

HKEx Information Services Limited

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By Email
(enclosures by email only)

**To: All Direct Connection Securities Market Data Vendors; and
All Direct Connection Issuer News Vendors;
(Collectively IVs)**

Dear Sirs,

Post Release Test for SDNet/2 Network Migration

Our notice issued on 2 March 2012 (MDD/12/263) regarding the project schedule of the Securities and Derivatives Network (SDNet/2) refers please.

Following the successful completion of Market Rehearsal held on 14 April 2012, the production cutover will be conducted as per the original schedule below:

Activity	Mandatory/ Optional	Schedule
Post Release Test 1 – for IIS / MDF*	Mandatory	12 May 2012 (Saturday)
Post Release Test 2 – for MDF3.8	Mandatory	19 May 2012(Saturday)
Production Cutover	-	21 May 2011 (Monday)
Stabilisation Period	-	21 May – 2 June 2012

IVs are required to demonstrate the readiness of their SDNet/2 circuits for production in the Post Release Test (PRT) and are therefore expected to have proper network setting to enable them to do so. For example, IVs with Live-Live connection have to connect both lines to MDS host whereas IVs with Live-Backup connection must ensure their backup line can take over when the primary line fails. In addition, in order to ensure a smooth cutover, IVs are requested to provide all necessary support, including on-site access permission, network and application support, etc. to its SDNet/2 Vendors on the PRT day for rectification of problems encountered during the PRT.

We herewith enclose the following documents for your reference:

- ◆ Enclosure 1 – a)Test Rundowns of Post Release Test 1 for IIS/MDF* Information Vendor on 12 May 2012 (Saturday) and b)Test Rundowns of Post Release Test 2 for MDF3.8 Information Vendor on 19 May 2012 (Saturday)
- ◆ Enclosure 2 - Test Participation Form for the Post Release Test.
- ◆ Enclosure 3 - Test Result Confirmation Form for the Post Release Test

Please complete and return the enclosed Test Participation Form by 9 May 2012 (Wednesday). Upon the completion of the Post Release Test, you are required to submit the duly completed Test Result Confirmation Form as enclosed no later than 4:00 pm on the test date.

Lastly, in the rare event of severe SDNet/2 problem occurring during the Stabilisation Period (21 May to 2 June 2012), HKEx might decide to fall back to SDNet/1 for providing connection service to IVs. IVs should retain their SDNet/1 equipment during the said period to stand by for the fallback arrangement. Collection of SDNet/1 equipment will then take place between 2 June and 31 July 2012. The SDNet/1 Vendor, PCCW, will contact individual IVs directly for the collection arrangement.

Should you have any queries, please feel free to contact 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) Post Release Test Rundowns; 2) Test Participation Form; and 3) Test Result Confirmation Form