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Dear Shareholder,

### **LME part of the HKEx Group**

We are delighted that, as of 6 December 2012, The London Metal Exchange Limited (“LME”) is formally part of the HKEx Group. We have successfully completed the acquisition of LME Holdings Limited (“LMEH”), the parent company of LME, and are looking forward to the opportunity of integrating these two complementary businesses for the benefit of our shareholders.

The acquisition of LME is a key strategic initiative for HKEx as it becomes a horizontally and vertically integrated global exchange group, expanding beyond equities into additional asset classes. With LME’s position as the world’s premier exchange for base metal futures and options, and HKEx’s strength and relationships in Asia, we believe there is an exciting opportunity to expand LME’s presence in Asia.

As we announced on 15 June 2012, HKEx, through its wholly owned subsidiary HKEx Investment (UK) Limited proposed to acquire all of the shares in LMEH by way of a scheme of arrangement and a capital reduction. Following the satisfaction of all the conditions, the scheme became effective on 6 December 2012 and the acquisition has now formally completed.

The Board believes that the addition of a strong commodities component to HKEx’s existing business will help diversify our earnings base, strengthen our foundation for future growth, and reinforce Hong Kong’s status as an international financial centre.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to express our gratitude for your interest and confidence in HKEx, and we look forward to your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



CHOW Chung Kong  
Chairman

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