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通告 CIRCULAR

Subject: **VOLUNTARY SUBMISSION OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR NORTHBOUND TRADING UNDER STOCK CONNECT – ADDITIONAL PRACTICE SESSION**

Enquiry: **Participant General Enquiry Hotline[1] (Tel: 2840 3626 Email: trd@hkex.com.hk)**

Reference is made to the Exchange circular (Ref. No.: CT/115/26) regarding testing arrangements for the voluntary submission of additional information by China Connect Exchange Participants ("CCEPs") and Trade-through Exchange Participants ("TTEPs") ("the Arrangement") engaging in proprietary trading ("Proprietary Trading CCEPs and TTEPs") for Northbound Trading under Stock Connect.

Additional Practice Session

To provide Proprietary Trading CCEPs and TTEPs with an additional opportunity to test their setup in preparation for the launch of the Arrangement, an additional optional Practice Session ("PS3") will be held on **22 August 2026 (Saturday).** During PS3, Proprietary Trading CCEPs and TTEPs can conduct order input and mapping file submission testing with the Shenzhen Stock Exchange.

Proprietary Trading CCEPs and TTEPs who wish to participate in the PS3 are required to complete the Registration Form and return to the Exchange **on or before 20 August 2026 (Thursday)**. Detailed activity rundown will be sent to the registered CCEPs and TTEPs **by 20 August 2026 (Thursday)**.

Extension of the E2E Test Session

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[1] All calls to and from the Participant General Enquiry Hotline may be recorded. HKEX Privacy Policy Statement is available here.

Please note that the optional End-to-end (E2E) Test for the Arrangement has been extended to allow Proprietary Trading CCEPs and TTEPs to perform additional system testing, if needed, **from 18 August 2026 (Tuesday) to 21 August 2026 (Friday)**.

Launch Arrangement

Subject to the successful completion of PS3, the Arrangement will be tentatively launched on **7 September 2026 (Monday)** and a Post Release Test ("PRT") will be conducted **on 5 September 2026 (Saturday)** accordingly. It is optional for Proprietary Trading CCEPs and TTEPs to participate in the PRT. Details of the launch arrangements including PRT will be announced in due course.

Update to Interface Specifications

Please note that an updated version of the Interface Specifications (Version 1.2) (Mark-up version) is now available for reference.

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