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Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited
香港交易及結算所有限公司

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 388)

Notice of Annual General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the annual general meeting of shareholders of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (“HKEx”) will be held at 4:30 pm on Monday, 23 April 2012 at the Exchange Auditorium in the Exchange Exhibition Hall of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“Stock Exchange”) on the 1st Floor, One and Two Exchange Square, Central, Hong Kong for the following purposes:

1. to receive the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2011 together with the Reports of the Directors and Auditor thereon;
2. to declare a final dividend;
3. to elect Directors;
4. to re-appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers as the Auditor and to authorise the Directors to fix its remuneration;

and to consider as special business and, if thought fit, pass with or without modification the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

Ordinary Resolutions

5. **“THAT:**
 - (a) subject to paragraph (b) of this Resolution, the exercise by the Directors of HKEx during the Relevant Period (as defined below) of all the powers of HKEx to repurchase shares of HKEx on the Stock Exchange or on any other stock exchange on which the shares of HKEx may be listed and which is recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission and the Stock Exchange for this purpose, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited or of any other stock exchange (as applicable) as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

(b) the aggregate nominal amount of shares to be purchased pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this Resolution shall not exceed 10 per cent of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of HKEx at the date of the passing of this Resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

(c) for the purposes of this Resolution:

“Relevant Period” means the period from the passing of this Resolution until the earlier of:

(i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of HKEx;

(ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of HKEx is required by law to be held; and

(iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by shareholders of HKEx in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the Directors of HKEx by this Resolution.”

6. **“THAT:**

(a) subject to paragraphs (b) and (c) of this Resolution, the exercise by the Directors of HKEx during the Relevant Period (as defined below) of all the powers of HKEx to allot, issue and otherwise deal with additional shares in the capital of HKEx and to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including securities convertible into shares of HKEx) which would or might require the exercise of such power(s) during or after the end of the Relevant Period, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

(b) the aggregate nominal amount of share capital allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors of HKEx pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this Resolution, otherwise than pursuant to:

(i) a Rights Issue (as defined below);

(ii) any scrip dividend or similar arrangement pursuant to the Articles of Association of HKEx from time to time;

(iii) any option scheme or similar arrangement for the time being adopted and approved by the shareholders of HKEx for the grant or issue to employees of HKEx and/or any of its subsidiaries of shares or rights to acquire shares of HKEx; or

(iv) the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any warrants issued by HKEx or any securities which are convertible into shares of HKEx;

shall not exceed 10 per cent of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of HKEx at the date of the passing of this Resolution;

(c) any shares of HKEx to be allotted and issued (whether wholly or partly for cash or otherwise) pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this Resolution shall not be at a discount of more than 10 per cent of the Benchmarked Price (as defined below) of such shares of HKEx; and

(d) for the purposes of this Resolution:

“Benchmarked Price” means the higher of:

(i) the closing price of the shares of HKEx as quoted on the Stock Exchange on the date of the agreement involving the relevant proposed issue of shares of HKEx; and

(ii) the average closing price as quoted on the Stock Exchange of the shares of HKEx for the 5 trading days immediately preceding the earlier of the date: (A) of announcement of the transaction or arrangement involving the relevant proposed issue of shares of HKEx, (B) of the agreement involving the relevant proposed issue of shares of HKEx and (C) on which the price of shares of HKEx that are proposed to be issued is fixed.

“Relevant Period” means the period from the passing of this Resolution until the earlier of:

(i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of HKEx;

(ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of HKEx is required by law to be held; and

(iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by shareholders of HKEx in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the Directors of HKEx by this Resolution.

“Rights Issue” means an offer of shares of HKEx or an issue of options, warrants or other securities giving the right to subscribe for shares of HKEx, open for a period fixed by the Directors of HKEx to holders of shares of HKEx on the register of members on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares of HKEx (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors of HKEx may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any territory outside Hong Kong).”

7(a). “**THAT** until shareholders of HKEx in general meeting otherwise determine, the remuneration of HK\$900,000 and HK\$600,000 respectively be payable to the Chairman and each of the other non-executive Directors of HKEx for the period from the conclusion of each annual general meeting of HKEx to the conclusion of the annual general meeting of HKEx to be held in the immediately following year, provided that such remuneration be payable in proportion to the period of service in the case of a Director who has not served the entire period.”

7(b). “**THAT** until shareholders of HKEx in general meeting otherwise determine, in addition to the attendance fee of HK\$3,000 per meeting, the remuneration of HK\$120,000 and HK\$90,000 respectively be payable to the chairman and each of the other members in respect of each committee that such person is the chairman or member (excluding any executive Director) of the Audit Committee, Executive Committee, Investment Advisory Committee and Remuneration Committee of HKEx for the period from the conclusion of each annual general meeting of HKEx to the conclusion of the annual general meeting of HKEx to be held in the immediately following year, provided that such remuneration be payable in proportion to the period of service in the case of a committee member who has not served the entire period.”

By Order of the Board
HONG KONG EXCHANGES AND CLEARING LIMITED
Joseph Mau
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 15 March 2012

Notes:

- (1) A shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting (or at any adjournment of it) is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote in his/her stead. The proxy does not need to be a shareholder of HKEx.
 - (2) Where there are joint registered holders of any shares, any one of such persons may vote at the above meeting (or at any adjournment of it), either personally or by proxy, in respect of such shares as if he/she were solely entitled thereto but the vote of the senior holder who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, will be accepted to the exclusion of the vote(s) of the other joint holders and, for this purpose, seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the register of members of HKEx in respect of the relevant joint holding.
 - (3) In order to be valid, the completed proxy form, together with the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a certified copy of that power of attorney or authority (such certification to be made by either a notary public or a solicitor qualified to practice in Hong Kong), must be received by HKEx’s registrar, Hong Kong Registrars Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen’s Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the above meeting or adjourned meeting (as the case may be).
 - (4) For the purposes of determining shareholders’ eligibility to attend and vote at the above meeting, and entitlement to the final dividend, the register of members of HKEx will be closed. Details of such closures are set out below:
 - (i) For determining eligibility to attend and vote at the above meeting:

Latest time to lodge transfer documents for registration	4:30 pm on Wednesday, 18 April 2012
Closure of register of members	Thursday, 19 April 2012 to Monday, 23 April 2012 (both dates inclusive)
Record date	Monday, 23 April 2012
 - (ii) For determining entitlement to the final dividend:

Latest time to lodge transfer documents for registration	4:30 pm on Thursday, 26 April 2012
Closure of register of members	Friday, 27 April 2012 to Monday, 30 April 2012 (both dates inclusive)
Record date	Monday, 30 April 2012
- During the above closure periods, no transfer of shares will be registered. To be eligible to attend and vote at the above meeting, and to qualify for the final dividend, all properly completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged for registration with HKEx’s registrar, Hong Kong Registrars Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen’s Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong no later than the aforementioned latest time.
- (5) There will be 2 Director vacancies to be filled at the above meeting following the retirement of Messrs Ignatius Chan and John Williamson. If a shareholder wishes to nominate a person to stand for election as a Director, (i) his/her notice of intention to propose a resolution at the above meeting; and (ii) a notice executed by the nominated candidate of his/her willingness to be appointed together with (A) that candidate’s information as required to be disclosed under Rule 13.51(2) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“Listing Rules”), and (B) the candidate’s written consent to the publication of his/her personal data, have to be validly served **no later than Thursday, 22 March 2012** on the Company Secretary. Further details are set out in Appendix I to the circular dated 15 March 2012.

- (6) As a good corporate governance practice, all non-executive Directors of HKEx who are shareholders of HKEx will abstain from voting at the above meeting on Resolutions 7(a) and 7(b) concerning remuneration of non-executive Directors and members of certain Board committees of HKEx.
- (7) Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, all resolutions set out in this Notice will be decided by poll at the above meeting.
- (8) The registration for attending the above meeting will start at 3:45 pm on 23 April 2012.
- (9) The Chinese translation of this notice is for reference only, and in case of any inconsistency, the English version shall prevail.
- (10) If Typhoon Signal No.8 or above, or a “black” rainstorm warning is in effect any time after 12:00 noon on the date of the above meeting, the meeting will be postponed. HKEx will post an announcement on the HKEx website (www.hkex.com.hk) and HKExnews website (www.hkexnews.hk) to notify shareholders of the date, time and place of the rescheduled meeting.
- (11) A circular containing further information on the proposals regarding the (i) election of Directors; (ii) general mandates to repurchase shares and issue shares; and (iii) remuneration of non-executive Directors and members of certain Board committees will be sent to shareholders today along with HKEx’s 2011 Annual Report.

Only light beverages will be served at the above meeting.

As at the date of this notice, the Board of Directors of HKEx comprises 12 Independent Non-executive Directors, namely Mr Ronald Joseph ARCULLI (Chairman), Mrs CHA May-Lung, Laura, Mr CHAN Tze Ching, Ignatius, Dr CHENG Mo Chi, Moses, Mr John Barrie HARRISON, Mr HUI Chiu Chung, Stephen, Dr KWOK Chi Piu, Bill, Mr LEE Kwan Ho, Vincent Marshall, Mr LEE Tze Hau, Michael, Mr John Estmond STRICKLAND, Mr John Mackay McCulloch WILLIAMSON and Mr WONG Sai Hung, Oscar, and one Executive Director, Mr LI Xiaojia, Charles, who is also the Chief Executive of HKEx.