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To: Main Board Listed Issuers (Attn: Authorised Representatives)
GEM Listed Issuers (Attn: Authorised Representatives)

Dear Sirs

Consultation Paper on Ex-entitlement Trading and Shareholder Approval

We have published a consultation paper today on Ex-entitlement Trading and Shareholder Approval.

The consultation paper seeks views on whether shares should be traded ex-entitlement only after the entitlement has been approved by shareholders. Presently, there is no restriction on the timing of the record date for a conditional entitlement in Hong Kong. The company can set the record date (and thus the ex-date) before or after the date of shareholder approval. This practice in Hong Kong is different from other leading overseas markets which require a share not go ex-entitlement until after shareholder approval.

The consultation paper is available on the HKEx website at <http://www.hkex.com.hk/eng/newsconsul/mktconsul/Documents/cp2010123.pdf>. We invite written comments on the ex-entitlement arrangements. These can be made using one of the methods set out in the consultation paper. We have also published a consultation questionnaire available at <http://www.hkex.com.hk/eng/newsconsul/mktconsul/Documents/cp2010123q.doc>.

The consultation period will close on 28 February 2011.

Yours faithfully
For and on behalf of
The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

[Signed]

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