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To: Direct Connection Securities Market Data Vendors, End Users, Application Service Providers (Collectively "Clients"); Independent Software Vendors (ISVs)

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Practice Session for Firmware Upgrade of HKEX Backbone Network for Securities Market Systems

The Exchange is planning to upgrade the firmware of the backbone network for OMD-C and OMD-CC. This upgrade is crucial and mandatory as the current backbone network firmware will soon reach the end of support by service providers. The firmware upgrade will take place within HKEX backbone network. Therefore, **this upgrade is transparent to Clients as it will not induce any interface change and impact on the existing connectivity configuration**.

To ensure a smooth firmware upgrade, **an optional Practice Session ("PS") will be arranged for 18 November 2023 (Saturday)**.

Activity	Schedule	Participation
Optional PS	18 November 2023 (Saturday)	**Optional, but highly recommended** to participate to verify the system stability after the backbone network firmware upgrade. Clients who decide to participate in the PS are required to enroll in the Online Registration Form by **14 November 2023 (Tuesday)**. Test rundown of the PS will be provided to enrolled clients accordingly.

Additional PSs and Post Release Tests will be further arranged in due course before the rollout of the new firmware version.

Direct Connection Clients of Mainland Market Data Hub ("MMDH") should be noted that MMDH is not in the scope for this upgrade and is therefore not necessary to participate in PS.

The firmware of the backbone network for OTP-C and OTP-CSC will also be updated, please refer to the enclosed Exchange Circular (Ref: CT/154/23) for detailed arrangements.

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Enclosure: Exchange Circular (English)