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Corporate Communications Department c/o Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited 12/F, One International Finance Centre 1 Harbour View Street Central, Hong Kong

Dear Sirs

Consultation Paper on Proposed Enhancements to the Exchange's Decision-Making and Governance Structure for Listing Regulation

disagree to the proposed changes in the joint consultation paper by the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) and Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEX) on Proposed Enhancements to The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited's Decision-making and Governance Structure for Listing Regulation ("Consultation Paper").

First, the new set up of two committees, namely the Listing Policy Committee and the Listing Regulatory Committee, would make the existing structure cumbersome. The limited numbers of representatives of the two new committees (that are 3 to 4 members from each of HKEX and SFC) would inevitably slow down the review and approval process of IPO applications. It would in turn reduce the competitive power of the Hong Kong as a leading international financial centre. On the other hand, the existing Listing Committee, which comprises a larger group of market participants and professionals with broader knowledge and experience, would be more capable of handling more complicated issues in the challenging business world under the regime of the listing rules and policies. The role of the Listing Committee should not be minimized under the new structure.

Second, the new Listing Policy Committee, which is likely to be dominated by SFC, will take over the role of initiating and deciding listing policy proposals and proposed listing rules amendments. SFC will have overall control over the Listing Rules regime. SFC would determine the policies in interests of investors which may not be ideal for the overall market development in the over-regulated environment. Proper checks-and-balances built-in in the existing structure would be distorted under the proposal. We appreciate the efforts in regularly reviewing the existing structure with the aim of enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness. However, the proposed set up of two new committees would not serve the purpose of the proposal. We believe that the stated objectives of the proposal would be achieved under the existing structure by:

- a. enhancing better communication and working relationship between HKEX
 and SFC;
- b. further enhancing the function of the Listing Committee with more resources being put to cope with the increasing and ever-changing market needs. Diverse market expertise and experience as well as the in-depth knowledge of the Listing Committee are valuable and complementary to the regulatory role of SFC under the existing structure, and so should be leveraged in the best interest of Hong Kong as a leading international financial centre;
- c. providing more good education to the investors by SFC so as to enable the investors to make wise investment decisions in disclosure-based regime;
- d. to better protect investors, taking more active measures and enforcement actions by SFC to prevent market misconducts.

In view of the above, we do not support the proposals outlined in the Consultation Paper. Please withhold our names from publication by the SFC and HKEX.

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