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Dear Mr Loo

Arbitration (Appointment of Arbitrators and Mediators and Decision on Number of Arbitrators) Rules (the "Rules")

We refer to your letter of 22 July 2013 concerning the captioned matter.

Rule 4

(a) To reflect the intent of rule 4(2) properly, we have consulted the Department of Justice and propose to amend the Chinese text "任期屆滿後" to "離任之日起計".

Rule 13

(b) In our letter dated 12 October 2012 to the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services, we explained that, based on sample cases handled in 2012, the costs incurred by the HKIAC in exercising its various statutory functions under the Arbitration Ordinance (Cap 609) were calculated to be ranging from HK \$4,910.69 to HK \$16,903.76. We further explained that the HK \$8,000 fee provided under rule 13(1) is based on the reasonable costs generally incurred by the HKIAC for its appointment services and also reflects the registration fee



the HKIAC will charge under its administered arbitration rules.

(i) As explained in the above-referenced letter, the HKIAC will charge more than HK \$8,000 only if there are significant increases in the costs of exercising its statutory functions. The intention is not to tailor a fee each time the HKIAC exercises its statutory function(s) but rather to review the costs periodically to ensure that the HKIAC is not making a

significant loss in the overall performance of its statutory functions.

(ii) Pursuant to rule 13(3), the HKIAC is required to display notices and publicize the determined fee, which, according to rule 13(2)(a), is an amount that exceeds HK \$8,000 but does not exceed \$15,000. The HKIAC does not intend to display and publicize the working unit and

overheads rates.

Chinese text

(c) After reconsideration, we agree to amend the text "證明" in rules 6(2)(c), 8(2)(c), and 10(2)(c) to "核證" for the sake of consistency.

Yours sincerely

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