

## Part B Consultation Questions

Please indicate your preference by checking the appropriate boxes. Please reply to the questions below on the proposed change discussed in the Consultation Paper downloadable from the HKEx website at: <http://www.hkex.com.hk/eng/newsconsul/mktconsul/Documents/cp201209q.doc>.

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

1. Do you agree that the Exchange should promote board diversity?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

The board should have a good and appropriate balance of skills, experience and diversity of perspectives, including knowledge of the company's business.

2. If your answer to Q.1 is "yes", do you agree that our Corporate Governance Code and Corporate Governance Report is the appropriate place for the new measures on board diversity?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

Board diversity should ultimately enhance a company's corporate governance if implemented appropriately.

3. Do you agree with our proposal to introduce CP A.5.6 (*the nomination committee or the board should have a policy concerning diversity of board members, and should disclose the policy or a summary of the policy in the corporate governance report*)? Please give reasons for your views.

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

The Nomination Committee has a duty to nominate and propose suitable candidates to the board where considerations should reasonably be made in context of board diversity. The Nomination Committee should also explain to the board what consideration was made in the context of board diversity.

Due to the increasingly changing financial reporting requirement, I believe it is important for each issuer to have at least two qualified professional accountants as independent board members to provide expertise on financial reporting.

4. Do you agree (i) with our proposal to introduce a note under CP A.5.6 to clarify what we mean by diversity; and (ii) with the content of the note? Please give reasons for your views.

(i) (ii)

Yes

Yes

No

No

Please give reasons for your views.

By adding the note under CP A.5.6 will help enhance the transparency of the board nomination process and hence improving the overall corporate governance of the issuers.

5. Do you agree with our proposal to introduce a new mandatory disclosure provision in the Code stating that if the issuer has a policy concerning diversity, it should disclose details of the board's policy or a summary of the policy on board diversity, including any measurable objectives that it has set for implementing the policy, and progress on achieving the objectives? Please give reasons for your views.

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

It is important for stakeholders to understand what actions have been/will be taken to improve the board diversity.

6. Which of the following would you prefer as the implementation date of the amendments set out in this paper?

1 January 2013

1 April 2013

1 June 2013

1 September 2013

Other, please specify and give reasons.

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