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To : All Main Board Listed Issuers  
Attn : Authorised Representatives

Dear Sirs,

**Publication of overseas regulatory announcements on the Exchange's website – Rule 13.09(2) of the Main Board Listing Rules**

We refer to Rule 13.09(2) of the Main Board Listing Rules, which requires that, if securities of the issuer are also listed on other stock exchanges, the Exchange must be simultaneously informed of any information released to any of such other exchanges and the issuer must ensure that such information is released to the market in Hong Kong at the same time as it is released to the other markets. This includes any information released by a subsidiary of the issuer to another stock exchange on which that subsidiary is listed on another market, if that information is discloseable by the issuer under Chapter 13 of the Main Board Listing Rules.

Some Main Board listed issuers have in the past merely informed the Exchange of such information released to other exchanges. No arrangements were made for the publication of such information in the newspapers as a paid advertisement or on the Exchange's website unless the information itself was discloseable under Chapter 13 or Chapter 14/14A of the Main Board Listing Rules (or the then equivalent provisions).

We wish to draw your attention to the requirement for simultaneous release of such information to the market in Hong Kong. Where information is released by the issuer or its subsidiary to any of such other stock exchanges ("overseas regulatory announcement") but the information itself is not discloseable under Chapter 13 or Chapter 14/14A, we nevertheless expect the issuer to arrange for the publication of such information on the Exchange's website at the same time as it is released to other stock exchanges such that there is simultaneous release of the same information on the different exchanges. In this regard, issuers should inform the relevant members of Listing Division staff in advance and as soon as practicable that they will be issuing an overseas regulatory announcement and the proposed time for publication, and the existing arrangements in respect of unvetted announcements will apply. Issuers should submit to the Exchange by electronic means a ready-to-publish soft copy of the overseas regulatory announcement with a written confirmation letter for publication of the overseas regulatory announcement on the Exchange's website on the same day as the relevant information is to be released to the other markets. To distinguish the overseas regulatory announcements from other announcements, the words "overseas regulatory announcement" should be inserted under the subject matter of the confirmation letter or, where e-submission is used, in the subject matter field.

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For the avoidance of doubt, where the information concerned is itself discloseable under Chapter 13, for example pursuant to Rule 13.09 (price-sensitive information) or Chapter 14/14A (notifiable transactions/connected transactions), the obligation to inform holders of the issuer's securities and the public will still be required to be satisfied by the information being published in the newspapers as a paid advertisement (in addition to publication on the Exchange's website).

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



Richard Williams  
Head of Listing

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