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To All Approved MPF Trustees

Dear Sirs,

**Establishment of New Funds as Building Blocks
for the Implementation of Default Investment Strategy (DIS) in MPF Schemes**

I refer to the CEO Roundtable on 9 December 2015 regarding the preparation for the implementation of the default investment strategy (DIS) within 2016. As mentioned at the CEO Roundtable, assuming the DIS Bill will be passed before the end of the current legislative year, approved MPF trustees are expected to obtain regulatory approval from the SFC and the MPFA for new constituent funds (“CFs”) and amendments to scheme constitutive documents by end of August 2016. Approved MPF Trustees and/ or sponsors who need to set up new approved pooled investment funds (“APIFs”) as DIS building blocks have been reminded to submit relevant applications to the MPFA and the SFC as soon as possible.

Submission Arrangements for DIS CFs and APIFs

In view of the tight timeframe, approved MPF trustees and/ or sponsors are reminded to submit relevant APIF applications to the MPFA and the SFC no later than **29 January 2016**.

Please note the following arrangements in relation to the vetting and approval of DIS related product applications will apply:

1. **DIS related changes to MPF scheme constitutive documents and establishment of new CFs** - MPFA and SFC will review draft applications submitted by approved MPF trustees (expected by March 2016) first. Formal applications can be submitted to the SFC after the MPFA has accepted the application (expected around mid-May 2016 subject to the passage of the DIS Bill by then).
2. **DIS related new APIFs** – Applicants are required to state the intended use of new APIFs as key building blocks for DIS; the status of which will be ascertained by the MPFA. Applicants can submit applications to the SFC after the MPFA has accepted the application. Submissions will be vetted concurrently by the MPFA and the SFC.

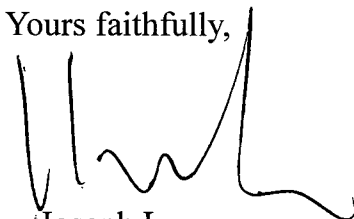
Applicants are reminded to observe the 6 month application lapse policy and vetting procedures of the SFC.

DIS related new index funds that require SFC's authorization

Please note that under the MPF legislation, the MPFA may only approve an index-tracking collective investment scheme (ITCIS) if it is either authorized by the SFC or listed on a stock exchange approved by the Authority. As the SFC is the primary regulator for index funds seeking SFC's authorization, applicants seeking ITCIS status may submit relevant applications to the MPFA once they have obtained SFC's authorization.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Ms Wynnie Yeung at 2292 1690.

Yours faithfully,



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