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To: Derivatives Market Data Vendors and End Users (Collectively "IVs")

Dear Sirs,

<u>Schedule for Upcoming System Upgrades</u>

We would like to inform you of the following system upgrades relating to PRS and PRS Plus for your planning and preparation.

Tentative Schedule	Planned Initiatives	Impact to IVs
Q3 2012 to Q4 2012	HKATS System Upgrade	To mitigate the risk on input errors, HKEx plans to introduce a Dynamic Price Banding Mechanism for selected contracts trading in HKATS. With this enhanced function, HKATS will reject the entry of all limit buy/sell orders outside the prevailing upper/lower price bands for those selected contracts. IVs will receive a new market status specifically created for the Dynamic Price Banding Mechanism from PRS and PRS Plus. Please refer to the attached PRS and PRS Plus Transmission Specifications for details. Please also find enclosed 2 sets of canned data with the new market status included to facilitate your preparation: 1. For simulation of the PRS/PRS Plus message transmission pattern at the system rollout for the above upgrade **before** the business rollout for After Hours Futures Trading 2. For simulation of the PRS/PRS Plus message transmission pattern at the business rollout for After Hours Futures Trading Implementation schedule will be provided in due course.
Q4 2012 to Q1 2013	Upgrade of Securities and Derivatives Network (SDNet) for Derivatives Market to SDNet/2	To support the growth of data volume resulted from increased order and trade activities, HKEx will upgrade the existing SDNet/1 to SDNet/2 to improve capacity and performance of the network infrastructure in derivatives market. Details of the upgrade will be provided in due course

Should you have any queries, please feel free to call our Vendor Support Hotline at (852) 2211 6558.

Yours sincerely,

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Encl.   1) PRS Transmission Specification (v.3.2.8); 2) PRS Plus Transmission Specifications (v1.0.7); and 3) Canned Data sets