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To: Main Board Listed Issuers (Attn: Authorised Representatives)
GEM Listed Issuers (Attn: Authorised Representatives)
Market practitioners

Dear Sirs

Publication of Consultation Conclusions and Listing Rule Amendments on Board Diversity

We have published today the Consultation Conclusions on Board Diversity. The Consultation Conclusions are available on the HKEx website at <http://www.hkex.com.hk/eng/newsconsul/mktconsul/Documents/cp201209cc.pdf>.

Given the strong market support, the Exchange adopted the proposals outlined in the Consultation Paper on Board Diversity published on 7 September 2012.

The implementation date is 1 September 2013. That means, in its first interim/half year or annual report covering a period after 1 September 2013, the issuer must state, in that report, whether it has, for that period, complied with Code Provision A.5.6 in the revised Corporate Governance Code and Corporate Governance Report. Issuers may adopt the revised Code at an earlier date than 1 September 2013.

The amendments are available on the HKEx website at “Rules & Regulations - Rules and Guidance on Listing Matters - Amendments to Main Board Listing Rules” and “Rules & Regulations – Rules and Guidance on Listing Matters – Amendments to GEM Listing Rules”. Re-printed pages of the Listing Rules will be distributed in August 2013.

If you have any questions, please contact your case officers.

Yours faithfully
For and on behalf of
The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

[Signed]

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