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By Email

**To: All Direct Connection Derivatives Market Data Vendors and End-Users
(collectively “IVs”)**

Dear Sirs,

Securities and Derivatives Network Upgrade – Phase 2 PRS/PRS Plus Network Migration:

- 1) Post Release Test arrangement and**
- 2) Fallback Arrangement during Stabilization Period**

Our letter dated 29 January 2013 (Ref: MDD/13/231) about Securities and Derivatives Network Upgrade (SDNet/2) – Phase 2 PRS/PRS Plus Network Migration (“the migration”) refers please.

Post Release Test arrangement

Following the successful completion of Market Rehearsal held on 2 February 2013, the production cutover will be conducted as per the schedule below:

Activity	Mandatory/ Optional	Schedule
Post Release Test 1 – for PRS	Mandatory	16 February 2013 (Saturday)
Post Release Test 2 – for PRS Plus	Mandatory	23 February 2013(Saturday)
Production Cutover	-	25 February 2013 (Monday)
Stabilisation Period	-	25 February – 15 March 2013

In order to ensure that the connectivity of the IV systems to the PRS/PRS host (“the host”) will remain intact for production on the next trading day after the Post Release Test (PRT), IVs are required to follow the instructions below:

- Participate in the PRT with the same network setting as production. That is, IVs with Live-Live connection have to connect both lines to the host whereas those with Live-Backup connection have to connect to the host by the primary line only. Rundown for the PRTs will be provided in due course.
- Provide all necessary support, including on-site access permission, network and application support, etc. to its SDNet/2 Vendor(s) on the PRT day for rectification of problems encountered during the PRT.

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Fallback Arrangement during the Migration Period and Stabilization Period

After completion of the Post Release Test 2 on 23 February 2013, there will be a three-week stabilisation period (**25 February to 15 March 2013**) for PRS/PRS Plus.

During the stabilisation period, the existing SDNet/1 will be maintained in standby mode. In case of IV's SDNet/2 network problem in which the failed connection of the IV's system to the PRS/PRS Plus host could not be resumed in time, the IV connection concerned would be switched back to SDNet/1 after market close of the day and would then be migrated to SDNet/2 again in the following weekend.

In the rare event of severe SDNet/2 problem occurring during the Stabilisation Period, HKEx might decide to fall back to SDNet/1 for providing connection service to IVs. IVs should retain their SDNet/1 equipment during the said period to stand by for the fallback arrangement.

Lastly, SDNet/1 equipment will be collected by the SDNet/1 Vendor, PCCW after the end of the Stabilisation Period. PCCW will contact individual IVs directly for the collection arrangement.

Should you have any queries, please feel free to contact our Vendor Support Team at (852) 2211 6558 or send your questions via email to IVSupport@hkex.com.hk.

Yours sincerely,

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