

香港聯合交易所有限公司
(香港交易及結算所有限公司全資附屬公司)

THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LIMITED
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To: Main Board Listed Issuers (Attn: Authorised Representatives)
GEM Listed Issuers (Attn: Authorised Representatives)

Dear Sirs,

Re: Invitation to Attend Free Training on ESG Reporting

In 2015, the Exchange published consultation conclusions to upgrade some of the provisions in the Environmental, Social and Governance (“ESG”) Reporting Guide (the “Guide”) (Appendix 27 of the Main Board Rules and Appendix 20 of the GEM Rules) to “comply or explain”. The amendments to the Guide and related Listing Rules are coming into effect in two phases:

- the Rule amendments and the upgrade of the General Disclosures in the Guide from recommended to “comply or explain”, as well as the revised recommended disclosures, become effective for issuers’ financial years commencing on or after 1 January 2016; and
- the upgrade of the Key Performance Indicators in the “Environmental” Subject Area of the Guide from recommended to “comply or explain” will be effective for issuers’ financial years commencing on or after 1 January 2017.

To enable a better understanding of the revised Guide and to provide practical training on ESG reporting, we will organise 12 two-hour training seminars in March this year. The seminars will feature speakers from the Exchange’s Listing Department, as well as ESG specialists and listed company representatives who will provide more in-depth and practical training on ESG reporting. We encourage your directors, authorised representatives, company secretaries and/or ESG managers to attend the seminar.

Each seminar will offer general guidance that is applicable to all issuers, and will also provide industry-specific training. Issuers are, as such, encouraged to register a session that is most relevant to their industries. Confirmation of attendance can be provided to participants upon request.

Seats are limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Each issuer may register up to two attendees for each seminar.

Seminar details are as follows:

Venue: Exchange Auditorium, 1/F, One and Two Exchange Square, Central

Time: 10:30a.m. – 12:30p.m. (* Registration will start at 10 a.m.)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Language</u>	<u>Recommended Industry</u>
7 March 2016 (Monday)	English	Conglomerates; Properties & Construction; and Materials
9 March 2016 (Wednesday)	Cantonese	Conglomerates; Properties & Construction; and Materials
10 March 2016 (Thursday)	Cantonese	Conglomerates; Properties & Construction; and Materials
11 March 2016 (Friday)	English	Consumer Goods and Consumer Services
14 March 2016 (Monday)	Cantonese	Consumer Goods and Consumer Services
15 March 2016 (Tuesday)	English	Consumer Goods and Consumer Services
16 March 2016 (Wednesday)	Putonghua	Consumer Goods and Consumer Services
17 March 2016 (Thursday)	English	Industrials
18 March 2016 (Friday)	Cantonese	Industrials
22 March 2016 (Tuesday)	English	Financials
23 March 2016 (Wednesday)	English	Telecommunications and Information Technology
24 March 2016 (Thursday)	English	Energy and Utilities

Please submit your application via http://www.hkex.com.hk/eng/rulesreg/listrules/listsptop/esg/2016_seminars.htm from **16 February 2016 (10:00 a.m.) to 26 February 2016 (6:00 p.m.)**. Successful applicants will be notified and confirmed by email.

If you have any questions, please contact Gloria Chan at 2840-3956 or Joey Li at 2840-3758.

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

[Signed]

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