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HKEX INFORMATION SERVICES (CHINA) LIMITED
(A wholly-owned subsidiary of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited)

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To: **Direct Connection Securities Market Data Vendors, End Users, Application Service Providers and HKEX Orion Market Data Platform - China Connect (Securities) (OMD-CC) China Connect Exchange Participants (collectively "Clients");**

Copy: **Indirect Connection Securities Market Data Vendors and End Users; Independent Software Vendors (ISVs)**

Upgrade of HKEX Backbone Network for Securities Market Systems

Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited is planning to upgrade the backbone network for OMD-C, OMD-CC and MMDH as part of HKEX's technology life-cycle management plan. To ensure we operate on modern and quality infrastructure, this upgrade is mandatory to ensure continued stability and resilience of HKEX systems. The upgrade will be confined to HKEX's data centers and will be transparent to Clients as it will not induce any interface change and impact on the existing connectivity configuration.

To ensure a smooth transition to the upgraded network, a series of **mandatory and optional Market Rehearsals (MRs)** are tentatively scheduled for Q2 to early Q3 2026. All Clients will be required to participate in these MRs to verify the system stability after the backbone network upgrade.

Upon completion of the MRs, the network cutover will take place in phases in Q3 2026. **Mandatory Post Release Tests (PRTs)** will be arranged to facilitate final connectivity verification. Further implementation details will be announced in due course. Clients are strongly advised to allocate sufficient resources for supporting the upcoming MRs and PRTs.

The backbone network for OTP-C, OTP-CSC and the Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) channel of Electronic Communication Platform (ECP) will also be upgraded, please refer to the enclosed Exchange Circular (Ref: CT/024/26) for detailed arrangements.

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)