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ANNOUNCEMENT

This announcement is made pursuant to Rule 13.09 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“**Listing Rules**”).

The board of directors (“**Board**”) of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (“**HKEx**” or the “**Company**”) notes recent media speculation with regard to a potential bond issue by the Company.

The Board and management of HKEx wish to emphasise that no binding agreement with respect to any potential bond issue by the Company has been entered into as at the date of this announcement.

The Board and management of HKEx note that the Company had HK\$6,653 million of borrowings outstanding on its balance sheet as at 31 March 2013. These relate to funding raised for the acquisition of LME Holdings Limited (“**LMEH**”), which completed on 6 December 2012 (reference is made to the announcements dated 15 June, 9 July, 25 July, 29 November 2012 and 5 December 2012 in connection with HKEx's acquisition of LMEH).

The Board and management of HKEx continuously monitor market conditions with a view to optimising the Company’s capital structure, and will consider whether to pursue any new financing or refinancing opportunities if it is in the best interests of HKEx's shareholders at the right time. No commitment has been made to proceed with any new financing or refinancing transaction and there is no assurance that any definitive financing or refinancing transaction will materialise. HKEx will make further announcement in compliance with the Listing Rules as and when appropriate.

Shareholders of the Company and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the shares of HKEx.

This announcement is made by the order of the Board (except Mr Timothy George Freshwater who could not be contacted), the directors of which individually and jointly accept responsibility for the accuracy of this announcement.

By Order of the Board
Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited
Joseph Mau
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 10 May 2013

As at the date of this announcement, HKEx's Board comprises 12 Independent Non-executive Directors, namely Mr CHOW Chung Kong (Chairman), Mr CHAN Tze Ching, Ignatius, Mr Timothy George FRESHWATER, Mr John Barrie HARRISON, Mr HUI Chiu Chung, Stephen, Dr KWOK Chi Piu, Bill, Mr LEE Kwan Ho, Vincent Marshall, Mr LEE Tze Hau, Michael, Mrs LEUNG Ko May Yee, Margaret, Mr John Estmond STRICKLAND, Mr John Mackay McCulloch WILLIAMSON and Mr WONG Sai Hung, Oscar, and one Executive Director, Mr LI Xiaojia, Charles, who is also HKEx's Chief Executive.