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Ms Connie SZETO Clerk to Panel on Financial Affairs Legislative Council Complex. 1 Legislative Council Road, Central, Hong Kong

Dear Ms SZETO,

In late 2011, when the Legislative Council scrutinized the Securities and Futures (Professional Investor) (Amendment) Rules 2011, the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) undertook at the meetings of the relevant subcommittee to conduct a comprehensive review of the current professional investor regime to determine whether it should be further refined, streamlined or improved.

In this connection, SFC issued on 15 May 2013 the Consultation Paper on the Proposed Amendments to the Professional Investor Regime and the Client Agreement Requirements and commenced a three-month public consultation. I enclosed herewith a copy of the consultation paper for your reference please. The paper has also been uploaded to SFC's website:

http://www.sfc.hk/edistributionWeb/gateway/EN/consultation/doc?refNo =13CP1

Yours sincerely,

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