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Our Ref: MDD/23/1678_C

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

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

With reference to our Client Notices issued on 8 November 2023 (Our Ref: MDD/23/667_C) and 15 November 2023 (Our Ref: MDD/23/690_C), following the successful completion of the two Practice Sessions, the new firmware version of HKEX backbone network for OMD-C and OMD-CC will be rolled out in production by three phases. To ensure a smooth rollout, three **optional Post Release Tests (PRTs)** will be arranged on **6 January 2024 (Saturday),13 January 2024 (Saturday) and 20 January 2024 (Saturday). Clients are encouraged to participate in the PRTs to verify the system stability after the backbone network firmware upgrade.**

Activity	Schedule	Testing Focus
Optional PRT1	6 January 2024 (Saturday) 09:00 – 12:10	Primary network components at the Primary Site will be upgraded
Optional PRT2	13 January 2024 (Saturday) 09:00 – 12:10	Primary and Secondary network components at the Primary Site will be upgraded
Optional PRT3	20 January 2024 (Saturday) 09:00 – 12:10	All network components in both Primary Site and Secondary Site will be upgraded

Clients who decide to participate in the optional PRTs are required to enroll in the Online Registration Form by **29 December 2023 (Friday)**. Test rundown of the PRTs will be provided to enrolled clients accordingly.

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 the PRTs.

Please refer to the enclosed Exchange Circular (Ref: OPS/CS/012/23) for the PRTs on the firmware upgrade of HKEX Backbone Network for OTP-C and OTP-CSC.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Clients for your participation in supporting the firmware upgrade of the backbone network for HKEX systems.

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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Enclosure: Exchange Circular (English)