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By Email

**To: All Real-time Vendors and End-Users**

Dear Sirs,

**HKEx Orion Market Data Platform Phase 1a (OMD-C) –  
Answer Book for Practice Session and Updated Schedule for Readiness Test for Batch 1  
rollout**

Our notice on 7 Dec 2012 (Our Ref: MDD/12/2171) regarding Phase 1a Readiness Test Answer Book and Schedule refers please.

The Practice Sessions for Batch 1 clients will commence on 7 January 2013.

The purpose of the Practice Sessions is to allow clients to conduct a light-run of rehearsal of the Readiness Test under a normal trading day scenario. The Practice Sessions will not cover any exceptional handling scenario (i.e. the scope covered under Sessions 2 to 5 of the Readiness Test). We enclose the Answer Book for the Practice Sessions for your reference.

To allow Batch 1 clients to be well prepared for the Readiness Test, please note that the Readiness Test sessions originally scheduled for 9 and 11 January 2013 will be changed to Open Test Sessions. The Readiness Test Session will therefore commence on 23 January 2013. The rest of the test session schedule will remain unchanged. Updated OMD-C End-to-End Test Sessions Schedule and Rundown is herewith enclosed for your attention. Clients should also note that the Answer Book for Practice Session is not applicable to the Readiness Test. A separate Answer Book for the Readiness Test will be issued to clients prior to the Readiness Test.

Below please find the latest high-level on-boarding activities schedule for Batch 1 OMD-C rollout for your reference. Batch 1 clients should observe the schedule and get prepared to meet the rollout schedule.

Batch 1 On-boarding Activities	Planned schedule
Open Test	3 Dec 2012 – 1 Mar 2013
Practice Session	7 Jan 2013 – 7 Mar 2013
Readiness Test	23 Jan 2013 – 8 Mar 2013
Market Rehearsal	April 2013 (3 weekends)
Post-Release Test	May 2013
Rollout	May 2013

Should you have any queries about OMD on-boarding activities, please do not hesitate to contact our Vendor Support Team at (852) 2211 6558 or send your questions via email to [OrionMarketData@hkex.com.hk](mailto:OrionMarketData@hkex.com.hk).

Yours sincerely,

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Encl. - i) OMD-C Practice Session Answer Book  
ii) Updated OMD-C End-to-End Test Session Schedule