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THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LIMITED (A wholly-owned subsidiary of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited)

通告 CIRCULAR

Subject: Further Enhancements relating to Stock Connect

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To facilitate the implementation by SEHK of future enhancements to the China Stock Connect System ("CSC") and in response to queries from market participants following the technical rollout in November 2015 of the CCASS interface specifications for northbound clearing under the proposed Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, SEHK has published on the <u>HKEX website</u> today the CSC interface specifications ("Interface Specifications") and the information package that will be required for northbound trading under the proposed Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect.

The Interface Specifications are prepared based on SEHK's infrastructure set-up for the proposed mutual market connectivity with Shenzhen to date. Depending on the regulatory approvals given to the final operational model, amendments may need to be made to the Interface Specifications. The end-to-end test environment will be available to Exchange Participants for testing from 27 June 2016 onwards. The end-to-end test package will also be available on the <u>HKEX website</u> on the same day.

SEHK wishes to emphasise that the sole purpose of releasing the Interface Specifications is to facilitate SEHK's overall system enhancement schedule for CSC and to enable those Participants who wish to prepare their systems early to do so notwithstanding that no formal announcement has been made by the regulators. System development for the proposed Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect is not mandatory. *As at today's date, no regulatory announcements or approvals have been made regarding the implementation of Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, and Participants should not regard this circular as an indication of imminent announcement by the relevant authorities.*

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