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## By Hand

5<sup>th</sup> November, 2007

Corporate Communications Department Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited 12th Floor, One International Finance Centre 1 Harbour View Street Central Hong Kong

Dear Sirs,

Consultation Paper on Periodic Financial Reporting

We enclose herewith a duly completed questionnaire on Periodic Financial Reporting for your attention.

Yours faithfully, For and on behalf of LIPPO LIMITED.

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## **OUESTIONNAIRE ON PERIODIC FINANCIAL REPORTING**

The purpose of this questionnaire is to seek views and comments from market users and interested parties regarding the issues discussed in the Consultation Paper on Periodic Financial Reporting published by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the Exchange), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEx), in August 2007.

Amongst other things, the Exchange seeks comments regarding whether the current Main Board Listing Rules and Growth Enterprise Market (GEM) Listing Rules (together, the Rules) should be amended.

A copy of the Consultation Paper and this questionnaire can be obtained from the Exchange or at http://www.hkex.com.hk/consul/paper/consultpaper.htm.

Please return completed questionnaires no later than 5 November 2007 by one of the following methods:

By mail or

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Please indicate your preference by ticking the appropriate boxes.

Where there is insufficient space provided for your comments, please attach additional pages as necessary.

| Half-year reporting   |
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| Question 1: Do you agree that the time allowed for the release of half-year results announcements and reports should be shortened from three months to two months after the relevant financial period end?  |
| Yes   |
| ⊠ No  |
| Please state reasons for your views.  |
| The proposed reporting deadline is difficult to achieve. It will also place considerable burden on the Hong Kong accounting and auditing profession which already faces a serious shortage of accountants. Auditors tend to give priority to large clients. Due to the tight schedule, all the charges such as audit fees, translation fees and printing/typsetting charges will be increased substantially as urgent charges will be charged. Early reporting should continue to be optional rather than mandatory. This would allow those companies which are able to meet the tighter deadline to do so, without imposing an unnecessary burden. |
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| Question 2: Do you agree that the new reporting deadlines should be introduced in phases; specifically:   |
| (a) "large companies" (as defined pursuant to Question 3 below) being required to comply with the new Rules first; and  |
| (b) to allow a transitional period of two years for other companies to meet the new deadlines?  |
| ☐ Yes   |
| No  |
| Please state reasons for your views.  |
| Early reporting should continue to be optional. It is unlikely that the position for small and medium-sized companies will change and the two-year grace period may not improve the position.   |
| Question 3: Do you agree that "large companies" should mean companies with a market capitalisation of \$10 billion or more as at 31 December 2006 and, in the case of issuers that are newly listed after 1 January 2007, those with an initial market capitalisation of \$10 billion or more on the date of listing? (For more detail, please see paragraph 21 of the Consultation Paper.)  Yes  |
| ⊠ No  |
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| Please | e state           | reasons for your views.  |                            |
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| Early  | repor             | ting should be optional for all companies.   |                            |
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|        |                   | Do you agree that the commencement dates for the accelerate orting for Main Board issuers should be:                     | ed reporting deadlines for |
| (a)    | "larg             | e companies" – half-year accounting periods ending on or afte  | er 30 June 2008;           |
| (b)    | other             | companies - half-year accounting periods ending on or after  | 30 June 2010?              |
|        |                   | Yes  |                            |
|        | $\boxtimes$       | No   |                            |
|        |                   | reasons for your views. Please also comment, including remmencement dates.   | asons, if you have other   |
| Pleas  | se see a          | nswer to Question 3 above.   |                            |
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| Annus  | al repo           | rting  |                            |
| Questi | on 5: I           | Do you agree that the time allowed for the release of annual red be shortened from four months to three months after the |                            |
|        |                   | Yes  |                            |
|        | $\boxtimes$       | No   |                            |
| Please | state r           | easons for your views.   |                            |
| F .    | ne reas<br>cable. | ons given in response to Question 1, we do not consider that   | the shortened deadline is  |
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| Question $6$ : Do you consider that the new three month reporting deadline should be phases such that:  | introduced in                 |
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| (a) "large companies" (as defined pursuant to Question 7 below) would be require with the new Rules first; and  | ed to comply                  |
| (b) there would be a transitional period of two years for other companies to r deadline?  | neet the new                  |
| ☐ Yes   |                               |
| ⊠ No  |                               |
| Please state reasons for your views.  |                               |
| Early reporting should continue to be optional for all companies. It is unlikely that for small and medium-sized companies will change and the two-year grace per improve the position. | t the position<br>iod may not |
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| Question 7: Do you agree that, for these purposes, "large companies" should ha meaning set out in Question 3 above (and paragraph 21 of the Consultation Paper)?                        | ive the same                  |
| ☐ Yes   |                               |
| ⊠ No  |                               |
| Please state reasons for your views.  |                               |
| Please see the response to Question 6 above.  |                               |
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| Question 8: Do you agree that the commencement dates for the accelerated reporting annual reporting for Main Board issuers should be:   | deadlines for                 |
| (a) "large companies" - annual accounting periods ending on or after 31 December  | 2008;                         |
| (b) other companies – annual accounting periods ending on or after 31 December 2  | 010?                          |

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| $\boxtimes$                               | No   |
|   | reasons for your views. Please also comment, including reasons, if you have other mmencement dates.  |
| Please see t                              | he answer to Question 6 above.   |
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| Mandatory                                 | quarterly reporting for Main Board issuers   |
| Question 9: issuers?                      | Do you agree that mandatory quarterly reporting should be introduced for Main Board  |
|   | Yes  |
| $\boxtimes$                               | No   |
| Please state r                            | easons for your views.   |
| 4   | ostly and burdensome especially for small and medium-sized companies which do not accounting departments.  |
| price-sensit                              | ipanies are required to comply with the Listing Rules regarding disclosure of ive information and notifiable transactions. These should be sufficient to ensure that is kept informed of significant information without imposing a quarterly reporting to   |
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| days after the                            | Do you agree that Main Board issuers should publish their quarterly reports within 45 period end?  |
|   | Yes  |
| $\boxtimes$                               | No   |
|   | ve that a reporting deadline for quarterly reporting other than 45 days is more please state your preference. Please also state reasons for your views.  |
| required in quarterly repart and printing | ed deadline is unlikely to be achievable given the proposed level of details to be light of the fact that many companies will require their auditors to review their ports and the shortage of accounting profession. Other costs such as translation fee typesetting costs will be increased substantially due to the tight schedule. Also, it cult to comply if the listed issuers are required to collate information from overseas |
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| Quest<br>minin  | tion 11<br>num all | : Do you agree that quarterly reports of Main Board issued the information set out in Table 8 of the Consultation Paper?  | ers should include as a                              |
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|                 |                    | Yes   |  |
|                 |                    | No  |  |
| Please<br>which | e state<br>1 you b | reasons for your views. Please also comment, together with elieve may be considered to be added to Table 8.   | reasons, on those items                              |
| Qua             | rterly re          | eporting should remain a recommended best practice only.  |  |
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| Quest<br>shoul  | tion 12<br>d conta | Do you agree that a condensed consolidated income statements in the following information, together with prior year comparate   | ent in a quarterly report tives:                     |
| (a)             | curre              | nt quarter results; and   |  |
| (b)             | cum                | ulative year-to-date results?   |  |
|                 |                    | Yes   |  |
|                 |                    | No  |  |
| Please          | e state i          | reasons for your views.   |  |
| Quai            | rterly re          | eporting should remain a recommended best practice only.  |  |
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| shoule          | d also l           | Do you believe that the following information, together with per provided in the condensed consolidated income statement in ter (see paragraphs 60 and 61 of the Consultation Paper): | prior year comparatives,<br>the quarterly report for |
| (a)             | the fi             | rst quarter results; and  |  |
| (b)             | imme               | ediately preceding quarter results?   |  |
|                 |                    | Yes   |  |
|                 |                    | No  |  |
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| Please           | e state reasons for your views.  |
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| Quai             | terly reporting should remain a recommended best practice only.  |
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| sharel<br>should | tion 14: Do you agree that printing and mailing of hard copies of quarterly reports to all nolders and holders of the company's other securities should not be required but listed issuers d be required to publish their quarterly reports on the HKEx website and the listed issuer's website? |
|                  | ⊠ Yes  |
|                  | □ No   |
| Please           | e state reasons for your views.  |
| This             | would reduce costs and be in line with recent moves towards a web based disclosure regime.   |
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|                  | ion 15: Do you agree that the new quarterly reporting requirements should be introduced in s with:   |
| (a)              | "large companies" (as defined pursuant to Question 3 above) being required to comply with the new Rules first; and   |
| (b)              | other companies allowed a transitional period of two years to meet the new deadlines?  |
|                  | Yes  |
|                  | ⊠ No   |
| Please           | state reasons for your views.  |
| We d             | lisagree with the proposal to introduce mandatory quarterly reporting.   |
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|                  | ion 16: Do you agree that the commencement dates for the new quarterly reporting ements for Main Board issuers should be:  |
| (a)              | "large companies" – three months quarterly accounting periods ending on or after 30 September 2008; and  |
| (b)              | other companies - three months quarterly accounting periods ending on or after 30 September 2010?  |
|                  | ☐ Yes  |
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| ⊠ No  |   |
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| Please state reasons for your views. Please also comment, including suggested commencement dates.   | reasons, if you have other                                |
| Quarterly reporting should remain a recommended best practice only.   | <u> </u>  |
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| Alignment of GEM Rules to proposed Main Board Rules on quarterl   | y reporting   |
| Question 17: Do you agree that the same disclosure and publication reporting should apply to Main Board and GEM issuers?  | requirements for quarterly                                |
| Yes   |   |
| □ No  |   |
| Please state reasons for your views.  |   |
| N/A   |   |
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| Question 18: Do you agree that GEM issuers should be required to comprequirements starting from their three months quarterly accounting peri September 2010?  | ly with the new disclosure ods ending on or after 30      |
| ☐ Yes   |   |
| □ No  |   |
| Please state reasons for your views.  |   |
| N/A   |   |
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| Question 19: Do you agree that the reporting deadline for the new GEM of the same as the reporting deadline for Main Board quarterly reports ever the reporting deadline for GEM quarterly reports? | quarterly reports should be<br>in if that means extending |
| Yes   |   |
| ☐ No  |   |
| Please state reasons for your views.  |   |
| N/A   |   |
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| Question 20: Do Consultation Paper | you<br>? If so | have any other compo, please set out your ad | nents in respect    | t of the | issues discussed in the |
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