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**通告 CIRCULAR**

事項                    Trading and Clearing Operational Arrangements Relating to the Capital Adjustment  
Subject:                of Standard Chartered PLC Stock Option Contracts - Rights Issue

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Participants are requested to note that capital adjustment to the stock option contracts below will be made on the ex-rights date based on the corporate action announced:

<b>Underlying Stock Name of the Stock Option Contracts (Stock Code)</b>	Standard Chartered PLC (“Standard Chartered”) (2888)
<b>HKATS Code</b>	STC
<b>Corporate Action</b>	2 New Ordinary Shares for every 7 Existing Ordinary Shares
<b>Issue Price</b>	HK\$55.60
<b>Ex-rights date</b>	12 November 2015

For details of the announcement made by Standard Chartered on 3 November 2015, please refer to the hyperlink below:

<http://www.hkexnews.hk/listedco/listconews/sehk/2015/1103/LTN20151103308.pdf>

*Trading Arrangements*

The trading arrangements for the existing Standard Chartered stock option under trading symbol STC will be as follows:

1. Adjustment and Transfer of Outstanding Positions

Open positions of Standard Chartered stock option series under trading symbol STC which exist after the market close on the business day immediately before the ex-rights date will be adjusted and transferred to stock option series under trading symbol STA.

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2. Introduction of New Stock Option Series for Trading

On the ex-rights date, new Standard Chartered stock option series based on the standard contract size will be introduced for trading under the standard trading symbol **STC**.

Details of the adjustment procedures for Standard Chartered stock option series under trading symbol **STC** are as follows:

<b>Adjustment Term</b>	<b>Formula</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
<b>Adjustment Ratio (AR)</b>	$\frac{7 \text{ Existing Shares} + (2 \text{ New Shares} \times \$55.60 / \$S^*)}{7 \text{ Existing Shares} + 2 \text{ New Shares}}$	Rounded to the nearest 4 decimal places. <b>Adjustment will only be made if the AR is smaller than 1.</b>
<b>Adjusted Exercise Price (AEP)</b>	Exercise price of outstanding stock option series x AR	Rounded to the nearest 2 decimal places
<b>Adjusted Contract Size (ACS)</b>	Exercise price of outstanding stock option series x (50 shares / AEP)	Rounded to the nearest 4 decimal places

\* Where \$55.60 is the Issue Price for the New Share and \$S is the underlying stock closing price on 11 November 2015 (the business day immediately before the ex-rights date).

<b>Contract</b>	<b>Trading Symbol</b>	<b>Contract Size (Shares)</b>	<b>Availability For Trading</b>	<b>Addition of New Stock Option Series on and after the ex-rights date</b>
Adjusted	STA	ACS	From ex-rights date to 29 September 2016	No
Standard	STC	50	From ex-rights date onwards	Yes

For avoidance of doubts, the objective of this adjustment method is to adjust the option contracts according to the theoretical value of the rights entitlement if there is a positive value before the ex-rights date. If there is no exercise value with the rights, i.e. the underlying price closes at or below the Issue Price of \$55.60 on 11 November 2015 (the business day immediately before the ex-rights date), in other words, AR is equal to or larger than 1, no capital adjustment will be made.

For stock options of Standard Chartered under trading symbols **STC** and **STA**, the trading fee level shall be Tier 3 and the position limit shall be 50,000 contracts combined.

The adjusted and standard stock option series are distinct contracts and are represented by different trading symbols in **HKATS/DCASS**. Particulars of all existing and adjusted stock option series will be shown in **DCASS** report **TP011** after the **DCASS** batch processing on the business day immediately before the ex-rights date.

Capital adjustments, once being made, are conclusive and binding on all relevant stock option contracts. The capital adjustments made will not be reversed even if the proposed corporate action is subsequently disapproved by relevant authorities, including but not limited to regulatory authorities and the court.

Participants should pay particular attention that the settlement amount of adjusted and standard stock option series on the expiry day will be calculated using their respective contract sizes. There will not be any changes to the number of open positions and other contract terms after the transfer of positions.

*Clearing and Settlement Arrangements*

Position offset between the standard STC and the adjusted STA stock option series is not allowed.

For clearing and settlement arrangements relating to shares collateral and exercise / assignment of adjusted stock option class, please refer to the Attachment for details.

*Inform Your Staff and Clients*

Participants should notify all clients holding positions in the captioned stock option class the details of trading and clearing operational arrangements and the associated risk. Please ensure that your back office systems are ready for a smooth operation in handling this capital adjustment. In addition, all your staff should be fully aware of the trading and clearing arrangements, and should exercise caution when dealing with the standard and adjusted stock option contracts and when advising your clients.

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**Clearing and Settlement Arrangements Relating to Shares Collateral and Exercise / Assignment of Adjusted Stock Option Class***Shares Used as Cover Collateral*

All covered call positions will be decoupled automatically after the day-end margin calculation on the business day immediately before the ex-rights date. Participants are requested to cover, if possible, those naked short call positions of the adjusted stock option series before market open of the ex-rights date. Otherwise, these naked short call positions will become marginable in the subsequent intra-day or day-end margin calculation. Since the contract sizes of the adjusted stock option series will carry odd lots and fractional shares, participants who wish to cover any adjusted stock option series must use the exact odd quantity of stock while standard board lots can only be used to cover the standard stock option series.

*Pending Stock Positions*

Pending stock positions resulting from exercise / assignment effected on or before the business day immediately before the ex-rights date will be cum entitlement and settled via CCASS.

*Settlement of Exercised Options Trades*

The exercise and assignment of contracts in adjusted stock option series will result in odd lots and fractional shares. The integral number of shares (including the odd lots) will be settled via CCASS under normal procedures. The fractional shares of each contract exercised will be settled in cash via CCMS on the day of exercise. The actual cash settlement amount of the fractional shares is the difference between the exercise price of the stock option series and the market closing price of the underlying stock on the day of exercise times the fractional shares quantity for each contract exercised/assigned.

The settlement of fractional shares in cash is not liable to stamp duty provided that the contract notes so executed by the party for the sale and purchase of shares arising from the exercise of an option contract only include the whole number of shares.

Exercise and assignment of standard stock option series will result in stock settlement obligation of a standard board lot of shares per contract and settled in CCASS under normal procedures.