

香港中央結算有限公司
(香港交易及結算所有限公司全資附屬公司)

HONG KONG SECURITIES CLEARING COMPANY LIMITED
(A wholly-owned subsidiary of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited)

通告 CIRCULAR

Subject: Hong Kong Public Offering of GDS Holdings Limited (the “Company”)
(Stock Code: 9698) – Fully Electronic Application Process

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Reference is made to the formal notice (<https://www1.hkexnews.hk/listedco/listconews/sehk/2020/1021/2020102100005.pdf>) and the Prospectus (<https://www1.hkexnews.hk/listedco/listconews/sehk/2020/1021/2020102100011.pdf>) issued by the Company dated 21 October 2020 in relation to its Global Offering. Capitalized terms used herein shall have the same meanings set out in the prospectus unless the context otherwise requires.

CCASS Participants are requested to note that the Company has adopted a fully electronic application process for the Hong Kong Public Offering. The Company will not provide printed copies of the Prospectus and which can be downloaded from the HKEXNews website at www.hkexnews.hk and the Company’s website at <http://www.gds-services.com>. The Company will not provide any physical channels to accept any application for the Hong Kong Offer Shares by the public and as such no printed copies of any application forms will be available.

CCASS Participants are requested to note the important notes as a result of the above:-

1. No physical yellow application form channel but CCASS EIPO service only

Application channel of physical yellow application form is not available for this IPO.

The process flow of CCASS EIPO service remains the same as other normal IPO cases where CCASS Participants who wish to cause HKSCC Nominees to apply for the Hong Kong Offer Shares are required to give electronic application instructions via CCASS terminal.

If you are not familiar with the existing CCASS EIPO process flow, you may refer to the CCASS Terminal User Guide - Section 8.2.8 “EIPO Application Maintenance”, Section 5.13 “EIPO Application File Transfer” and Section 5.14 “EIPO Application Batch File Layout (Batch File Sample)” for details.

2. No printed copies of prospectus are available for collection at depository counter of HKSCC

The Company will not provide any printed copies of the prospectus for this Hong Kong Public Offering. The prospectus is available for download at the Company and the HKEXnews website as mentioned above. No printed copy of prospectus will be available for collection at depository counter of HKSCC.

3. Application money table

You may find the numbers of shares an investor can apply for and the corresponding application money amount in the application money table which is now appended to the formal notice and the Important section of the prospectus.

Should CCASS Participants have queries regarding the above, please call CCASS Hotline at 2979 7111.

All activities under CCASS are subject to the General Rules of CCASS and CCASS Operational Procedures in effect from time to time.

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