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HONG KONG SECURITIES CLEARING COMPANY LIMITED
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通告 CIRCULAR

Subject: Proposed Cessation of Trading, Termination, Voluntary Deauthorisation and Delisting
- iShares MSCI Emerging Asia ETF (Stock Code: 2802)
(the “Sub-Fund”)

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Exchange and CCASS Participants are requested to note that BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited (the “Manager”) has issued an Announcement and Notice on HKEXnews.hk

(<https://www1.hkexnews.hk/listedco/listconews/sehk/2023/0130/2023013000425.pdf>) concerning the proposed cessation of trading, termination, voluntary deauthorisation and delisting and non-applicability of certain provisions of the Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds (the “Announcement and Notice”).

Capitalized terms used herein shall have the same meanings set out in the Announcement and Notice unless the context otherwise requires.

According to the Announcement and Notice, the expected Last Trading Day of the Units in the Sub-Fund on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “SEHK”) will be 28 February 2023, after which the Sub-Fund will no longer be traded on the SEHK. For the expected Delisting Date and the expected Deauthorization Date, please refer to Section 3.4 of the Announcement and Notice for details.

Upon Delisting and Deauthorisation of the Sub-Fund, the Sub-Fund will no longer be recognized as the eligible securities in Central Clearing and Settlement System (“CCASS”)

by Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited (“HKSCC”) and subject to Hong Kong regulation by the Securities and Futures Commission (the “SFC”) respectively.

Exchange and CCASS Participants should inform and liaise with their clients as soon as possible to take any appropriate action(s). Potential course of action(s) to be taken by investors on or before the Last Trading Day are briefly mentioned below.

Potential actions to be taken by investors on or before the Last Trading Day

1. Trading on the SEHK up to and including the Last Trading Day (i.e. from now up to and including 28 February 2023)

On any trading day up to (and including) the Last Trading Day, an investor may continue to buy or sell its Units on the SEHK in accordance with the usual trading arrangements, during the trading hours of the SEHK and based on the prevailing market prices. The market makers of the Sub-Fund (collectively the “Market Makers”) will continue to perform their market making functions in accordance with the Rules of the Exchange until the Trading Cessation Date. These Exchange Trades will be cleared inside CCASS and automatically settled on a Continuous Net Settlement (CNS) basis as usual unless they are isolated from the CNS System by the counterparty Exchange Participants at the time of trade or isolated from the CNS System by HKSCC, in which case such trades will be settled on a trade-for-trade (TFT) basis.

2. Holding Units after the Last Trading Day

Certain stock(s) held by the Sub-Fund are suspended from trading on the SEHK as at the date of the Announcement and Notice (the “Suspended Stocks”).

Scenario A - The Sub-Fund does not receive sale proceeds of Suspended Stocks on or before 1 March 2023

For Relevant Investors (who are still holding Units of the Sub-Fund after the Last Trading Day), the Manager will compulsorily redeem Units held by the Relevant Investors in accordance with Clause 35.8B of the Trust Deed on 8 March 2023, i.e. the Compulsory Redemption Date.

After having consulted the Trustee and the Auditor, the redemption value of the Units will be determined on the Compulsory Redemption Date, being the Net Asset Value of the Units then in issue on such date (the “Redemption Value”).

Each Relevant Investor will be entitled to an amount equal to a portion of the Redemption Value in proportion to the Relevant Investor’s interests in the Sub-Fund as at the Compulsory Redemption Date (the “Redemption Payment”). The Redemption Payment will be paid in cash in HKD only to each Relevant Investor on the Redemption Payment Date (i.e. on or around 15 March 2023).

An announcement will be issued on or shortly following the Compulsory Redemption Date to inform Relevant Investors of the Redemption Value and the Redemption Payment Date.

Scenario B - The Sub-Fund receives sale proceeds of Suspended Stocks on or before 1 March 2023

The Manager will, after consulting the Trustee and the Auditor, declare a distribution in HKD in respect of those investors who remain invested in the Sub-Fund as of the Record Date (the “Relevant Investors”). Each Relevant Investor will be entitled to a distribution of an amount equal to the Sub-Fund’s then Net Asset Value in proportion to the Relevant Investor’s Units in the Sub-Fund as at the Record Date. The distribution payable to each such Relevant Investor will be paid to the accounts of its financial intermediary or stockbroker maintained with CCASS.

The Manager will publish an announcement as soon as practicable following the resumption of trading of all of the Suspended Stocks to inform Relevant Investors of the details of distribution (including the date of distribution, amount of distribution and distribution rate per Unit), other relevant dates and the next steps that the Manager will proceed with if this takes place. As the dates of delisting, deauthorisation and termination of the Sub-Fund may be different from those as set out in the section “Important dates” in the Announcement and Notice, the Manager will also inform Relevant Investors of the revised dates in the further announcement.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If an investor disposes of its Units at any time on or before the Last Trading Day, such investor will not in any circumstances be entitled to any portion of the Redemption Payment/distribution (as the case may be) in respect of any Units so disposed. Investors should therefore exercise caution and consult their professional and financial advisers before dealing in their Units or otherwise deciding on any course of actions to be taken in relation to their Units.

Exchange/CCASS Participants are urged to:

- forward a copy of the Announcement and Notice to their clients holding Units in the Sub-Fund, and inform them of the contents of the Announcement and Notice as soon as possible;
- facilitate their clients who want to dispose of Units in the Sub-Fund on or before the Last Trading Day; and
- inform their clients as soon as possible if any earlier dealing deadline, additional fees or charges, and/or other terms and conditions will be applicable in respect of the provision of their services in connection with any disposal of Units.

If you have any queries concerning the Announcement and Notice, please direct them to your stockbrokers or financial intermediaries or contact the Manager at (852) 3903 2823 during office hours (except Hong Kong statutory holidays) or by email: iSharesAsiaEnquiry@blackrock.com.

Trading in the ETF(s) may not be suitable for all members of the public. Exchange Participants should advise their clients to carefully consider whether trading in the ETF(s) is/are appropriate for them in light of their understanding of the product nature and characteristics, their own investment objectives, skills and experience, financial resources, risk tolerance and other relevant circumstances prior to making any decision.

Further information such as the prospectus and other documents issued by the manager is available on the [HKEXnews website](#) and on the [ETP webpage](#)

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