#### PROPOSED MODIFICATION RULE AMENDMENT

## **Draft Rule Amendments for Main Board**

## Rule A.3 of Appendix 10

- 3. (a) A director must not deal in any securities of the listed issuer on any day on which its financial results are published and:
  - (i) during the period of 60 days immediately preceding the publication date of the annual results or, if shorter, the period from the end of the relevant financial year up to the publication date of the results; and
  - (ii) during the period of 30 days immediately preceding the publication date of the quarterly results (if any) and half-year results or, if shorter, the period from the end of the relevant quarterly or half-year period up to the publication date of the results,

unless the circumstances are exceptional, for example, where a pressing financial commitment has to be met as described in section C below. In any event, the director must comply with the procedure in rules B.8 and B.9 of this code.

(b) The listed issuer must notify the Exchange in advance of the commencement of each period during which directors are not allowed to deal under rule A.3(a).

Note: Directors should note that the period during which they are not allowed to deal under rule A.3 will cover any period of delay in the publication of a results announcement.

### **Draft Rule Amendments for GEM**

- 5.56. (a) A director must not deal in any securities of the listed issuer on any day on which its financial results are published and:
  - (i) during the period of 60 days immediately preceding the publication date of the annual results or, if shorter, the period from the end of the relevant financial year up to the publication date of the results; and
  - (ii) during the period of 30 days immediately preceding the publication date of the quarterly results and half-year results or, if shorter, the period from the end of the relevant quarterly or half-year period up to the publication date of the results.

unless the circumstances are exceptional, for example, where a pressing financial commitment has to be met as described in rule 5.67. In any event, the director must comply with the procedure in rules 5.61 and 5.62.

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(b) The listed issuer must notify the Exchange in advance of the commencement of each period during which directors are not allowed to deal under rule 5.56(a).

Note: Directors should note that the period during which they are not allowed to deal under rule 5.56 will cover any period of delay in the publication of a results announcement.