

**Listing Decisions Series 9-2 -- Eligibility of a company to be the sole sponsor of an applicant for new listing (January 2000) (Withdrawn in September 2009)**

***[This Listing Decision is no longer applicable after the rule amendments in January 2007 to remove the eligibility criteria of sponsor from the Listing Rules]***

Summary	
Name of Party	Company A - the sponsor of an applicant for new listing
Subject	Eligibility of Company A to be the sole sponsor of an applicant for new listing
Listing Rule	General principles
Decision	Company A did not meet the Exchange's criteria for acting as the sole sponsor of an applicant for new listing

**Summary of Facts**

Company A proposed to be the sole sponsor of an applicant for new listing. Company A was principally engaged in the provision of corporate finance advisory services. Company A's only experience in a new listing application was its involvement in a case some four years previously where it acted as a co-sponsor.

**Analysis**

Generally speaking, a financial adviser which has:

- not previously acted as a sole sponsor in a new listing application;
- not previously acted as a co-sponsor in a new listing application on at least a number of occasions; or
- not acted as a sponsor in a new listing application for a considerable period of time

may only act as a co-sponsor and not as the sole sponsor in a new listing application.

This is to ensure that the sponsor is sufficiently familiar with the Listing Rules and the practice of the Exchange.

Company A's only experience in a new listing application was as a co-sponsor and that was in any event some four years ago.

**Decision**

Applying the above criteria, Company A did not meet the Exchange's criteria for acting as the sole sponsor of an applicant for new listing. Accordingly, if the applicant wanted to engage the services of Company A as its sponsor in its new listing application, it needed to appoint an eligible co-sponsor.