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To:　Direct Connection Issuer News Market Data Vendors ("Clients")

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Arrangement for the Removal of Account Password Requirement in Issuer Information feed Service ("IIS")

Please be informed that the account password requirement in IIS is planned to remove effective from **late April / May 2023** tentatively.

After the removal of IIS account password requirement, Clients will no longer be required to send the encrypted password for logon authentication and the current command, response and error code will have following changes:

Command / Response	Command / Response Originator	Description	Change
INITRESP	IIS Server	Asking the Vendor to send Vendor identity	**1) Encrypted session key; 2) Symmetric key used to decrypt the session key; are no longer needed to use**
LOGONREQ	IIS Client	Command to send Username and encrypted password for authentication	**Encrypted password is no longer needed**
CHNGPWDREQ	IIS Client	Command to change the password	**Removed as no longer valid**
CHNGPWDRESP	IIS Server	Responding if the change of password instruction is successful	**Removed as no longer valid**

Error	Error code	Change
SESSION_NOT_ESTABLISHED	90004	Error message change from "**Vendor haven't sign on**" to "**Vendor haven't sign on or invalid message code or command**"
INCORRECT_VENDOR	90010	Error message change from "**Incorrect Vendor identity or password**" to "**Incorrect

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		Vendor identity or Vendor Host Allowable IP Address"
INVALID_PASSWORD	90013	**Removed as no longer valid**

Enclosed are the updated IIS Transmission Specification (version 3.20) and the IIS Transmission Specification for News Headline (version 2.17) with the aforementioned changes. The changes are highlighted with "|" on the left margin in the documents for your easy reference.

Accordingly, the logon authentication will be validated by checking the submitted Username and the corresponding Vendor Host Allowable IP Addresses. Clients could refer to the previously provided IIS network configuration information sheet for their own IIS Username and Vendor Host Allowable IP addresses.

Should Clients want to obtain their existing IIS network configuration information sheet again, please send an email request to IVSupport@hkex.com.hk separately.

Implementation Schedule

The schedule for testing and rollout activities are listed as below:

Tentative Schedule	Event	Client Action
11 March 2023	Practice Session (PS)	**Optional, but highly recommended** to participate in the PS to ensure the readiness before joining the market rehearsal Clients who decide to participate in the PS are required to enrol in the Online Registration Form by 3 March 2023 (Friday). Test rundown of the PS will be provided separately to enrolled clients.
Early April 2023	Mandatory Market Rehearsal (MR)	All Clients are **required** to participate in the MR. MR schedule and details will be provided in March 2023.
Late April / May 2023	Mandatory Post Release Test (PRT) and Production Rollout	All Clients are **required** to participate in the PRT. PRT and production rollout schedule will be provided in due course.

Clients are suggested to review their applications and make the necessary changes before participating in the mandatory MR in order to verify the changes during the MR.

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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Enclosures: i)   IIS Transmission Specification version 3.20
                  ii)   IIS Transmission Specification (News Headline) version 2.17