# Sinopec Shanghai Petrochemical Company Limited

# Rules of Procedure of the Audit Committee of the Board

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#### **Chapter 1: General Provisions**

Article 1: In order to enhance the decision-making function of the board of directors (the "Board") of Sinopec Shanghai Petrochemical Company Limited (the "Company"), to ensure the Board's effective supervision over the management and to improve its corporate governance structure, the Company has established the audit committee (the "Audit Committee") under the Board and developed these Rules of Procedure pursuant to Company Law of the People's Republic of China, Code of Corporate Governance for Listed Companies in China, Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Articles of Association of Sinopec Shanghai Petrochemical Company Limited (the "Articles of Association") and other relevant regulations.

**Article 2**: The Audit Committee shall be a special committee under the Board. It is primarily responsible for proposing the appointment or replacement of an external audit firm and facilitating the communications between the internal and external auditors of the Company; overseeing the Company's internal audit policy and the implementation thereof; auditing the Company's financial information and the disclosure thereof; and reviewing the Company's risk management and internal control system.

#### **Chapter 2: Composition**

**Article 3**: The Audit Committee shall be composed of three non-executive directors, at least two of whom shall be independent non-executive directors. At least one independent non-executive director shall be an accounting professional.

Article 4: The members of the Audit Committee shall be elected by the Board.

**Article 5**: The Audit Committee shall have a chairperson who shall be a member of the Audit Committee and an independent non-executive director, and in charge of the

work of the Audit Committee. The chairperson shall be nominated among the members by the chairman of the Board and elected by the Board.

**Article 6**: The term of office of the members of the Audit Committee shall correspond with the term of office of the Board. Upon expiration of the term of office, a member may serve another term of office upon reappointment. If a member no longer takes up the directorship of the Company during his term of office, he shall automatically be disqualified as a member and the Board shall appoint a replacement pursuant to the provisions hereof.

**Article 7**: The Audit Committee shall have a secretary appointed by the chairperson of the Audit Committee. The secretary shall be responsible for the day-to-day liaison work, the arrangement of meetings, etc..

**Article 8**: No members of the Audit Committee may receive, directly or indirectly, any counseling fees, consultant fees or other rewards other than the remuneration from the Company.

#### **Chapter 3: Duties and Powers**

### **Article 9**: The major duties and powers of the Audit Committee:

- (1) to propose the appointment or replacement of an external audit firm and to oversee the work of the external audit firm:
- (2) to oversee the Company's internal audit policy and the implementation thereof;
- (3) to ensure that the internal audit function is adequately resourced and has the appropriate standing within the Company, and to review and monitor its effectiveness;
- (4) to be in charge of the communications between the Company's internal and external auditors;
- (5) to review the Company's financial reports and the disclosure thereof;
- (6) to review the Company's risk management and internal control system and submit to the Board an annual self-assessment report on the Company's risk management and internal control;
- (7) to discuss the risk management and internal control systems with management to ensure that management has performed its duty to have effective systems. This discussion should include the adequacy of resources, staff qualifications and experience, training programmes and budget of the accounting, financial reporting and internal audit functions;

- (8) to review the major connected transactions;
- (9) to review the arrangements made by the Company for the concerns raised by employees in confidence about improprieties in financial reporting, risk management, internal control or other matters, and to ensure that the Company will conduct a fair and independent investigation of these matters and take appropriate follow-up action;
- (10) to consider major investigation findings on risk management and internal control matters as delegated by the Board or on its own initiative and management's response to these findings; and
- (11) to perform other duties and powers as assigned by the Board.

**Article 10**: The Audit Committee shall be accountable to the Board. The resolutions made by the Audit Committee may be implemented only after the same are submitted to the Board for consideration and approval.

### **Chapter 4: Decision-making Procedures**

**Article 11**: According to its duties and powers, the Audit Committee shall have the power to request for any information from various functions under the Company as well as the subsidiaries and holding companies, including but not limited to:

- (1) relevant financial reports of the Company;
- (2) work reports by the internal audit function;
- (3) external audit contracts and relevant work reports;
- (4) information disclosure to the public by the Company;
- (5) audit reports on the Company's major connected transactions; and
- (6) other relevant information as deemed necessary by the Audit Committee.

**Article 12**: The Audit Committee shall appraise the matters listed above through discussion and refer the relevant written resolution materials to the Board for discussion, which shall include (but is not limited to):

(1) an evaluation of the performance of the external audit firm as well as the

- appointment and replacement of the external audit firm;
- (2) whether or not the Company's risk management and internal control system is adequate and sound and has been implemented effectively and whether or not there are any major defects in the system;
- (3) whether or not the financial reports and other information disclosed to the public by the Company are comprehensive, objective and true; and whether or not the major connected transactions of the Company are in compliance with the relevant laws and regulations; and
- (4) other relevant matters.

#### **Chapter 5: Work Rules for Annual Reports**

Article 13: The Audit Committee shall, after the end of each financial year, discuss with the accounting firm responsible for the auditing of the Company's annual reports (i.e. the "external audit firm", the same below) on the timetable for the auditing of the financial reports for that year; it shall urge the accounting firm to submit an audit report within an agreed time limit and form a record, in the form of a written opinion, of the method, frequency and result of each urging, signed by a relevant responsible person as confirmation. The Audit Committee should have at least two meetings with the external audit firm each year.

**Article 14**: The Audit Committee shall, prior to the on-site annual audit by the accounting firm, review the financial and accounting statements prepared by the Company and form a written review opinion, shall, during the on-site annual audit by the accounting firm, strengthen the communications with the accounting firm and shall, after a preliminary audit opinion is presented by the accounting firm, review the Company's financial and accounting statements and form a written review opinion again.

**Article 15**: The Audit Committee shall vote on the annual financial and accounting statements and submit the same to the Board for consideration after forming a resolution thereon.

**Article 16**: During the reappointment of an accounting firm for the annual audit for the following year, the Audit Committee shall conduct a comprehensive and objective evaluation of the audit for that year completed by and the quality of the auditing practices of the accounting firm, form an affirmative opinion and submit the same to the Board for consideration and approval and to a general meeting of shareholders for

consideration. If a negative opinion is formed, it shall appoint another accounting firm.

In the event of the appointment of another accounting firm for the annual audit for the following year, the Audit Committee shall, by way of interviews and communications, acquire a comprehensive understanding and conduct a proper evaluation of the previously appointed accounting firm and the proposed appointed accounting firm, form a resolution and submit the same to the Board for consideration and approval and to a general meeting of shareholders for consideration. It shall also notify the previously appointed accounting firm to attend the general meeting and express its views thereat. The Company shall make a full disclosure of the resolution made at the general meeting and the views expressed by the previously appointed accounting firm thereat.

The abovementioned communications, evaluations, opinions and resolution by the Audit Committee shall be included in a written record which shall be signed by the relevant parties and shall, within three working days after the disclosure of the resolution made at the general meeting, be reported to the securities regulatory bureau in the place where the Company is incorporated.

#### **Chapter 6: Rules of Procedure**

**Article 17**: The Audit Committee shall convene no less than two meetings a year by giving notice to all its members ten days in advance. Meetings shall be chaired by the chairperson of the Audit Committee. If the chairperson is unable to attend a meeting, he may appoint another member (an independent non-executive director) to chair the meeting.

The Audit Committee shall convene a meeting upon proposal by a majority of members. The external auditors may call for a meeting when necessary.

**Article 18**: The Audit Committee shall convene a meeting only when more than two-thirds of the members are present thereat; each member shall have one vote; any resolutions proposed at a meeting shall be passed by a majority of all members.

**Article 19**: Voting shall be made by a show of hands or by ballot at a meeting of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee may accept a written motion in lieu of convening a meeting. A written motion that is passed by a majority of all members

shall form an effective resolution.

**Article 20**: The Audit Committee may invite the Company's internal auditing officers to attend a meeting as non-voting attendees and may, if necessary, invite the directors, supervisors, other officers and the appointed external audit firm of the Company to attend a meeting as non-voting attendees.

**Article 21**: The Audit Committee may consider professional advice from the external legal advisor or other independent parties. If necessary, the Audit Committee may engage an intermediary to provide professional advice on its decision-making at the expense of the Company.

**Article 22**: The procedures for convening a meeting of the Audit Committee, the method of voting thereat and the resolutions passed thereat shall be in compliance with the relevant laws, regulations, Articles of Association and these Rules of Procedure.

**Article 23**: Meetings of the Audit Committee shall have their minutes on which the members present at such meetings shall sign their names. Meeting minutes and resolutions shall be maintained by the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

**Article 24**: Resolutions passed at a meeting of the Audit Committee and the voting results thereat shall be reported in writing to the Board.

**Article 25**: The members present at a meeting and the persons who attend the meeting as a non-voting attendees shall be obliged to maintain confidentiality towards the matters discussed thereat. No such members may disclose the relevant information without authorization.

## **Chapter 7: Supplementary Provisions**

**Article 26**: These Rules of Procedure shall be effective from the date of adoption by the Board.

**Article 27**: Matters not covered hereunder shall be dealt with pursuant to the provisions of the relevant laws, regulations and the Articles of Association. In case of any conflict between these Rules of Procedure and the relevant laws or regulations to be promulgated in future or the Articles of Association to be amended by legal

procedures, the relevant laws, regulations and the Articles of Association shall prevail, amendments shall be made immediately to these Rules of Procedure and submitted to the Board for consideration and approval.

Article 28: The right to construe these Rules of Procedure shall reside in the Board.