



# **China Demeter Investments Limited**

## **中國神農投資有限公司**

(“Company”)

*(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands and continued in Bermuda with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 8120)**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE REMUNERATION COMMITTEE (“COMMITTEE”) OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (“BOARD”) OF THE COMPANY**

#### **1. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

1.1 These terms of reference of the Committee was adopted pursuant to a resolution passed by the Board at its meeting held on 15 December 2011.

#### **2. MEMBERSHIP**

2.1 Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board from amongst the members of the Board and shall consist of not less than three members, a majority of which shall be independent non-executive directors of the Company.

2.2 The Chairman of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board and shall be an independent non-executive director.

2.3 The secretary of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board.

2.4 The appointment of the members or secretary of the Committee may be revoked, or additional members may be appointed to the Committee by separate resolutions passed by the Board and by the Committee.

#### **3. PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE**

##### **3.1 Notice:**

(a) Unless otherwise agreed by all the Committee members, a meeting shall be called by at least seven days' notice.

- (b) A Committee member may and, on the request of a Committee member, the secretary to the Committee shall, at any time summon a Committee meeting. Notice shall be given to each Committee member in person orally or in writing or by telephone or by telex or telegram or facsimile transmission at the telephone number or facsimile number or address from time to time notified to the secretary by such Committee member or in such other manner as the Committee members may from time to time determine.
- (c) Any notice given orally shall be confirmed in writing as soon as practicable and before the meeting.
- (d) Notice of meeting shall state the time and place of the meeting and shall be accompanied by an agenda together with other documents which may be required to be considered by the members of the Committee for the purposes of the meeting. In respect of regular meetings of the Committee to be held as mentioned in clause 3.3 below, and so far as practicable in all other meetings of the Committee, the agenda and accompanying papers shall be sent in full to all the members of the Committee in a timely manner and at least 3 days before the intended date of the meeting of the Committee (or such other period as all the Committee members may agree).

3.2 **Quorum:** The quorum of the Committee meeting shall be two members of the Committee and a majority of which shall be the independent non-exclusive directors.

3.3 Meetings shall be held at least once every year to set policy on executive directors' remuneration and to fix the remuneration packages for all directors.

3.4 No Committee member may vote on any resolution of the Committee regarding his own remuneration.

3.5 Written resolutions may be passed by all Committee members in writing.

#### **4. OVERRIDING PRINCIPLES**

4.1 Levels of remuneration should be sufficient to attract and retain the directors needed to run the company successfully, but companies should avoid paying more than is necessary for this purpose.

4.2 No director should be involved in deciding his own remuneration.

4.3 The Committee should consult the chairman and/or chief executive about their remuneration proposals for the other executive directors. The Committee should have access to independent professional advice if necessary.

## **5. ALTERNATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

5.1 A Committee member may not appoint any alternate.

## **6. AUTHORITY OF THE COMMITTEE**

6.1 The Committee may exercise the following powers:

- (a) to review any proposed service contract with any director or senior management before such contract is entered into and to make recommendation to the Company's human resources department for any changes to the proposed terms of such contract;
- (b) to determine with delegated responsibility from the Board remuneration packages of individual executive directors and senior management or to make recommendations to the Board on the remuneration packages, bonuses and welfare benefits of individual executive directors and the senior management;
- (c) to request the Board to convene a shareholders' meeting for purposes of revoking the appointment of any director and to dismiss any employees if there is evidence showing that the relevant director and/or employee has failed to discharge his duties properly;
- (d) to obtain outside legal or other independent professional advice at the cost of the Company on any matters within these terms of reference as it considers necessary and to secure the attendance of outsiders with relevant experience and expertise at its meetings, if it considers this necessary;
- (e) to have access to sufficient resources in order to perform its duties;
- (f) to review annually these terms of reference and their effectiveness in the discharge of its duties and to make recommendation to the Board any changes it considers necessary; and
- (g) to exercise such powers as the Committee may consider necessary and expedient so that their duties under section 7 below can be properly discharged.

6.2 The Committee should be provided with sufficient resources to discharge its duties.

## **7. DUTIES**

7.1 The duties of the Committee shall be:

- (a) to make recommendations to the Board on the Company's policy and structure for all directors and senior management remuneration and on the establishment of a formal and transparent procedure for developing remuneration policy;
- (b) to review and approve the management's remuneration proposals with reference to the Board's corporate goals and objectives;
- (c) to determine with delegated responsibility, the remuneration packages of individual executive directors and senior management; or to make recommendations to the Board on the remuneration packages of individual executive directors and senior management. This should include benefits in kind, pension rights and compensation payment, including any compensation payable for loss or termination of their office or appointment;
- (d) to make recommendations to the Board on the remuneration of non-executive directors;
- (e) to consider salaries paid by comparable companies, time commitment and responsibilities and employment conditions elsewhere in the group;
- (f) to review and approve compensation payable to executive directors and senior management for any loss or termination of office or appointment to ensure that it is consistent with contractual terms and is otherwise fair and not excessive;
- (g) to review and approve compensation arrangements relating to dismissal or removal of directors for misconduct to ensure that they are consistent with contractual terms and that are otherwise reasonable and appropriate; and
- (h) to ensure that no director or any of his associates is involved in deciding his own remuneration.

## **8. REPORTING PROCEDURES**

8.1 Full minutes of the Committee meetings and all written resolutions of the Committee should be kept by the secretary of the Committee.

8.2 The secretary of the Committee shall circulate the draft and final version of minutes of the meetings of the Committee or, as the case may be, written resolutions of the Committee to all members of the Committee for their comments and records respectively within a reasonable time after the meeting or the passing of the written resolutions.

8.3 The secretary of the Committee shall keep record of all meetings of the Committee held during each financial year of the Company and records of individual attendance of members of the Committee, on a named basis, at meetings held during that financial year.

## **9. CONTINUING APPLICATION OF THE BYE-LAWS OF THE COMPANY**

The bye-laws of the Company regulating the meetings and proceedings of the directors of the Company so far as the same are applicable and are not replaced by the provisions in these terms of reference shall apply to the meetings and proceedings of the Committee.

## **10. POWERS OF THE BOARD**

The Board may, subject to compliance with the bye-laws of the Company and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Growth Enterprise Market of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “GEM Listing Rules”) (including the Corporate Governance Code set out in Appendix 15 to the GEM Listing Rules or if adopted by the Company, the Company’s own Code of Corporate Governance Practices), amend, supplement and revoke these terms of reference and any resolution passed by the Committee provided that no amendments to and revocation of these terms of reference and the resolutions passed by the Committee shall invalidate any prior act and resolution of the Committee which would have been valid if such terms of reference or resolution had not been amended or revoked.