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通告 CIRCULAR

Subject: VaR Platform – Official Launch

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Reference is made to the circular dated 26 January 2022 (Reference: [CD/CDCRM/034/2022](#)). With the successful completion of the practice session in February 2022, the official launch of VaR Platform is tentatively scheduled on 13 June 2022 (Monday) subject to regulatory approval, where the new value-at-risk model will replace the existing flat-rate model for calculation of margin and Default Fund¹ contributions of Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited (HKSCC) Clearing Participants (CPs).

To facilitate CPs in preparing themselves for VaR Platform official launch, a series of activities are planned as follows:

- (i) Corresponding amendments to General Rules of CCASS and CCASS Operational Procedures in relation to VaR Platform implementation which is subject to regulatory approval have been made available on [HKEX website](#).
- (ii) A “VaR Platform Official Launch Information Package” detailing VaR Platform and the new risk models, and the corresponding changes on risk management measures and risk operational arrangement, as well as the cutover arrangement including the margin and Default Fund contributions collection for the first week of official launch, will be made available on [HKEX website](#) on 23 May 2022 (Monday). CPs are advised to read through the information package and take actions where necessary.

¹ Default Fund is equivalent to the term Guarantee Fund being used in General Rules of CCASS.

- (iii) Three webinar briefings will be held for CPs to prepare for the official launch. CPs are strongly encouraged to join the briefings and should register via the Event section in [Client Connect](#) on or before 23 May 2022 (Monday). Details of the briefings are as follows:

Date	Mode of Briefing	Time	Language
30 May 2022 (Monday)	Webinar video conferencing*	16:30 – 18:00	English
31 May 2022 (Tuesday)			Cantonese
1 June 2022 (Wednesday)			Cantonese

**Maximum 2 attendees per CP, confirmation email together with the webinar login information will be sent to those who have successfully registered.*

- (iv) Familiarisation Programme will end on 20 May 2022 (Friday) and the access to Report Access Platform (RAP) and VaR Online will be temporarily suspended. To prepare for the official launch, access to RAP and VaR Online will be resumed on 30 May 2022 (Monday) and CPs should take this opportunity to perform final verification of their operational flow including funding arrangement under value-at-risk model prior to the official launch.
- (v) A full set of VaR Platform user guide which covers all functions and reports available under VaR Platform, as well as the updated CCASS user guide, will be made available on [Client Connect](#) on 1 June 2022 (Wednesday).
- (vi) A cutover connectivity test will be held on the weekend prior to the official launch (i.e. 12 June 2022) for CPs to verify their connectivity to CCASS, RAP and VaR Online. More information regarding the test will be announced in due course.

It is important for CPs to ensure their technical and operational readiness for the official launch of VaR Platform. CPs should perform a final check on their internal system processes, operational flow as well as funding preparation to fulfill the obligations to HKSCC before the official launch

Remark: CPs should note that prior to the VaR Platform official launch, the VaR Platform is not in commercial operation and should not be used in any commercial context or form. As such, the VaR Platform and any output that can be obtained from such platform including without limitation the new set of reports are, prior to the VaR Platform official launch, provided for familiarisation purposes only. CPs therefore should not rely on the VaR Platform or any output from such platform in any way and should continue their normal risk management measures, prepare funding and make payments according to existing CCASS reports and schedule until the business implementation of the VaR Platform and the new risk models.

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