## **HKEx Information Services Limited**

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To: All Direct Connection Securities Market Data Vendors; and Hang Seng Indexes Company Limited

Dear Sirs,

## Market Rehearsal on Vendors' Automatic Line Failover and Line Reconnection Capability scheduled for 17 March 2012

In order to ascertain vendors' capability of performing connection recovery, Market Rehearsal for Vendors' Automatic Line Failover and Line Reconnection Capability is held annually.

We would like to inform you that the Market Rehearsal for 2012 is scheduled for 17 March 2012 (Saturday).

All directly connected Securities Market Data Vendors are required to build in capability to detect line failure automatically and reconnect to our system within 1 minute. To clarify, standard connection (i.e. Live-Backup) vendors are expected to switch the connection to the alternate line whereas the Live-Live connection Vendors to reconnect on the same line to recover the failed connection.

The Market Rehearsal is mandatory for all directly connected Securities Market Data Vendors. Please complete and return the enclosed Test Participation Form before 7 March 2012 (Wednesday). Upon completion of the Market Rehearsal, you are required to confirm the test result by returning the duly completed Test Result Report as enclosed no later than 4:00pm on 17 March 2012. The results of individual Securities Market Data Vendors will be published on the HKEx website for public reference.

Should you have any queries, please contact our Ken Wong at (852) 2840-3790, Evan Chan at (852) 2840-3058 or Elvis You at (852) 2840-3491

Yours sincerely,

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Encl.: 1) Test Rundown; 2) Test Participation Form; and 3) Test Result Confirmation Form