

## Part B Consultation Questions

Please indicate your preference by checking the appropriate boxes. Please reply to the questions below on the proposed change discussed in the Consultation Paper downloadable from the HKEx website at: <http://www.hkex.com.hk/eng/newsconsul/mktconsul/Documents/cp201408.pdf>.

Where there is insufficient space provided for your comments, please attach additional pages.

### Chapter I: Proposed Rule amendments to align the requirements for disclosure of financial information in Main Board Rules Appendix 16 and GEM Rules equivalent with reference to the disclosure provisions in the New Companies Ordinance

1. Do you agree that all issuers (whether or not they are incorporated in Hong Kong) should include disclosures under the provisions of the New Ordinance which reflect alignment of those provisions of the Predecessor Ordinance captured in Main Board Rules Appendix 16 and GEM Rules equivalent as set out in paragraphs 70 to 73 of the Consultation Paper?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

*We agree with the reasons set out in the Consultation Paper to align the requirements under the new Companies Ordinance with the Listing Rules and to apply the same standards to all listed issuers irrespective of whether they are incorporated in Hong Kong.*

### Chapter II: Proposed Rule amendments to streamline the disclosure requirements of financial information in the Listing Rules with reference to Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards

2. Do you agree with the proposed revision of Main Board Rules Chapter 4 and Appendix 16 and GEM Rules equivalent in order to streamline the Listing Rules and to avoid potential duplications with the accounting standards?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

***This will streamline the disclosure requirements of financial information and avoid duplication.***

3. Do you agree with the proposed repeal of the disclosure requirements in relation to financial conglomerates in Main Board Rules Chapter 4 and Appendix 16 and GEM Rules equivalent?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

***We agree with the rationale set out in the Consultation Paper proposing the amendments***

4. Do you agree with the proposed repeal of Main Board Rules Appendix 15 and GEM Rules equivalent in relation to bank reporting?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

***We agree with the rationale set out in the Consultation Paper proposing the amendments***

### **Chapter III: Other financial information disclosures related proposed Rule amendments**

5. Do you agree with the proposed Rule amendments to require an issuer to publish an announcement as soon as practicable after the directors decide to revise the published financial statements and the reason leading to the revision of the financial statements?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

***We agree that an announcement should be published as soon as practicable when the published financial statements are revised to draw the attention of shareholders and investors.***

6. Do you agree with the proposed Rule amendment to require disclosure in results announcements where an issuer has made a prior period adjustment to correct a material error?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

***We agree that listed issuers should be required to make a disclosure when they have made prior period adjustments to their financial statements.***

7. Do you agree with the proposed Rule amendments to Main Board Rules Appendix 16 and GEM Rules equivalent to provide references to disclosure requirements relating to periodic financial reports currently required in other parts of the Listing Rules?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

***This will facilitate the compliance of Listing Rules by listed issuers and enhance the compliance standards.***

#### **Chapter IV: Proposed Rule amendments consequential to the enactment of the New Companies Ordinance**

8. Do you agree that the Listing Rules should be amended to align the notice period requirements for companies incorporated in Bermuda and the Cayman Islands with the relevant requirements under the New Ordinance?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

***This will rationalise the compliance requirements for the listed issuers incorporated in these jurisdiction.***

9. Do you support the proposal to allow companies incorporated in Bermuda and the Cayman Islands to convene general meetings on shorter notice on the same terms as companies incorporated in Hong Kong (i.e. in accordance with the relevant provisions of the New Ordinance)?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

***We have no objection to the proposed alignment but are not entirely certain how procedural this could be accomplished.***

## **Chapter V: Proposed minor Rule amendments**

10. Do you agree with the proposal to amend Main Board Rule 13.45(1) and GEM Rules equivalent to require issuers to announce the expected payment dates for their dividends or other distributions as described in paragraph 143 of the Consultation Paper?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

***It is our current practice to disclose the payment date on the same date of dividend declaration and this will enhance disclosure to shareholders.***

11. Do you agree with the proposal to amend Main Board Rule 5.03 and GEM Rules equivalent to clarify that a property valuation is required for the circular of any connected transaction that involves an acquisition or disposal of any property interest or property company?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

***We agree that the amendment is reasonable and will enhance clarity.***

12. Do you agree with the proposal to amend Main Board Rules 14.66(8) and 14A.70(15) and GEM Rules equivalent to remove the requirement to disclose information about competing interests of directors of the issuer's subsidiaries and their close associates in transaction circulars?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

***We agree with the reasons set out in the consultation paper; the information disclosed is not relevant to the assessment of the transaction by shareholders.***

13. Do you agree with the proposal to amend the GEM Rules to include a new GEM Rule 17.49A to require trading suspension for issuers that fail to publish their financial results announcements as described in paragraph 153 of the Consultation Paper?

Yes

No

Please give reasons for your views.

***We agree that both GEM listed issuers and Main Board listed issuers should be aligned.***

14. The Exchange invites your comments regarding whether the manner in which (i) the proposed Rule amendments consequential to the enactment of the New Ordinance as set out in Chapter IV (see paragraphs 116 to 137 of the Consultation Paper) and (ii) the proposed housekeeping Rule amendments set out in Chapter VI, have been drafted will give rise to any ambiguities or unintended consequences.

***The majority of the proposed amendments is made with reference to the changes and development under the new Companies Ordinance and the Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards. We reckon that there would be ambiguities and unintended consequences which would need to be addressed over time.***

15. Do you have any other comments in respect of the matters discussed in the Consultation Paper? If so, please set out your additional comments.

***No***

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