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NOTICE

Hong Kong Listing Rules - Extension of the "Black Out" Period

香港上市規則 - 延長「禁止買賣期」

Tricor listed clients in Hong Kong are advised to take note of the following and to take action where applicable.

EXTENSION OF THE "BLACK OUT" PERIOD

On 24 February 2009, Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited ("HKEx") announced that it has received approval from the Securities and Futures Commission to amend the Listing Rules to implement the modification of the extension of the "black out" period, during which a director is prohibited from dealing in securities of the listed issuer.

The "black out" period for publication of a listed issuer's annual results will be extended from one month to 60 days while for publication of quarterly results (*where applicable*) and half-year results, the "black out" period will be 30 days, in line with the current requirement of one month.

"Black out" period shall cover any period of delay in the publication of a results announcement.

Besides, the listed issuer is required to notify HKEx in advance of the commencement of the "black out" period.

The above rule amendments will come into effect on 1 April 2009.

The news release of HKEx can be viewed and downloaded from HKEx website at www.hkex.com.hk under the following sections: News Room - News Release - HKEx News Release - 24 February 2009 Listing Rule Amendment.

Please contact a Tricor executive for assistance and enquiries.

卓佳的香港上市客戶須留意下述事項，並因應個別情況採取適當行動。

延長「禁止買賣期」

於2009年2月24日，香港交易及結算所有限公司（下稱「**香港交易所**」）發表新聞稿，宣佈已獲證券及期貨事務監察委員會的批准，批准對《上市規則》作出的所需修訂，以實施有關延長「禁止買賣期」（即董事不得買賣上市發行人證券的期間）的修訂建議。

就公布全年業績，「禁止買賣期」將由一個月加長至60日，而季度業績（如適用）及半年度業績公布的「禁止買賣期」則為30日，與現時禁制期一個月的規定一致。

「禁止買賣期」將包括上市發行人延遲公布業績的期間。

另外，上市發行人必須在「禁止買賣期」開始之前，通知香港交易所。

上述的規則修訂將於2009年4月1日起生效。

香港交易所之新聞稿可在香港交易所網站 www.hkex.com.hk 之下列欄目瀏覽及下載：
新聞資料 - 新聞稿 - 香港交易所新聞稿 - 2009年2月24日《上市規則》修訂。

如需要協助或其他資料，請與卓佳行政人員聯絡。