



HKEx Hosting Services Limited

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By Email

Dear Sirs,

No Extension of HSN Connectivity Outside the Data Center

We refer to the HKEx Hosting Services Subscription Agreement entered into between your company and us on 8th August, 2012 (“**Hosting Agreement**”). Unless otherwise defined, terms used herein shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Hosting Agreement.

We have recently received requests for clarification of the restriction (“**HSN Connectivity Extension Restriction**”) against extension of the HSN Connectivity outside the hosting services data center (“**Data Center**”) in the context of the network connection to the various trading systems of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (“**HKEx**”). The HSN Connectivity Extension Restriction is set out in the paragraph headed “B. Connectivity Services – (i) HKEx Service Network (HSN) Connectivity Service” in Schedule 2 to the Hosting Agreement, which reads as follow:

“Connection provided under the HSN Connectivity Service shall not be extended outside the Site by the Subscriber by any means.”

For the sake of assisting your company in ensuring compliance with the HSN Connectivity Extension Restriction, we are writing to clarify that equipment that is used for connection to the various trading systems through the HSN Connectivity should be installed inside the Data Center. Such equipment shall include computer servers, network equipment, equipment running the Broker Supplied System or the OMnet Application Programming Interface for automatic generation of orders including algorithmic trading orders and market making quotes and equipment running the Open Gateway or Network Gateway applications. A connection through the HSN Connectivity via any of the abovementioned equipment installed outside the Data Center would be regarded as an extension of the HSN Connectivity outside the Data Center and thus a breach of the HSN Connectivity Extension Restriction.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Andy Lee at (852) 22116020 or email to hssales@hkex.com.hk

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of
HKEx Hosting Services Limited

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