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Dear Sirs,

Re: Consultation Paper on Corporate WVR Beneficiaries

PricewaterhouseCoopers welcomes the opportunity to respond to this consultation. Unless otherwise defined, terms used herein shall have the same meanings as those defined in the consultation paper.

We support the proposal to expand the existing WVR regime to enable corporate entities to benefit from WVR subject to additional conditions and investor protection measures. Hong Kong, being an international financial centre, shall keep its listing regime up-to-date to support the latest market development while upholding the quality of shareholder protection. We consider that the proposal will facilitate the development of Innovative Companies by providing a financing platform for Innovative Companies that operate in a broader ecosystem with corporate shareholder as the ecosystem leader; and help diversify the investment opportunities for Hong Kong public investors.

In the consultation paper, it proposed that a corporate WVR beneficiary must be either (a) an Innovative Company, or (b) have business experience in one or more emerging and innovative sectors as well as a track record of investments in, and contributions to, Innovative Companies. We recommend the Exchange to provide further guidance on what constitutes “a track record of investments in, and contributions to, Innovative Companies” (e.g. number of years of investment, amount invested, etc.) so as to facilitate the market in complying with the requirement.

We hope the above are helpful. If you would like to discuss any matters further, please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED].

Yours faithfully,
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