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OTC CLEARING HONG KONG LIMITED
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通告 CIRCULAR

Subject: **Margin Requirements and Adjustment of Routine Intra-day Variation Margin Calls during Chinese New Year Holidays and Special Working Days**

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Please be advised that pursuant to Chapter 4 of the OTC Clearing Hong Kong Limited Clearing Procedures, the following risk management measures will be applied by OTC Clearing Hong Kong Limited to cover potential market volatility during Chinese New Year Holidays and Special Working Days:

1. Northbound Holiday Margin will be applied to each Clearing Member's CNY IRS portfolio. An amount equal to **10% of a Clearing Member's CNY IRS portfolio margin** will be first added to the End-of-Day Initial Margin call to be collected on 2 February 2024. Clearing Members will be able to check margin add-on amounts under the report named "WEB MRCleared.csv" via OASIS after the close of clearing (i.e. around 22:00 Hong Kong time) on 1 February 2024. Clearing Members will be required to settle the margin call amount within 1 hour after the End-of-Day Initial Margin call issued at 08:30 hours Hong Kong time on 2 February 2024. Northbound Holiday Margin will be **reduced to 0%** at the close of clearing on 4 February 2024.
2. Holiday Margin will be applied to each Clearing Member's portfolio at the close of clearing on 8 February 2024. An amount equal to **19% of a Clearing Member's portfolio margin** will be added to the End-of-Day Initial Margin call to be collected on 9 February 2024. Clearing Members will be required to settle the margin call amount within 1 hour after the End-of-Day Initial Margin call issued at 08:30 hours Hong Kong time.
3. Holiday Margin as mentioned in (2) above will be **reduced gradually to 0%** until the close of clearing on 13 February 2024. Clearing Members are advised to check margin add-on amounts under the report named "WEB MRCleared.csv" via OASIS.

4. Simultaneously, Northbound Holiday Margin will be applied again to each Clearing Member's CNYIRS portfolio at the close of clearing on 13 February 2024. An amount equal to **35% of a Clearing Member's CNYIRS portfolio margin** will be added to the End-of-Day Initial Margin call to be collected on 14 February 2024. Clearing Members will be required to settle the margin call amount within 1 hour after the End-of-Day Initial Margin call issued at 08:30 hours Hong Kong time.
5. Northbound Holiday Margin as mentioned in (4) above will be **reduced gradually to 0%** until the close of clearing on 18 February 2024. Clearing Members are advised to check margin add-on amounts under the report named "WEB MRCleared.csv" via OASIS.

Below is an illustrative example:

| Close of Clearing on | 1 Feb | 2 Feb | 4 Feb (SWD) |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------------|
| Initial Margin requirement | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| CNY IRS portfolio margin | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Northbound Holiday Margin multiplier | 10% | 10% | 0% |
| Northbound Holiday Margin | 100 | 100 | 0 |
| Total Initial Margin requirement | 2,100 | 2,100 | 2,000 |

| Close of Clearing on | 8 Feb | 9 Feb | 12 Feb | 13 Feb | 14 Feb | 15 Feb | 16 Feb | 18 Feb (SWD) |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|
| Initial Margin requirement | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Holiday Margin multiplier | 19% | 19% | 10% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Holiday Margin | 380 | 380 | 200 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CNY IRS portfolio margin | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Northbound Holiday Margin multiplier | 0% | 0% | 0% | 35% | 27% | 19% | 10% | 0% |
| Northbound Holiday Margin | 0 | 0 | 0 | 350 | 270 | 190 | 100 | 0 |
| Total Initial Margin requirement | 2,380 | 2,380 | 2,200 | 2,350 | 2,270 | 2,190 | 2,100 | 2,000 |

Note: All figures in the table above are hypothetical for illustration purpose only and denominated in Hong Kong Dollars.

6. There will be no Routine Intra-day Variation Margin Calls on 4 February, 12 February, 13 February and 18 February pursuant to Chapter 4 of the OTC Clearing Hong Kong Limited Clearing Procedures.

Please note that:

1. Clearing Members still need to settle End-of-day Variation Margin with regard to applicable non-HKD currency during the aforesaid period. Clearing Members are reminded the importance of having proper arrangement in place before and after the holiday period as those days are normal settlement days. In case of any key staffs on vacation before and after the holiday period, please ensure the backup staffs are familiar with the operational procedures to adequately monitor their exposure and fulfill the settlement obligations on time.
2. The application of Northbound Holiday Margin will increase Clearing Members' Margin requirements. The impact will vary depending on individual Clearing Member's CNY IRS portfolios. Clearing Members may contact us (via the hotline and email address mentioned above) to assess the potential impact on their Margin requirements.
3. Clearing Members should be fully aware of the above measures and make the necessary funding arrangements. Clearing Members are advised to keep adequate levels of Excess Margin. End-of-Day Initial Margin calls will be issued if a Clearing Member's Margin Balance falls short of its Initial Margin requirement.

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