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To: Market Data Vendors, End Users and Application Service Providers (collectively "Clients")

Dear Sirs,

HKEX Orion Market Data Platform – Securities Market (OMD-C) Internal System Test on 1 May 2018

Please be informed that there will be internal system test conducted on **OMD-C** on Tuesday, 1 May 2018 ("the test day") where OMD-C will be started and test data will be transmitted via OMD-C.

Direct Connection OMD-C Clients, including those connecting to OMD-C on the Hong Kong site or via the Mainland Market Data Hub (MMDH), are advised not to connect to OMD-C on the test day. Should they receive any data from OMD-C on that day, the data would be test data only and Clients must discard the data and the test data must not be further redistributed.

General Guidelines for Handling Data Disseminated on Non-production Days

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind all OMD and IIS Clients of the guidelines with regard to the handling of test data received from OMD or IIS as below:

1. Clients should observe the operation windows of OMD and IIS with reference to:
 - a. Trading calendar of Hong Kong for OMD Securities Market and Derivatives Market
 - b. Schedule for the dissemination of third party indices via OMD Index Feed as specified in client notices issued by HKEX-IS

An operation calendar of OMD 2018 is enclosed for your reference. The same operation calendar is also available on the HKEX website and can be accessed [here](#).

 - c. IIS Transmission Specification (Section 2.2 IIS Operation Hours) for IIS
2. If a Client brings up its feed handling system(s) on a day when there is no production service, the Client should be aware that any data received from the production system(s) are test data which must be handled with care.
3. In most circumstances, the test data result from HKEX's internal testing and such data must be discarded and should never be further redistributed.
4. In the event of market rehearsals or market-wide system tests as notified by HKEX-IS in which Clients are invited to participate, Clients are encouraged to facilitate the testing of their downstream customers by further disseminating the test data. However, it is important that Clients issue proper communications to those customers on the arrangement in advance, and the customers should be fully aware that the data so distributed are test data only.

Should you have any queries, please contact us at (852) 2211 6558 or send your questions to IVSupport@HKEX.com.hk.



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Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure: Operation Calendar of OMD 2018