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HANG SENG INDEXES SIGNS DATA LICENSING AGREEMENT WITH SHENZHEN SECURITIES INFORMATION COMPANY AND ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF FIRST PURE A-SHARE INDEX

Hang Seng Indexes Company Limited (“Hang Seng Indexes”) today signed a data licensing agreement with Shenzhen Securities Information Company Limited (“SSI”) and announced the launch of the Hang Seng China A Industry Top Index.

A. Data Licensing Agreement with SSI

By entering into a data licensing agreement with SSI, a subsidiary of Shenzhen Stock Exchange (“SZSE”) that is responsible for proprietary data supply and licensing, Hang Seng Indexes will be authorised to use the trading data from SZSE for compiling related indexes. The signing ceremony, held in Shenzhen, was attended by Mr Joseph Poon, Chairman of the Index Advisory Committee of Hang Seng Indexes; Mr Vincent Kwan, Director and General Manager of Hang Seng Indexes; Mr Zhou Jiannan, Assistant President of SZSE; Mr Sun Chenjian, Director of Information Management Department of SZSE; Mr Fu Dewei, Director and Vice President of SSI; and Mr Fan Yue, Director of Funds Supervision Department of SZSE.

Mr Poon said: “We are delighted to have obtained a data licence from SSI, as this will further extend Hang Seng Indexes’ coverage to include all listed companies in mainland China. This marks another milestone for Hang Seng Indexes in the compilation of indexes for the fast-growing Mainland stock market.”

Mr Zhou said: “We are pleased to have granted a data licence to Hang Seng Indexes, the leading index compiler in Hong Kong, to use trading data from the Exchange. Hang Seng Indexes has demonstrated its commitment to the Mainland stock market. The extension of their index coverage will enhance investors’ participation in the Shenzhen stock market.”

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B. Hang Seng China A Industry Top Index

Following the signing of the data licensing agreement, Hang Seng Indexes will introduce the first index to focus solely on A shares – the Hang Seng China A Industry Top Index (“Industry Top Index”). The Industry Top Index, comprising industry leaders with A-share listings on both exchanges on the Mainland, has a tentative launch date of 21 September 2009.

Note to editors:

Information on Hang Seng Indexes Company Limited

The Hang Seng Family of Indexes is managed and compiled by Hang Seng Indexes Company Limited (formerly HSI Services Limited), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hang Seng Bank. The members of the index family include the Hang Seng Index, Hang Seng China Enterprises Index, Hang Seng China 50 Index, Hang Seng China AH Index Series, Hang Seng China H-Financials Index, Hang Seng Short and Leveraged Index Series, Hang Seng Composite Index Series, Hang Seng Freefloat Index Series, Hang Seng REIT Index and Hang Seng Total Return Index Series. For further information on the Hang Seng Family of Indexes, please visit the company's website at www.hsi.com.hk.

Information on Shenzhen Securities Information Company Limited

Shenzhen Securities Information Company Limited was established in 1994 and is a subsidiary of the Shenzhen Stock Exchange that is responsible for proprietary data supply and licensing. For more information on Shenzhen Securities Information Company Limited, please visit its website at www.cninfo.com.cn.

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