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Banking Supervision Department *銀行監理部*

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The Chief Executive
All Authorized Institutions

Dear Sir/Madam,

Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing (Financial Institutions) Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 2) Notice 2015

I am writing to inform you that the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury has made the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing (Financial Institutions) Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 2) Notice 2015 ("the Notice"). The Notice was published in the Government Gazette (L.N. 16 of 2015) today and is available on the Government's website (http://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/).

The Notice amends section 18(5) of Schedule 2 to the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing (Financial Institutions) Ordinance ("AMLO") to enable financial institutions to continue relying on certain specified intermediaries to carry out customer due diligence measures until 31 March 2018. Subject to negative vetting by the Legislative Council, the relevant amendments to the AMLO will come into operation on 1 April 2015.

Yours faithfully,

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