



The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Ltd.

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

Dear Sirs

Modification of the "Black Out" Period Extension - New Rule effective 1 April 2009

We refer to our news releases of 12 and 24 February 2009 at <http://www.hkex.com.hk/news/hkexnews/090212news.htm> and <http://www.hkex.com.hk/news/hkexnews/090224news.htm>.

As stated in our news release of 24 February 2009, we have since received approval from the Board of the Securities and Futures Commission to amend the Main Board Listing Rules and the Growth Enterprise Market Listing Rules (together, the Listing Rules) to implement the modification of the extension of the black out period set out in our news release of 12 February 2009.

The Rule amendment extends the black out period applicable to the publication of an issuer's annual financial results from one month to 60 days. The black out periods for half-year and other interim periods will be 30 days, in line with the current requirement of one month. An issuer must notify us in advance of the commencement of each black out period.

The text of the Rule amendment is viewable as an online attachment to the news release of 12 February 2009 at <http://www.hkex.com.hk/news/hkexnews/090212news.pdf>.

The Rule amendment will come into effect on 1 April 2009 and replace the Rule amendment announced on 28 November 2008.

Re-printed pages of the Listing Rules will be distributed shortly.

We have updated our online Frequently Asked Questions on the 2008 Combined Consultation Listing Rule amendments at <http://www.hkex.com.hk/listing/suppmat/faqcc200811.doc> to address the revised Rule amendment.

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

[Signed]

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