

TECHNICAL NOTICE
5 March 2009

REBALANCING AND ADJUSTMENT OF HANG SENG INDEX

This notice provides a summary of upcoming actions to rebalance the Hang Seng Index under regular rebalancing activity and also in light of the recently announced HSBC rights issue.

Regular Rebalancing after Market Close 6 March 2009

As stated in a press release issued on 13 February 2009, a regular rebalancing, including updating of Issued Shares, Freefloat-adjusted Factors (“FAFs”) and Cap Factors (“CFs”), will be carried out after market close on 6 March 2009. HSBC will be re-capped at around 15% for the Hang Seng Index in this rebalancing exercise.

Adjustment for HSBC Rights Issue after Market Close 11 March 2009

A normal rights issue adjustment will be carried out after market close on 11 March 2009, the last trading day for cum-rights trading. No re-capping will be conducted.

Should you have any queries, please e-mail info@hsi.com.hk.

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