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香港交易及結算所有限公司
HONG KONG EXCHANGES AND CLEARING LIMITED

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

Precautionary Measures for the HKEX Annual General Meeting to be held on 7 May 2020

Reference is made to the Notice of Annual General Meeting (“**AGM**”) of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (“**HKEX**”) and the circular to Shareholders of HKEX (the “**Circular**”), both dated 18 March 2020, in relation to the AGM to be held at the HKEX Connect Hall on the 1st Floor, One and Two Exchange Square, Central, Hong Kong (“**AGM Venue**”) on Thursday, 7 May 2020 at 4:30 pm. Unless otherwise stated, capitalised terms used herein shall have the same meanings as defined in the Circular.

Having considered HKEX’s statutory obligation to hold its AGM on or before 30 June 2020, and the uncertain development of the current COVID-19 situation, together with the practical difficulties in adjourning the AGM at short notice, HKEX will hold its AGM as scheduled.

Taking into account the guidelines mentioned in the “Joint Statement in relation to General Meetings in light of the Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) Regulation” published by the Securities and Futures Commission and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited on 1 April 2020, HKEX however will implement the following additional precautionary measures at the company’s AGM, to ensure the safety of the Shareholders and other participants attending:-

- (i) Seating at the AGM Venue in the HKEX Connect Hall will be arranged so as to allow for appropriate social distancing. As a result, there will be limited capacity for Shareholders to attend the AGM. HKEX may limit the number of attendees at the AGM as may be necessary to avoid over-crowding.
- (ii) At the entrance of the HKEX Connect Hall, a compulsory body temperature check will be conducted on every person attending the AGM. Any person with a body temperature of over 37.3 degrees Celsius, or any individual who has any flu-like symptoms or is otherwise unwell will not be admitted to the AGM Venue.
- (iii) Every attendee is required to wear a face mask at any time within the AGM Venue.

- (iv) Any person who has travelled outside Hong Kong within 14 days immediately before the AGM (“**recent travel history**”), is subject to quarantine or self-quarantine in relation to COVID-19, or has close contact with any person under quarantine or with recent travel history shall not attend the AGM.
- (v) Any attendee who declines any of the abovementioned measures will be refused admission to the AGM Venue.
- (vi) **No gifts, food or beverages will be provided at the AGM.**

Given the limited capacity of the AGM Venue and the requirements for social distancing to ensure attendee safety, only Shareholders and/or their representatives and relevant AGM staff will be admitted to the AGM. Media will not be invited to attend the AGM. However, a webcast of the event will be made available on the HKEX Group website at www.hkexgroup.com on the day.

Shareholders are requested (a) to consider carefully the risk of attending the AGM, which will be held in an enclosed environment, (b) to follow any guidelines or requirements of the HKSAR government relating to COVID-19 in deciding whether or not to attend the AGM and (c) not to attend the AGM if they have contracted or are suspected to have contracted COVID-19 or have been in close contact with anybody who has contracted or is suspected to have contracted COVID-19.

Shareholders are strongly encouraged to appoint the chairman of the AGM as his / her proxy to vote on the resolutions, instead of attending the AGM in person.

The proxy form can be downloaded from the HKEX Group website at www.hkexgroup.com or the HKEXnews website at www.hkexnews.hk. In order to be valid, the signed and completed proxy form must be deposited at HKEX’s registrar, Hong Kong Registrars Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen’s Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong at least 48 hours (excluding any part of a day that is a public holiday) before the time appointed for holding the AGM or adjourned meeting (as the case may be).

For those non-registered holders whose shares are held in the Central Clearing and Settlement System, they are strongly encouraged to vote through HKSCC Nominees Limited by giving instructions to their brokers or custodians.

Subject to the development of the COVID-19 situation, HKEX may implement further precautionary measures for its AGM, and may issue further announcement(s) on such measures as and when appropriate.

By Order of the Board
Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited
David Fu
Group Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 17 April 2020

As at the date of this announcement, HKEX’s Board of Directors comprises 11 Independent Non-executive Directors, namely Mrs Laura May-Lung CHA (Chairman), Mr Apurv BAGRI, Mr CHAN Tze Ching, Ignatius, Mr CHEAH Cheng Hye, Ms FUNG Yuen Mei, Anita, Mr Rafael GIL-TIENDA, Dr HU Zuli, Fred, Mr HUNG Pi Cheng, Benjamin, Mr LEUNG Pak Hon, Hugo, Mr John Mackay McCulloch WILLIAMSON and Mr YIU Kin Wah, Stephen, and one Executive Director, Mr LI Xiaojia, Charles, who is also the Chief Executive of HKEX.