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HKFE CLEARING CORPORATION LIMITED

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通告 CIRCULAR

Subject: Risk Management Arrangements in respect of the Lunar New Year Holidays –

Reminder

Enquiry: 2211-6901

Reference is made to the circular dated 2 February 2018 (Ref No.: [CD/CDCRM/031/2018](#)) regarding the risk management arrangements in respect of the forth-coming Lunar New Year Holidays. Participants are kindly reminded to take note of the following:

1. The margin levels of Hang Seng Index (“HSI”), Mini-Hang Seng Index (“MHI”), HSCEI Index (“HHI”), Mini-HSCEI Index (“MCH”), USD/CNH Futures (“CUS”) and CNH/USD Futures (“UCN”) futures contracts will be increased temporarily¹ after the close of business of T session on **14 February 2018** as follows:

		<u>Client Margin</u>		<u>Clearing House Margin</u>
		<u>Initial</u>	<u>Maintenance</u>	
		<u>(HK\$)</u>	<u>(HK\$)</u>	<u>(HK\$)</u>
HSI	Current Level	127,879 per lot	102,303 per lot	96,150 per lot
	Temporarily Increased Level	161,595 per lot	129,276 per lot	121,500 per lot
MHI	Current Level	25,575 per lot	20,460 per lot	19,230 per lot
	Temporarily Increased Level	32,319 per lot	25,855 per lot	24,300 per lot
HHI	Current Level	53,466 per lot	42,772 per lot	40,200 per lot
	Temporarily Increased Level	65,968 per lot	52,774 per lot	49,600 per lot
MCH	Current Level	10,693 per lot	8,554 per lot	8,040 per lot
	Temporarily Increased Level	13,193 per lot	10,554 per lot	9,920 per lot

¹ The spread margin rates will remain unchanged during this period.

		<u>Client Margin</u>		<u>Clearing House Margin</u>
		<u>(RMB)</u>	<u>(RMB)</u>	<u>(RMB)</u>
CUS	Current Level	12,714 per lot	10,171 per lot	9,560 per lot
	Temporarily Increased Level	17,343 per lot	13,874 per lot	13,040 per lot
		<u>(USD)</u>	<u>(USD)</u>	<u>(USD)</u>
UCN	Current Level	924 per lot	739 per lot	695 per lot
	Temporarily Increased Level	1,254 per lot	1,003 per lot	943 per lot

The margin levels after the Lunar New Year Holidays for the above futures contracts will be announced early next week.

The margin levels of HSI Dividend Point Index (“DHS”) and HSCEI Dividend Point Index (“DHH”) futures contracts will remain unchanged. For avoidance of doubt, the current margin levels of DHS and DHH are restated below:

		<u>Client Margin</u>		<u>Clearing House Margin</u>
		<u>Initial</u>	<u>Maintenance</u>	
		<u>(HK\$)</u>	<u>(HK\$)</u>	<u>(HK\$)</u>
DHS	Current Level	5,798 per lot	4,638 per lot	4,360 per lot
DHH	Current Level	2,420 per lot	1,936 per lot	1,820 per lot

- Mandatory intra-day variation adjustments on Clearing Participants in HSI, MHI, HHI, MCH, DHS, DHH, CUS and UCN markets will be made at around 12:00 noon on **15 February 2018**.
- As there will be no T+1 session on 15 February 2018, no Mandatory Intra-day Variation Adjustment and Margin Call will be made by the Clearing House on the business day after the holidays, i.e. Tuesday, 20 February 2018.

To assist Participants in better assessing the potential margin impacts, the Clearing House has made available a simulated Risk Parameter File (“Simulated RPF”) on the HKEX website for Participants’ margin estimation purpose. This Simulated RPF is prepared based on the settlement

prices of 7 February 2018 and the temporarily increased margin levels. Participants may make use of the simulated RPF to estimate the clearing house margin requirements under the temporarily increased margin levels for their portfolios as well as the estimated funding requirements thereof. Participants should note that the simulated RPF is for reference only and does not intend to replace any daily RPF which are available at the end of each business day for the calculation of the actual day-end margin requirements.

For the purpose of the Capital-Based Position Limit (CBPL) assessment and the necessary additional margin calculation on the trading day prior to the holiday period, the normal margin rates instead of the temporarily increased holiday margin rates will be applied. In this regard, the Clearing House will disseminate the tailor-made risk parameter file carrying the normal margin rates (“Normal Margin RPF”) via its website after the close of business on 14 February 2018 to assist participants in monitoring their CBPL.

The “Simulated RPF” and the “Normal Margin RPF” as mentioned above can be downloaded from the HKEX website with the hyperlink stated below:

http://www.hkex.com.hk/-/media/HKEX-Market/Services/Clearing/Listed-Derivatives/Risk-Management/Reports-and-Data-Download/Simulated-RPF-for-Holiday-Margin/holidayrpf_feb18.zip

Please ensure your staffs are fully aware of both the temporary increase in the margin levels and the mandatory intra-day variation adjustments and make necessary arrangement with your designated bank. You are also strongly advised to give advanced notice to your clients regarding these arrangements where appropriate and ensure adequate margin deposits from your clients are maintained during the holiday period.

For and on behalf of
HKFE Clearing Corporation Limited

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