

Submitted via Qualtrics

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Company/Organisation view

Listed Company

Question 1

Do you agree with the Electronic Instructions Proposal as detailed in paragraphs 29 to 45 of the Consultation Paper?

Yes

Please give reasons for your views.

We agree to the proposals. Having said that, issuers have engaged share registrars in handling matters relating to dividend payment and corporate communications dissemination including the proxy form arrangement. The Stock Exchange should consult the share registrars to see if they have any practical difficulties in implementing such proposals.

Please consider extending the Electronic Instructions Proposal to Collective Investment Scheme by consulting the SFC.

Question 2

Do you agree with the implementation timeline (including the availability of transitional arrangements) for the Electronic Instructions Proposal as set out in paragraphs 47 to 54 of the Consultation Paper?

Yes

Please give reasons for your views.

Question 3

Do you agree with the Real-time Electronic Payment Proposal as detailed in paragraphs 69 to 74 of the Consultation Paper?

No

Please give reasons for your views.

In practice, details on autopay payment are provided to paying banks at least 1 business day before the payment date such that dividend payments will be received by the shareholders on the payment date via autopay. In other words, the existing

electronic payment methods (e.g. autopay at lower cost) can achieve the same outcome as CHATS. We, therefore, do not agree with the proposal to require issuers to provide CHATS, which is a more costly payment method, as a payment option.

Question 4

Do you agree with the Electronic Subscription Monies Proposal as detailed in paragraphs 83 to 89 of the Consultation Paper?

Yes

Please give reasons for your views.

We agree to the proposal in the form of option because Subscription Monies involve payment by individual subscribers who still want to make payment by cheques.

Question 5

Do you agree that MMOs should no longer be available to issuers as set out in paragraph 99 of the Consultation Paper?

Yes

Please give reasons for your views.

Question 6

Do you agree with the Hybrid General Meeting and E-voting Proposal as detailed in paragraphs 129 to 134 of the Consultation Paper?

Yes

Please give reasons for your views.

Question 7

Should issuers be required to provide securities holders with an option to attend general meetings remotely and vote via electronic means (as set out in paragraph 135 of the Consultation Paper)?

No

Please give reasons for your views.

Each issuer has its own shareholding structure and should be allowed to determine the right form of meeting which is most appropriate to its shareholders. In particular, most active shareholders of some listed local companies are seniors who are not fond of or familiar with using advance technology. According to our experience, the online attendance rate of hybrid general meeting was very low which did not justify

the cost of holding a meeting in hybrid form. To conclude, issuers should NOT be mandatorily required to provide an option for attending meetings remotely or electronic voting.

Question 8

Should web accessibility guideline(s) (e.g. WCAG) be incorporated into, or referred to, in the Listing Rules (for example, the CG Code) or the Exchange's guidance, such that any corporate communications made available on issuers' website under the Rules should conform to such guideline(s), as set out in paragraph 146 of the Consultation Paper?

No

Please give reasons for your views.

Issuers may need to revamp their existing corporate websites in order to meet the criteria under WCAG which will involve high development cost. This will impose financial burden on issuers particularly in recent economic woes.

Question 9

Do you agree with adding a new note to MB Rule 13.46(1) to clarify that the conditions for granting waivers from the publication and distribution requirements of annual results/reports also apply to issuers that are neither overseas issuers nor PRC issuers (see paragraph 151 of the Consultation Paper)?

Yes

Please give reasons for your views.

Question 10(a)

Do you agree with the following proposed amendments to align requirements:

To amend paragraph 12B of Appendix D2 to the MB Rules (GEM Rule 18.39B) to remove the annual affirmation requirement for independent non-executive director (see paragraph 152 of the Consultation Paper)?

Yes

Please give reasons for your views.

Question 10(b)

Do you agree with the following proposed amendments to align requirements:

Amend MB Rule 9.11(33) (GEM Rule 12.25(2)) to more accurately reflect the documentary requirements for the registration of a prospectus of C(WUMP)O (see paragraph 154 of the Consultation Paper)?

Yes

Please give reasons for your views.

Question 10(c)

Do you agree with the following proposed amendments to align requirements:

To remove GEM Rule 18.50C to align the requirement on the timeframe for submission of annual report with the MB Rules (see paragraph 155 of the Consultation Paper)?

Yes

Please give reasons for your views.

Question 10(d)

Do you agree with the following proposed amendments to align requirements:

To align the market capitalisation information required on Main Board and GEM listing application forms (see paragraph 157 of the Consultation Paper)?

Yes

Please give reasons for your views.

Question 11

Do you agree with the proposal to amend MB Rule 2.07C to cover the types of announcements mentioned in paragraphs 158 and 159 of the Consultation Paper?

Yes

Please give reasons for your views.

Question 12

Do you agree with the proposal to amend MB Rule 37.06 as mentioned in paragraphs 161 to 164 of the Consultation Paper?

Yes

Please give reasons for your views.

Question 13

Do you agree with the proposal to clarify the scope of Professional Debt Issuers' continuing obligation to notify the Exchange of their proposals to amend trust deed (see paragraphs 165 and 166 of the Consultation Paper)?

Yes

Please give reasons for your views.

Question 14

Do you agree with the proposal to clarify the scope of Professional Debt Issuers' continuing obligation to submit financial statements to the Exchange (see paragraphs 167 and 168 of the Consultation Paper)?

Yes

Please give reasons for your views.

Question 15

Do you agree with the proposal to revise the scope of Public Debt Issuers' continuing obligation to inform and submit drafts to the Exchange with respect to their proposal to amend documents that affect the rights of the holders of their listed debt securities (see paragraphs 169 to 171 of the Consultation Paper)?

Yes

Please give reasons for your views.

Question 16

Do you agree with the proposal to clarify the validity period of a debt programme under MB Rule 37.41 (GEM Rule 30.34) (see paragraphs 172 and 173 of the Consultation Paper)?

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Yes

Please give reasons for your views.

Question 17

Do you agree with the proposal to revise the definition of supranationals under the MB Rules (see paragraphs 174 and 175 of the Consultation Paper)?

Yes

Please give reasons for your views.

Question 18

Do you agree with the proposal to require all Public Debt Issuers (except States and supranationals) to publish the English and Chinese versions of their financial statements (see paragraphs 176 to 178 of the Consultation Paper)?

Yes

Please give reasons for your views.

Question 19

Do you agree with the proposal to replace references to “general meeting” with “meeting of holders of the debt securities” in paragraph 9 of Appendix A2 to the MB Rules (paragraph 9 of Appendix A2 to the GEM Rules) (see paragraphs 179 and 180 of the Consultation Paper)?

Yes

Please give reasons for your reviews.