

ROLE AND MODE OF OPERATION OF THE COMMITTEE

Listing Committee

1. Members are appointed to the Listing Committee by the Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“**SEHK**”), a subsidiary of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (“**HKEX**”), based on nominations that have been made by the Listing Nominating Committee (“**LNC**”). The LNC is composed of three non-executive directors of the Board of HKEX and the Chairman and two Executive Directors of the Securities and Futures Commission (“**SFC**”). Members are appointed for a term of approximately 12 months. The maximum term for members is six years.
2. Each of the GEM and Main Board Committees comprise 28 members and they have identical members. This enables the two Committees to be operated as one committee for most purposes and much of the routine business of the Committees is conducted at combined meetings. This approach is not adopted for disciplinary meetings nor is it adopted for meetings at which decisions of the Listing Division are reviewed.

Role of the Listing Committee

3. A Memorandum of Understanding (together with the first addendum dated on 9th March 2018 and the second addendum dated 28 June 2023, the “**Memorandum**”) was entered into between SEHK and the SFC on 28th January 2003. Pursuant to the Memorandum, the SEHK continued to be responsible for the day-to-day administration of all listing-related matters.
4. The Board of SEHK retains the power to make and amend its Listing Rules subject to the approval of the SFC. All of its other powers and functions in respect of all listing matters are discharged by the Listing Committee and/or its delegates, subject to the review procedures set out in the Listing Rules. The Listing Committee has arranged for most of these powers and functions to be discharged by the Listing Division and the Chief Executive of SEHK. This arrangement is reflected in the Listing Rules (see Main Board Rule 2A.01 and 2A.02 and GEM Rule 3.01 and 3.02).
5. The arrangements in place recognise, as a practical matter, that it is not possible for formal decision making to be taken by the Listing Committee on the very substantial number of matters arising from the day-to-day administration of the Listing Rules.
6. Equally to avoid jeopardising the independence of the Listing Committee it is not desirable for the Committee to become involved in an executive role directing the day-to-day affairs of the Listing Division. Accordingly the Listing Committee has reserved the power to take those decisions that are of material significance for the listed companies, sponsor firms and individuals concerned, subject to the review procedures set out in the Listing Rules.
 - (i) The relevant decisions include: granting approval for listing of new equity applicants; approval of the cancellation of listing;
 - (ii) the finding of a breach of the Listing Rules and the imposition of disciplinary sanctions or remedial conditions; the endorsement, variation or modification of decisions made by the Listing Division on application for a review; the approval of a specified category of waiver; approval of significant policies and Listing Rule amendments.

7. In all other areas the Listing Division interprets, administers and enforces the Listing Rules, subject to the review of the Listing Committee under procedures set out in the Listing Rules. For each decision to be made by the Listing Committee, the Listing Division will make a recommendation and prepare report with suitable analysis to assist Committee members reaching an informed decision on the relevant matter.
8. The Secretary to the Committee, who is also Head of the Listing Division, sets the agenda of Listing Committee meetings and determines the priorities of Listing Division and the allocation of its resources. Decisions of the Listing Committee, particularly in a policy context, often have an operational impact for the Listing Division. However, the Listing Committee does not determine the strategic objectives, or the annual operating plan and budget or the level of resources of the Listing Division. Similarly the Listing Committee is not involved in the appointment and terms and conditions of Listing Division staff. These operational matters are handled by the staff of HKEX. The Board of HKEX approves SEHK's strategic plans and its annual operating plan and budget including that of the Listing Division.

Mode of Operation

9. The principal mode of operation of the Committee is through meetings at which a quorum of members is present. Meetings held by the Committee fall into the following categories: regular meetings, generally held each week; review meetings, to review decisions made by the Division; disciplinary hearings, to consider disciplinary action brought by the Division; and policy meetings, at which policy issues are discussed. The quorum for meetings of the Committee is five members present. The Chief Executive will not attend meetings of the Listing Committee at which the Listing Committee is determining a matter in the first instance or on review.
10. A pooling arrangement is operated to help reduce the workload involved for individual members attending regular meetings, and also to provide a pool of members from which to draw if a decision made by the Division based on guidance sought from the Committee is required to be reviewed at a subsequent meeting.
11. Under the pooling arrangements all members, except the Chairman, Deputy Chairmen and the ex officio member are "paired" with another member. Under the pooling arrangement a member will be designated as the primary or secondary member for a particular week's regular meeting, and the member with whom he or she is paired will be designated as secondary or primary as appropriate. Members are designated as primary or secondary on a fifty-fifty basis. Thus, over the course of the year, a member would be on primary for approximately half of the Committee's regular meetings. The pooling arrangement does not apply to disciplinary, review and policy meetings.
12. Regular meetings of the Listing Committee are normally held each week with breaks at Lunar New Year, Easter, Christmas and New Year. If the volume of work so demands, additional regular meetings are scheduled. Disciplinary meetings and Review meetings, to consider reviews of decisions reached by the Division are held as required. Policy meetings are normally held quarterly with supplementary meetings as necessary.

Handling Conflicts of Interest

13. The Rules governing the proceedings of the Listing Committee incorporate specific requirements relating to the handling of conflicts of interests. These provisions require that a member who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, materially interested in

a matter to be discussed at a meeting must declare any such material interest to the Secretary prior to the meeting or to those present at the meeting and, whenever appropriate and practicable, return all relevant papers to the Secretary as soon as he becomes aware of the conflict. If the member attends the meeting at which the matter is to be considered he must leave the meeting immediately when such matter comes up for discussion and only return after it has been dealt with. The arrangements preclude a member with a material conflict of interest from participating in the deliberation of the issue or counting as part of the quorum present at the meeting. The minutes of Listing Committee meetings record all declared conflicts of interest.