## **Investor Angles**

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Clerk to Panel on Financial Affairs Legislative Council Secretariat Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central, Hong Kong

Dear Sir/Madam,

## <u>Re: Proposal of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (;§ HKEx ;") to</u> <u>Introduce After-hours Futures Trading</u>

We note that the Legislative Council Panel on Financial Affairs will hold a special meeting on 28 January 2013 to discuss after-hours futures trading proposed by the HKEx and is inviting public views on this proposal. We would like to express our support on HKEx<sub>i</sub>'s proposal to introduce after-hours futures trading.

We have needs to manage our market risk exposures in a timely manner in response to market news and events occurred in the European and US time zones. Without after-hours futures trading, we have to wait until market open next morning to manage our positions and are exposed to overnight market risks. As the financial markets have been globalized, regulators should not forfeit investors; right to manage their own risks at night.

We believe HKEx; s proposed price limit +/-5% for after-hours futures trading is appropriate for guarding against potential excessive price movement.

Major overseas derivatives markets, such as CME, SGX, ASX and OSE have been offering after hours futures trading for years without liquidity or financial stability issues. Hong Kong will lose out in the global competition especially in various global asset classes such as foreign exchange, including RMB, and commodities, if Hong Kong cannot support long hours trading covering the European and the US time zones.

Yours faithfully, Stockwell Commodities Limited