

The proposed sections 19B and 19D

Subsequent to the announcement of the 2008-09 Budget, the Financial Secretary has further expanded the scope of the injection exercise to inter alia, include all members of MPF-exempted ORSO schemes who could meet the eligibility criteria. If the persons are eligible for the payment of special contributions but have no MPF account, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority (“MPFA”) will require approved trustees of MPF schemes to register the persons as members of MPF schemes and open preserved accounts for them under the new section 19D(3), and MPFA will then pay the special contributions into those accounts under the new section 19B(1).

Trustees’ power to deal with the special contributions

The MPFA briefed all the trustees on the proposed legislative amendments before the Bill was introduced into LegCo and have further discussed with the trustees regarding the power to administer the special contributions to be paid into MPF accounts after the Bill has been gazetted. All the trustees were informed of the legislative amendments and had not raised any operational difficulties to deal with the special contributions in the same way as the other mandatory contributions. Subsequent to the meeting of the Bills Committee on 30 June, the MPFA have approached all the trustees. Within the limited time available, the MPFA have already got the reconfirmation from most of the trustees that they have the necessary power to administer the special contributions. The MPFA will continue to liaise with the trustees during the

implementation of the injection exercise to ensure that the arrangement for dealing with the special contributions is in order.