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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)

**POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF MUTUAL MARKET CONNECTIVITY
AND
RESUMPTION OF TRADING**

This announcement is made by Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (“**HKEx**” or the “**Company**”) pursuant to the provisions under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (“**SFO**”) and Rule 13.10 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“**Listing Rules**”).

We have noted press reports today regarding the possible establishment of certain mutual market connectivity between Mainland China and Hong Kong involving HKEx and the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

HKEx has been in discussions with its Mainland Chinese counterparts regarding the potential establishment of mutual market connectivity initiatives between Mainland China and Hong Kong. HKEx wishes to emphasise that as at the date of this announcement, no agreement has been entered into and there is no assurance that an agreement on mutual market connectivity will be entered into. The Company will make a further announcement to update investors and the market in compliance with the SFO and the Listing Rules as and when appropriate.

At the request of HKEx, trading in HKEx shares (stock code: 388) and convertible bonds (stock code: 4575) on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“**Stock Exchange**”) was halted with effect from 3:12 pm on 2 April 2014 pending the release of this announcement. Application has been made by HKEx to the Securities and Futures Commission for resumption of trading in HKEx shares and the convertible bonds on the Stock Exchange with effect from 9:00 am on 3 April 2014.

HKEx’s shareholders and potential investors should exercise caution when dealing or investing in the Company’s shares.

This announcement is made by the order of the Company. HKEx’s board of directors (“**Board**”) (except Mrs LEUNG KO May Yee, Margaret and Mr John Estmond STRICKLAND who cannot be contacted as they are travelling) collectively and individually accepts responsibility for the accuracy of this announcement.

By Order of the Board
Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited
Joseph Mau
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 2 April 2014

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises 12 Independent Non-executive Directors, namely Mr CHOW Chung Kong (Chairman), Mr CHAN Tze Ching, Ignatius, Mr Timothy George FRESHWATER, 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, Mrs LEUNG KO May Yee, Margaret, 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 HKEx’s Chief Executive.