Board of Directors

(The information of this section is updated as of 19 April 2021)

ZHU Hexin (Executive Director and Chairman)

Age 53: an executive director and chairman of the board, chairman of the nomination committee, strategic committee and executive committee since 2020. Mr Zhu is responsible for the leadership and effective functioning of the board, ensuring that key issues are addressed by the board. He provides the strategic direction for the Company. Mr Zhu is currently chairman of CITIC Group Corporation and CITIC Corporation Limited. Mr Zhu was vice president of Bank of Communications, executive director and vice president of Bank of China, vice governor of Sichuan Province, vice president of the People's Bank of China. He has over 20 years' extensive knowledge and experience in the financial industry. He graduated from Shanghai University of Finance and Economics with a degree of Bachelor in engineering, majored in economic information management system. He is a senior economist.

XI Guohua (Executive Director, Vice Chairman and President)

Age 57: an executive director, vice chairman and president, a member of the nomination committee, a member of the strategic committee, vice chairman of the executive committee and chairman of the strategy and investment management committee of the Company with effect from 25 August 2020. Mr Xi is currently the vice chairman and president of CITIC Group Corporation and CITIC Corporation Limited, a member of the National Committee of CPPCC (Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference). He formerly served as director of CRRC Zhuzhou Institute Co., Ltd., vice president of China Northern Locomotive & Rolling Stock Industry (Group) Corporation, executive director and CEO of China CNR Corporation Limited, executive director, vice chairman and CEO of CRRC Corporation Limited, vice chairman and president of CRRC Group Co., Ltd., chairman of Xinxing Cathay International Group Co., Ltd., director and president of China FAW Group Corporation Limited. Mr Xi has engaged in industry for more than 35 years and has accumulated a lot of practical experience. Mr Xi graduated from the Electrical Engineering Department of Shanghai Institute of Railway, majoring in electric drive for locomotives. He obtained a Master's degree in management and a Doctor's degree in engineering. He is a professorate senior engineer.

LI Qingping (Executive Director)

Age 58: an executive director of the Company since 2015. Ms Li is the vice president of the Company and a member of the executive committee. She is currently executive director and vice president of CITIC Group Corporation, executive director and vice president of CITIC Corporation Limited. She was formerly chairperson and executive director, president of China CITIC Bank Corporation Limited, general manager of the International Department of Agricultural Bank of China, general manager of Guangxi Branch, and director of the Retail Business Department. Ms Li is a senior economist with over 30 years' experience in the banking industry, with particular emphasis on international business and retail business. She graduated from Nankai University in International Finance Programme with a Master's degree in Economics.

SONG Kangle (Non-executive Director)

Age 57: a non-executive director of the Company since 2016. Mr Song is a member of the strategic committee. He worked with several posts in Ministry of Finance ("MOF") as staff member, senior staff member, principal staff member, deputy director, consultant at director level, associate counsel, deputy director general and counsel at director general level in various departments, such as Department of Human Resource Development, Department of External Financing, Department of External Affairs, Department of Enterprise and Department of Asset Management. He graduated from School of Public Finance and Taxation of Liaoning Institute of Finance and Economics (now known as Dongbei University of Finance and Economics) with a Bachelor's degree in public finance and China Europe International Business School of Shanghai Jiao Tong University. He is a Postgraduate degree holder.

LIU Zhuyu (Non-executive Director)

Age 59: a non-executive director of the Company since 2017. Mr Liu is a member of the remuneration committee. He worked with several posts in MOF as senior staff member, principal staff member, deputy director and director at Department of Industry, Transportation and Finance, director at Economic Trade Department of MOF, deputy inspector at Beijing Supervision & Inspection Office, deputy director at State Equity & Corporate Finance Department and director general at Network Information Center, director general of Department of Treasury and Treasury Payment Center of MOF. Mr Liu graduated from Hubei Institute of Finance and Economics (now known as Zhongnan University of Economics and Law). He is a senior accountant and also a Certified Public Accountant.

PENG Yanxiang (Non-executive Director)

Age 58: a non-executive director of the Company since 2018. Mr Peng is a member of the audit and risk management committee. Mr Peng is currently non-executive director of CITIC Group Corporation. He worked with several posts in the MOF as assistant engineer, engineer, deputy director, senior engineer, director of Computing Center, deputy chief engineer (director level), deputy director general, director general of Network Information Center. He graduated from Beijing Institute of Technology. He is a senior engineer. He worked and studied at TKC Corp. in Japan from February 1987 to February 1988 and acquired bookkeeping qualification.

YU Yang (Non-executive Director)

Age 56: a non-executive director, a member of the nomination committee and the strategic committee of the Company with effect from 25 August 2020. Ms Yu is currently a non-executive director of CITIC Group Corporation and CITIC Corporation Limited. She worked with several posts in the MOF as assistant engineer of Computing Center, engineer of Xingcai Company, deputy general manager and general manager of Zhongcaixin company, deputy director of Comprehensive Department, director of office, director of secretariat of Network Information Center Office, and chief engineer of Network Information Center (deputy director general level). Ms Yu graduated from Shandong University in computer science with a Bachelor's degree in engineering. She is a senior engineer.

LIU Zhongyuan (Non-executive Director)

Age 51: a non-executive director of the Company since 2014. Mr Liu is currently director-general of Equity & Fixed-Income Investment Department of the National Council for Social Security Fund. He was formerly an officer and division chief of the General Office and General Planning and Trial Department, National Economic System Reform Commission; division chief and deputy director of the Secretary and Administration Department, Economic System Reform Office of the State Council; deputy director and director of the Secretariat Office of the National Council for Social Security Fund; director and deputy director-general of the Equity Management Department of the National Council for Social Security Fund; deputy director-general of the Equity Management Department (Private Equity Investment Department) of the National Council for Social Security Fund; director-general of the Overseas Investment Department of the National Council for Social Security Fund. Mr Liu has a Doctorate degree in economics from the Department of Economics at Renmin University of China.

YANG Xiaoping (Non-executive Director)

Age 57: a non-executive director of the Company since 2015. Mr Yang is a member of the audit and risk management committee and the strategic committee. He is currently the senior vice chairman of CP Group, the vice chairman and CEO of CPG China, executive director and the vice chairman of C.P. Lotus Corporation, CEO of CT Bright Holdings Limited, a non-executive director of Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China Ltd. and Honma Golf. Mr Yang has been appointed as the co-chairman of the board of China Minsheng Investment (Group) Corp. Ltd. with effect from 3 June 2020 and an independent director of Jingdong Digits Technology Holding Co., Ltd. with effect from 22 June 2020. Mr Yang is also a member of the 12th National Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, vice president of China Rural Research Institute of Tsinghua University, vice president of Global Co-Development Research Institute of Tsinghua University and president of Beijing Association of Foreign Investment Enterprises. Mr Yang graduated from the School of Economics and Management of Tsinghua University with Doctoral degree and has both studying and working experiences in Japan.

Francis SIU Wai Keung (Independent Non-executive Director)

Age 66: an independent non-executive director of the Company since 2011. Mr Siu is the chairman of the audit and risk management committee and a member of the remuneration committee and the nomination committee. He is an independent non-executive director of China Communications Services Corporation Limited, China International Capital Corporation Limited and Beijing Gao Hua Securities Company Limited. He is also the chairman and independent non-executive director of BHG Retail Trust Management Pte. Ltd.. He has been appointed as a non-executive director of the Financial Reporting Council for a two-year term from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2021. Mr Siu retired as an independent non-executive director of GuocoLand Limited with effect from 23 October 2020. Mr Siu joined KPMG Manchester, UK in 1979 and returned to Hong Kong in 1986 and became a partner of KPMG Hong Kong in 1993. From 2000 to 2002, he was a senior partner of KPMG Shanghai Office. From 2002 to March 2010, he was a senior partner of KPMG Beijing Office, and a senior partner of Northern Region, KPMG China.

XU Jinwu (*Dr.-Ing.*) (*Independent Non-executive Director*)

Age 71: an independent non-executive director of the Company since 2012. Dr Xu is a member of the audit and risk management committee, the remuneration committee and the nomination committee. He is the vice president of The Chinese Society for Metals (中國金屬學會) and the chairman of the Metallurgical Equipment Committee of The Chinese Society for Metals (中國金屬學會冶金設備分會). He was appointed as the president of University of Science and Technology Beijing in 2004 and retired in 2013. He served as an independent director of Ningbo Donly Transmission Equipment Co., Ltd. from January 2006 to January 2012 and Xinyu Iron & Steel Co., Ltd. from April 2006 to April 2009.

Anthony Francis NEOH (Independent Non-executive Director)

Age 74: an independent non-executive director of the Company since 2014. Mr Neoh is the chairman of the remuneration committee, and a member of the audit and risk management committee, the nomination committee and the strategic committee. He has until October 2016, been a member of the International Advisory Council of the China Securities Regulatory Commission ("CSRC"). He also previously served as chief advisor to the CSRC, a member of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Basic Law Committee under the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, chairman of the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission, a member of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange Council and its Listing Committee, and chaired its Disciplinary Committee and Debt Securities Group, and Deputy Judge of the Hong Kong High Court. From 1996 to 1998, he was chairman of the Technical Committee of the International Organization of Securities Commissions. He was appointed as Queen's Counsel (now retitled as Senior Counsel) in Hong Kong in 1990. Mr Neoh graduated from the University of London with a degree in Law in 1976. He is a barrister of England and Wales and admitted to the State Bar of California. In 2003, he was conferred the Degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, by the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He was formerly elected Honorary Fellow of the Hong Kong Securities Institute and Academician of the International Euro-Asian Academy of Sciences in 2009. In 2013, he was awarded the Degree of Doctor of Social Science, honoris causa, by the Open University of Hong Kong and in 2016, he was also awarded the Degree of Doctor of Social Science, honoris causa, by Lingnan University. Mr Neoh is currently an independent non-executive director of Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited. He is also the chairman of the Independent Police Complaints Council with a term of one year from 1 June 2020 to 31 May 2021. He was formerly a non-executive director of Global Digital Creations Holdings Limited. He also previously served as an independent non-executive director of Link Asset Management Limited (manager of Link Real Estate Investment Trust), China Shenhua Energy Company Limited, Bank of China Limited, China Life Insurance Company Limited and New China Life Insurance Company Ltd..

Shohei HARADA (Independent Non-executive Director)

Age 63: an independent non-executive director of the Company and a member of the strategic committee since 2018. Mr Harada is currently an executive partner at Sengokuyama Audit Firm (formerly known as Sengokuyama Partners Accounting Office). He also serves on the Audit & Supervisory Board for The Nation Federation of Agricultural Cooperative Association (ZEN-NOH). He is also an Audit & Supervisory Board Member of Kasumigaseki Capital Co., Ltd. (listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange). Mr Harada joined Tetsuzo Ota & Co. (later became Ernst & Young ShinNihon, LLC) in October 1984, where he performed audit engagements of major banks and real estate companies. From July 1993 to August 1997, he was seconded to the Ernst & Young London office. Mr Harada became a partner of Ernst & Young ShinNihon, LLC in May 1999 and a senior partner in May 2004. From September 2012 to February 2016, he was an executive partner of Ernst & Young ShinNihon, LLC and has served as the Advisory Japan Leader and Real Estate Sector Japan Leader. He retired from Ernst & Young ShinNihon, LLC in June 2017. He set up Sengokuyama Audit Firm in July 2018 and started his new career. He is a licensed Certified Public Accountant in Japan. As an accounting professional, Mr Harada has extensive experience in real estate securitization, fund business, and advisory. Mr Harada graduated from Chuo University with a Bachelor degree in Commerce in March 1980.

Gregory Lynn CURL (Independent Non-executive Director)

Age 72: an independent non-executive director and a member of the nomination committee of the Company since 2019. Mr Curl joined Temasek International as president on 1 September 2010, following his retirement from Bank of America ("BAC") in March 2010. He brings with him a banking career of over 30 years. During his time with BAC, Mr Curl served in a number of senior executive capacities including vice chairman of corporate development, and last held the position of chief risk officer. He is also a director of Post Holdings, Inc. (listed on the New York Stock Exchange), Rivulis Irrigation Ltd (Israeli company) and Rivulis Pte Ltd (Singapore private company). Mr Curl was appointed as an independent non-executive director of the Company in May 2011 and was re-designated as a non-executive director in August 2014 by reason of a shareholding interest held by Temasek group in a subsidiary of CITIC Pacific Limited (further details of which are set out in the Company's announcement dated 25 August 2014). Such shareholding interest has since been disposed. Mr Curl held such position until September 2014. He was also a director of the University of Virginia's Jefferson Scholars Foundation, The Enstar Group, Inc., Grupo Financiero Santander Serfin, and a non-executive director of China Construction Bank Corporation. Mr Curl received a Bachelor degree in Political Science from Southwest Missouri State University and a Master degree in Government from the University of Virginia. He was named a Woodrow Wilson Fellow in 1970 and was a Philip Dupont Scholar and a McIntire Fellow at the University of Virginia.