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**香港交易及結算所有限公司**

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## **SHANGHAI-HONG KONG STOCK CONNECT**

This announcement is made by HKEx pursuant to the provisions under Part XIVA of the SFO and Rule 13.09 of the Listing Rules.

SEHK and HKSCC, wholly-owned subsidiaries of HKEx, will publish today a circular to their respective participants to provide information on the proposed key features of the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect, and the circulars will be available on the HKEx website at [www.hkex.com.hk/chinaconnect](http://www.hkex.com.hk/chinaconnect).

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Reference is made to the announcement dated 10 April 2014 issued by the HKEx Board of Directors (“Board”) on the proposed establishment of mutual market access (“Announcement”) and the Joint Announcement by the Securities and Futures Commission (“SFC”) and the China Securities Regulatory Commission (“CSRC”) of 10 April 2014 as referred to therein.

Unless the context otherwise requires, terms used in this announcement shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Announcement.

The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“SEHK”) and Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited (“HKSCC”), wholly-owned subsidiaries of HKEx, will publish today a circular to their respective participants to provide information on the proposed key features of the pilot programme known as the “Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect”, and the circulars will be available on the HKEx website at [www.hkex.com.hk/chinaconnect](http://www.hkex.com.hk/chinaconnect).

The reason for the publication of the circulars is that, pending the signing of the Four-party agreement (“Agreement”) with regard to the establishment of the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect (which will be the subject of a further announcement to be issued by HKEx in accordance with the SFO and the Listing Rules), the parties to the Agreement (“Parties”) have agreed, after having consulted the SFC and the CSRC, that further information on the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect be provided by SEHK and HKSCC as the exchange and clearing house operators respectively, for the purpose of facilitating market’s understanding of the proposed arrangements and readiness for the implementation of the pilot programme.

**It should be noted that while discussions are continuing between the Parties, no formal agreement has been entered into at this stage. Implementation of arrangements for the establishment of the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect will be subject to the satisfaction of conditions, including all necessary regulatory approvals having been obtained by the Parties. Accordingly, HKEx's shareholders and potential investors are reminded to exercise caution when dealing in HKEx securities. Investors should also exercise caution when dealing in any eligible shares referred to in the Joint Announcement.**

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

Hong Kong, 29 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.