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CHANGES TO HANG SENG INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

The Hang Seng Industry Classification System ("HSICS") classifies stocks into 11 industries and 28 sectors. HSICS has been reviewed and will be changed to classify stocks into 11 industries, 30 sectors and 86 subsectors. The existing 'Industrial Goods' and 'Services' industry classifications will be changed to 'Industrials' and 'Consumer Services' and the related industry indexes will be re-named accordingly. All changes will take effect on 9 September 2013 (Monday).

The HSICS caters for the unique characteristics of the Hong Kong stock market while maintaining international compatibility with mapping to international industry classification systems. For more details of the HSICS, please refer to the Appendix.

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| Industry | | Sector | | Subsector | | Definition |
|----------|-----------|--------|-------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 00 | Energy | 0010 | Oil & Gas | 001010 | Oil & Gas Producers | Companies involved in exploration for, refining, distribution and supply and production of oil and gas |
| | | | | 001020 | Oil & Gas Equipment & Services | Manufacturers of equipment and providers of supplies and services to oil and gas producers |
| | | 0020 | Coal | 002010 | Coal | Companies involved in mining, distribution and supply of coal |
| 05 | Materials | 0510 | Gold & Precious Metals | 051010 | Gold & Precious Metals | Companies engaged in exploration for and refining of gold and other precious metals as well as diamonds; and companies involved in the development of mines for the same |
| | | | | | | |
| | | 0520 | Diversified Metals & Minerals | 052010 | Iron & Steel | Producers, processors and traders of iron and steel and related products; includes companies that primarily mine for the same |
| | | | | 052020 | Copper | Producers, processors and traders of copper and related products; includes companies that primarily mine for the same |
| | | | | 052030 | Aluminium | Producers, processors and traders of aluminium and related products; includes companies that primarily mine for the same |
| | | | | 052040 | Other Metals & Minerals | Producers, processors and traders of metals and minerals not classified elsewhere; and companies engaged in general mining |
| | | 0530 | Basic Materials | 053010 | Fertilisers & Agricultural Chemicals | Producers and distributors of fertilisers, pesticides or other agriculture-related chemicals |
| | | | | 053020 | Forestry & Timber | Manufacturers and distributors of timber and related wood products; owners and operators of timber tracts, forest nurseries and sawmills |
| | | | | 053030 | Paper | Manufacturers and distributors of all grades of paper |

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| | | | | 053040 | Specialty Chemicals | Companies that produce and supply polymers, dyes, coatings and other chemicals for specialised applications |
| 10 | Industrials | 1010 | Industrial Engineering | 101010 | Commercial Vehicles & Trucks | Manufacturers and distributors of commercial vehicles such as trucks, buses, ferries and cruisers; container producers; and companies that provide related assemblies and parts |
| | | | | 101020 | Industrial Components & Equipment | Makers, distributors and installers of general industrial machinery and components such as casting and moulding equipment, laminates, printed circuit boards, electrical wires and glass |
| | | | | 101030 | Environmental Engineering | Manufacturers of power-generating equipment and suppliers of environmental protection related products and services such as power turbines, waste treatment and pollution control equipment |
| | | | | 101040 | Heavy Industrial Machinery | Manufacturers of heavy machinery including construction equipment, heavy agricultural machinery and producers of related parts |
| | | | | 101050 | New Energy Materials | Producers and distributors of environmental friendly energy materials such as solar cells and green energy storage devices |
| | | | | 101060 | Aerospace & Defence | Manufacturers of civil or military aerospace and defence equipment, parts or products |
| | | 1020 | Industrial Transportation | 102010 | Shipping & Port Operation | Owners and operators of ports and terminal facilities; providers of marine transportation for commercial use |
| | | | | 102020 | Railway & Toll-road Operation | Providers of industrial railway transportation and railway lines; companies that operate roads, highways, bridges and tunnels |

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| | | 1030 | Commercial & Professional Services | 102030 | Air Freight & Logistics | Companies providing air freight transportation, courier and logistics services; providers of mail and package delivery services for commercial and consumer use |
| | | | | 103010 | Sourcing & Supply Chain Service | Providers of procurement service of diversified products for the commercial and industrial sectors; companies providing contract logistics solutions along the entire supply chain |
| | | | | 103020 | Printing & Packaging | Makers and distributors of cardboard, bags, boxes, cans and containers used for packaging; companies providing commercial printing services |
| 20 | Consumer Goods | 2010 | Automobiles | 201010 | Automobiles | Companies that produce and distribute passenger automobiles and light trucks |
| | | | | 201020 | Auto Parts | Manufacturers and distributors of parts and accessories for automobiles and motorcycles |
| | | 2020 | Household Goods & Electronics | 202010 | Home Appliances | Manufacturers and distributors of electric household appliances and related products |
| | | | | 202020 | Consumer Electronics | Manufacturers and distributors of consumer electronics, such as TVs and other audio-visual products |
| | | | | 202030 | Toys & Leisure Products | Manufacturers and distributors of leisure products and equipment, including sports equipment, bicycles and toys |
| | | | | 202040 | Household Goods | Manufacturers and distributors of durable household products, including soft home furnishings or furniture, kitchenware and consumer specialties not classified elsewhere |
| | | 2030 | Textiles, Clothing & Personal Care | 203010 | Textiles & Fabrics | Producers and traders of fabrics, yarns and related textile products; providers of related processing services |
| | | | | 203020 | Apparel | Designers, makers and distributors of all types of |

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| | | | clothing |
| | | 203030 Footwear | Designers, makers and distributors of all types of footwear |
| | | 203040 Jewellery & Timepieces | Designers, makers and distributors of jewellery, jadeites, gemstones, watches, timepieces and similar items |
| | | 203050 Other Accessories | Manufacturers and distributors of leather goods, handbags, eyewear and other accessories not classified elsewhere |
| | | 203060 Cosmetics & Personal Care | Manufacturers and distributors of personal care and beauty products, including cosmetics, perfumes, toiletries, personal-care and hygiene products |
| | 2040 Food & Beverages | 204010 Packaged Foods | Producers and distributors of processed food, including noodles, snacks, fruit, vegetables and frozen food products |
| | | 204020 Dairy Products | Producers and suppliers of milk, ice cream and other dairy-related products |
| | | 204030 Non-alcoholic Beverages | Manufacturers and distributors of non-alcoholic beverages, such as soda, fruit juices, tea, coffee and bottled water |
| | | 204040 Alcohols | Producers and traders of beer, wine, spirits and other alcoholic beverages |
| | | 204050 Food Additives | Producers and distributors of food additives such as flavours and fragrances |
| | 2050 Healthcare | 205010 Medical Devices & Services | Manufacturers and suppliers of healthcare equipment and devices; healthcare service providers |
| | | 205020 Pharmaceuticals | Companies engaged in the research, development, production or distribution of pharmaceuticals |

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| | | 2060 | Agricultural Products | 205030 | Biotechnology | Companies engaged in the research, development and manufacturing of biological substances (usually involving genetic analysis and engineering) |
| | | | | 206010 | Poultry & Meat | Companies engaged in livestock raising, livestock slaughtering, and the production and supply of meat, poultry or fish products |
| | | | | 206020 | Agricultural Products | Companies that grow, process and trade agricultural goods, such as crops, fruits, brewing materials, edible oil and corn-based refined products |
| | | | | 206030 | Animal Feeds | Companies engaged in the manufacturing, development and distribution of feedstock products and related activities |
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| 30 | Consumer Services | 3010 | Retailers | 301010 | Department Stores | Owners and operators of department stores |
| | | | | 301020 | Supermarkets & Convenience Stores | Owners and operators of stores offering diversified general merchandise |
| | | 3020 | Hotels, Casinos & Leisure Facilities | 302010 | Casinos & Gaming | Owners and operators of casinos and gaming facilities including companies which provide lottery and betting services |
| | | | | 302020 | Hotels & Resorts | Operators and managers of hotels, motels, lodges, resorts, spas and campgrounds |
| | | | | 302030 | Travel & Tourism | Companies providing travel and tourism-related services, including travel agents, online travel reservation services, cruise-ship operators and automobile rental firms |
| | | | | 302040 | Restaurants | Owners and operators of restaurants, bars, coffee shops, fast-food facilities; providers of food catering services |

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| | | 3030 | Media & Entertainment | 302050 | Leisure & Recreational Facilities Providers of leisure facilities and services, including fitness centres, sports team management and amusement parks |
| | | | | 303010 | Advertising & Marketing Companies providing advertising, marketing or public relations services |
| | | | | 303020 | Broadcasting Owners and operators of television or radio broadcasting systems |
| | | | | 303030 | Movies & Entertainment Companies engaged in the production and distribution of movies, television shows, music, artiste management and theatre operation |
| | | | | 303040 | Publishing Publishers of newspapers, magazines and books; providers of information via print or electronic media |
| | | 3040 | Transportation | 304010 | Public Transport Companies that provide passenger transportation, such as buses, taxis, rail and ferry companies |
| | | | | 304020 | Airlines Companies that provide passenger air transportation, including airport operators and service providers to airline companies |
| | | 3050 | Support Services | 305010 | Support Services Providers of non-financial services to consumer sectors not classified elsewhere (e.g. education, employment, cleaning and laundry, funeral services, property management and security services) |
| | | 35 | Telecommunications | 350010 | Satellite & Wireless Communication Providers of satellite and wireless data communication solutions and related services |
| | | | | 350020 | Telecommunication Services Operators of primarily fixed-line telecommunication networks |
| 40 | Utilities | 4000 | Utilities | 400010 | Electricity Companies that produce or distribute electricity |

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| 50 | Financials | | | 400020 | Gas Distribution | Companies that distribute and transmit gas to end-users |
| | | | | 400030 | Water | Companies that provide water to end-users, including operators of water treatment plants |
| | | | | 400040 | Alternative/ Renewable Energy | Companies which develop, manage and operate clean energy projects such as hydropower and wind farms |
| | | 5010 | Banks | 501010 | Banks | Banks providing a broad range of financial services, including retail banking, loans and money transfer |
| | | 5020 | Insurance | 502010 | Insurance | Insurance companies with diversified products in life, health and property and casualty insurance, including brokers and agencies which sell the same |
| | | 5030 | Other Financials | 503010 | Securities & Brokerage | Non-bank institutions that provide financial services focused on securities broking and dealing and margin financing |
| | | | | 503020 | Investment & Asset Management | Companies that invest in securities for earnings growth and capital appreciation; providers of custodial, trustee and other related asset management services |
| 503030 | Financing | | | Non-bank institutions that provide financing services, including personal credit, credit cards, lease financing, travel-related money services and pawn shops | | |
| 503040 | Other Financials | | | Companies engaged in financial activities not specified elsewhere, include stock exchanges, corporate finance advisory firms and other service providers to financial institutions | | |
| 60 | Properties & Construction | 6010 | Properties | 601010 | Real Estate Agencies | Real estate service providers, such as real estate agents, brokers and appraisers |
| | | | | 601020 | Property Development | Companies that develop and sell property |

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| | | 6020 | Construction | 601030 | Property Investment | Companies engaged in property ownership mainly for the purpose of leasing and rental income |
| | | | | 601040 | Real Estate Investment Trusts | Real estate investment trusts that focus investment in a portfolio of income-generating properties, such as shopping malls, offices, hotels and service apartments |
| | | | | 602010 | Construction Materials | Manufacturers and wholesalers of building materials including cement, concrete and tiles |
| | | | | 602020 | Building Construction | Constructors of commercial and residential buildings |
| | | | | 602030 | Heavy Construction & Engineering | Companies engaged in civil engineering projects such as construction of railways, roads, highways and reclamation dredging |
| 70 | Information Technology | 7010 | IT Hardware | 701010 | Telecommunication Equipment | Producers and distributors of telecommunication equipment, such as telephones, handsets and components, and providers of repair and maintenance services for the same |
| | | | | 701020 | Computers & Peripherals | Manufacturers and distributors of personal computers, servers, mainframes, workstations and related peripherals, such as mass-storage drives, mouse, keyboards and printers |
| | | 7020 | Software & Services | 702010 | System Applications & IT Consulting | Companies that provide consulting services relating to information technology, such as computer system design, systems integration, network and systems operations, data management and storage solutions |
| | | | | 702020 | E-Commerce & Internet Services | Companies providing Internet-related services, such as Internet access providers, search engines and providers of website design, web hosting and e-mail services, including companies that provide solutions and platforms for e-commerce or electronic payments |
| | | | | 702030 | Software | Companies engaged in developing and producing software designed for specialised applications |

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| | | 7030 | Semiconductors | 703010 | Semiconductors | Companies engaged in the manufacturing and distribution of semiconductors and semiconductor equipment |
| 80 | Conglomerates | 8000 | Conglomerates | 800010 | Conglomerates | Diversified companies engaged in three or more businesses classified in different sectors with each business contributing more than 10% but not substantially to turnover |