (not being a Director) shall have any right of inspecting any account or book or document of the Company except as conferred by law or authorised by the Directors or by Ordinary Resolution.

134. The accounts relating to the Company's affairs shall be audited in such manner and with such financial year end as may be determined from time to time by the Directors or failing any determination as aforesaid shall not be audited.

135. The Directors may appoint an Auditor of the Company who shall hold office until removed from office by a resolution of the Directors and may fix his or their remuneration.

136. Every Auditor of the Company shall have a right of access at all times to the books and accounts and vouchers of the Company and shall be entitled to require from the Directors and Officers of the Company such information and explanation as may be necessary for the performance of the duties of the auditors.

137. Auditors shall, if so required by the Directors, make a report on the accounts of the Company during their tenure of office at the next annual general meeting following their appointment, and at any time during their term of office, upon request of the Directors or any general meeting of the Members.

138. The Directors in each year shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, an annual return and declaration setting forth the particulars required by the Companies Act and deliver a copy thereof to the Registrar of Companies in the Cayman Islands.

CAPITALISATION OF RESERVES

139. Subject to the Companies Act, the Directors may, with the authority of an Ordinary Resolution:

- (a) resolve to capitalise an amount standing to the credit of reserves (including a Share Premium Account, capital redemption reserve and profit and loss account), whether or not available for distribution;
- (b) appropriate the sum resolved to be capitalised to the Shareholders in proportion to the nominal amount of Shares (whether or not fully paid) held by them respectively and apply that sum on their behalf in or towards:
 - (i) paying up the amounts (if any) for the time being unpaid on Shares held by them respectively, or
 - (ii) paying up in full unissued Shares or debentures of a nominal amount equal to that sum,

and allot the Shares or debentures, credited as fully paid, to the Shareholders (or as they may direct) in those proportions, or partly in one way and partly in the other, but the Share Premium Account, the capital redemption reserve and profits which are not available for distribution may, for the purposes of this Article, only be applied in paying up unissued Shares to be allotted to Shareholders credited as fully paid;

- (c) make any arrangements they think fit to resolve a difficulty arising in the distribution of a capitalised reserve and in particular, without limitation, where Shares or debentures become distributable in fractions the Directors may deal with the fractions as they think fit;
- (d) authorise a Person to enter (on behalf of all the Shareholders concerned) into an agreement with the Company providing for either:
 - (i) the allotment to the Shareholders respectively, credited as fully paid, of Shares or debentures to which they may be entitled on the capitalisation, or
 - (ii) the payment by the Company on behalf of the Shareholders (by the application of their respective proportions of the reserves resolved to be capitalised) of the amounts or part of the amounts remaining unpaid on their existing Shares,

and any such agreement made under this authority being effective and binding on all those Shareholders; and

- (e) generally do all acts and things required to give effect to the resolution.

SHARE PREMIUM ACCOUNT

140. The Directors shall in accordance with the Companies Act establish a Share Premium Account and shall carry to the credit of such account from time to time a sum equal to the amount or value of the premium paid on the issue of any Share.

141. There shall be debited to any Share Premium Account on the redemption or purchase of a Share the difference between the nominal value of such Share and the redemption or purchase price provided always that at the discretion of the Directors such sum may be paid out of the profits of the Company or, if permitted by the Companies Act, out of capital.

NOTICES

142. Except as otherwise provided in these Articles, any notice or document may be served by the Company or by the Person entitled to give notice to any Shareholder either personally, or by posting it airmail or air courier service in a prepaid letter addressed to such Shareholder at his address as appearing in the Register, or by electronic mail to any electronic mail address such Shareholder may have specified in writing for the purpose of such service of notices, or by facsimile or by placing it on the Company's Website should the Directors deem it appropriate. In the case of joint holders of a Share, all notices shall be given to that one of the joint holders whose name stands first in the Register in respect of the joint holding, and notice so given shall be sufficient notice to all the joint holders.

143. Notices posted to addresses outside the Cayman Islands shall be forwarded by prepaid airmail.

144. Any Shareholder Present at any meeting of the Company shall for all purposes be deemed to have received due notice of such meeting and, where requisite, of the purposes for which such meeting was convened.

145. Any notice or other document, if served by:

- (a) post, shall be deemed to have been served five days after the time when the letter containing the same is posted;
- (b) facsimile, shall be deemed to have been served upon production by the transmitting facsimile machine of a report confirming transmission of the facsimile in full to the facsimile number of the recipient;
- (c) recognised courier service, shall be deemed to have been served 48 hours after the time when the letter containing the same is delivered to the courier service; or
- (d) electronic mail, shall be deemed to have been served immediately upon the time of the transmission by electronic mail.

In proving service by post or courier service it shall be sufficient to prove that the letter containing the notice or documents was properly addressed and duly posted or delivered to the courier service.

146. Any notice or document delivered or sent by post to or left at the registered address of any Shareholder in accordance with the terms of these Articles shall notwithstanding that such Shareholder be then dead or bankrupt, and whether or not the Company has notice of his death or bankruptcy, be deemed to have been duly served in respect of any Share registered in the name of such Shareholder as sole or joint holder, unless his name shall at the time of the service of the notice or document, have been removed from the Register as the holder of the Share, and such service shall for all purposes be deemed a sufficient service of such notice or document on all Persons interested (whether jointly with or as claiming through or under him) in the Share.

147. Notice of every general meeting of the Company shall be given to:

- (a) all Shareholders holding Shares with the right to receive notice and who have supplied to the Company an address for the giving of notices to them; and

- (b) every Person entitled to a Share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a Shareholder, who but for his death or bankruptcy would be entitled to receive notice of the meeting.

No other Person shall be entitled to receive notices of general meetings.

INFORMATION

148. No Member shall be entitled to require discovery of any information in respect of any detail of the Company's trading or any information which is or may be in the nature of a trade secret or secret process which may relate to the conduct of the business of the Company and which in the opinion of the Board would not be in the interests of the Members of the Company to communicate to the public.

149. The Board shall be entitled to release or disclose any information in its possession, custody or control regarding the Company or its affairs to any of its Members including, without limitation, information contained in the Register and transfer books of the Company.

INDEMNITY

150. Every Director (including for the purposes of this Article any alternate Director appointed pursuant to the provisions of these Articles), Secretary, assistant Secretary, or other officer for the time being and from time to time of the Company (but not including the Company's auditors) and the personal representatives of the same (each an "Indemnified Person") shall be indemnified and secured harmless against all actions, proceedings, costs, charges, expenses, losses, damages or liabilities incurred or sustained by such Indemnified Person, other than by reason of such Indemnified Person's own dishonesty, wilful default or fraud, in or about the conduct of the Company's business or affairs (including as a result of any mistake of judgment) or in the execution or discharge of his duties, powers, authorities or discretions, including without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, any costs, expenses, losses or liabilities incurred by such Indemnified Person in defending (whether successfully or otherwise) any civil proceedings concerning the Company or its affairs in any court whether in the Cayman Islands or elsewhere.

151. No Indemnified Person shall be liable:

- (a) for the acts, receipts, neglects, defaults or omissions of any other Director or officer or agent of the Company; or
- (b) for any loss on account of defect of title to any property of the Company; or
- (c) on account of the insufficiency of any security in or upon which any money of the Company shall be invested; or
- (d) for any loss incurred through any bank, broker or other similar Person; or
- (e) for any loss occasioned by any negligence, default, breach of duty, breach of trust, error of judgement or oversight on such Indemnified Person's part; or
- (f) for any loss, damage or misfortune whatsoever which may happen in or arise from the execution or discharge of the duties, powers, authorities, or discretions of such Indemnified Person's office or in relation thereto;

unless the same shall happen through such Indemnified Person's own dishonesty, wilful default or fraud.

FINANCIAL YEAR

152. Unless the Directors otherwise prescribe, the financial year of the Company shall end December 31st in each calendar year and shall begin on January 1st in each calendar year.

NON-RECOGNITION OF TRUSTS

153. No Person shall be recognised by the Company as holding any Share upon any trust and the Company shall not, unless required by law, be bound by or be compelled in any way to recognise (even when having notice thereof) any equitable, contingent, future or partial interest in any Share or (except only as otherwise provided by these Articles or as the Companies Act requires) any other right in respect of any Share except an absolute right to the entirety thereof in each Shareholder registered in the Register.

WINDING UP

154. If the Company shall be wound up the liquidator may, with the sanction of a Special Resolution of the Company and any other sanction required by the Companies Act, divide amongst the Members in kind the whole or any part of the assets of the Company (whether they shall consist of property of the same kind or not) and may for that purpose value any assets and determine how the division shall be carried out as between the Members or different classes of Members. The liquidator may, with the like sanction, vest the whole or any part of such assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of the Members as the liquidator, with the like sanction, shall think fit, but so that no Member shall be compelled to accept any asset upon which there is a liability.

155. If the Company shall be wound up, and the assets available for distribution amongst the Members shall be insufficient to repay the whole of the share capital, such assets shall be distributed so that, as nearly as may be, the losses shall be borne by the Members in proportion to the par value of the Shares held by them. If in a winding up the assets available for distribution amongst the Members shall be more than sufficient to repay the whole of the share capital at the commencement of the winding up, the surplus shall be distributed amongst the Members in proportion to the par value of the Shares held by them at the commencement of the winding up subject to a deduction from those Shares in respect of which there are monies due, of all monies payable to the Company for unpaid calls or otherwise. This Article is without prejudice to the rights of the holders of Shares issued upon special terms and conditions.

AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

156. Subject to the Companies Act, the Company may at any time and from time to time by Special Resolution alter or amend these Articles in whole or in part.

CLOSING OF REGISTER OR FIXING RECORD DATE

157. For the purpose of determining those Shareholders that are entitled to receive notice of, attend or vote at any meeting of Shareholders or any adjournment thereof, or those Shareholders that are entitled to receive payment of any dividend, or in order to make a determination as to who is a Shareholder for any other purpose, the Directors may provide that the Register shall be closed for transfers for a stated period which shall not exceed in any case 40 days. If the Register shall be so closed for the purpose of determining those Shareholders that are entitled to receive notice of, attend or vote at a meeting of Shareholders the Register shall be so closed for at least ten days immediately preceding such meeting and the record date for such determination shall be the date of the closure of the Register.

158. In lieu of or apart from closing the Register, the Directors may fix in advance a date as the record date for any such determination of those Shareholders that are entitled to receive notice of, attend or vote at a meeting of the Shareholders and for the purpose of determining those Shareholders that are entitled to receive payment of any dividend the Directors may, at or within 90 days prior to the date of declaration of such dividend, fix a subsequent date as the record date for such determination.

159. If the Register is not so closed and no record date is fixed for the determination of those Shareholders entitled to receive notice of, attend or vote at a meeting of Shareholders or those Shareholders that are entitled to receive payment of a dividend, the date on which notice of the meeting is posted or the date on which the resolution of the Directors declaring such dividend is adopted, as the case may be, shall be the record date for such determination of Shareholders. When a determination of those Shareholders that are entitled to receive notice of, attend or vote at a meeting of Shareholders has been made as provided in this Article, such determination shall apply to any adjournment thereof.

REGISTRATION BY WAY OF CONTINUATION

160. The Company may by Special Resolution resolve to be registered by way of continuation in a jurisdiction outside the Cayman Islands or such other jurisdiction in which it is for the time being incorporated, registered or existing. In furtherance of a resolution adopted pursuant to this Article, the Directors may cause an application to be made to the Registrar of Companies to deregister the Company in the Cayman Islands or such other jurisdiction in which it is for the time being incorporated, registered or existing and may cause all such further steps as they consider appropriate to be taken to effect the transfer by way of continuation of the Company.

DISCLOSURE

161. The Directors, or any service providers (including the officers, the Secretary and the registered office agent of the Company) specifically authorised by the Directors, shall be entitled to disclose to any regulatory or judicial authority any information regarding the affairs of the Company including without limitation information contained in the Register and books of the Company.

**Certification by the Principal Executive Officer
Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, Jie Dong, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 20-F, as amended by Amendment No. 1 thereto, of VNET Group, Inc. (the “Company”);
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Company as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The Company’s other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the Company and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the Company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the Company’s disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the Company’s internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by the annual report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company’s internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The Company’s other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the Company’s auditors and the audit committee of the Company’s board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Company’s ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Company’s internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 1, 2024

By: /s/ Jie Dong

Name: Jie Dong

Title: Chief Executive Officer

**Certification by the Principal Financial Officer
Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, Qiyu Wang, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 20-F, as amended by Amendment No. 1 thereto, of VNET Group, Inc. (the “Company”);
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Company as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The Company’s other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the Company and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the Company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the Company’s disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the Company’s internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by the annual report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company’s internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The Company’s other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the Company’s auditors and the audit committee of the Company’s board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Company’s ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Company’s internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 1, 2024

By: /s/ Qiyu Wang

Name: Qiyu Wang

Title: Chief Financial Officer

**Certification by the Principal Executive Officer
Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

In connection with the annual report of VNET Group, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2022 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 26, 2023, as amended by Amendment No. 1 thereto (the "Report"), I, Jie Dong, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: February 1, 2024

By: /s/ Jie Dong

Name: Jie Dong

Title: Chief Executive Officer

**Certification by the Principal Financial Officer
Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

In connection with the annual report of VNET Group, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2022 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 26, 2023, as amended by Amendment No. 1 thereto (the "Report"), I, Qiyu Wang, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: February 1, 2024

By: /s/ Qiyu Wang

Name: Qiyu Wang

Title: Chief Financial Officer
