

Introduction

This consultation document invites public comments on the six forms which the Securities and Futures Commission proposes should be prescribed for use by persons giving notice under Part XV of the Securities and Futures Bill (disclosure of interests in listed companies) when it becomes law.

The forms are set out in English and in Chinese in the following pages of this document. There are detailed notes with each form explaining how the form should be completed. Two forms are for use by substantial shareholders and four forms are for use by directors and chief executives :

- Form 1 - Individual Substantial shareholder Notice
- Form 2 - Corporate Substantial Shareholder Notice
- Form 3A - Director's Notice - interests in shares of listed corporation
- Form 3B - Director's Notice - interests in shares of associated corporation
- Form 3C - Director's Notice - interests in debentures of listed corporation
- Form 3D - Director's Notice - interests in debentures of associated corporation

Part XV of the Bill seeks to modernize the disclosure of interests in securities. The objective of the Bill is to provide investors with more complete information, of better quality, on a timely basis to enable them to make informed investment decisions.

Part XV requires substantial shareholders to give notice of interests in voting shares of listed corporations in certain specified circumstances. It also requires a director or a chief executive, who is interested in the shares or debentures of a listed corporation (of which he is a director or chief executive) or any of its associated corporations, to give notice in certain specified circumstances.

The draft forms are longer than the notification forms currently in use because additional information is required to be disclosed under Part XV. The SFC has tried to make the new forms as self-contained and as user-friendly as possible and minimise the need to refer to the legislation in order to complete the forms.

The SFC welcomes comments from industry practitioners and members of the investing public on these draft forms.

Comments should be submitted by 6th April 2001, by way of e-mail to PartXVformsconsult@hksfc.org.hk or faxed to (852) 2521-7917. Written comments are welcome and should be addressed to:

Securities and Futures Commission
12/F, Edinburgh Tower
The Landmark
15 Queen's Road Central
Hong Kong

Attn: Supervision of Markets Division

Hard copies, in Chinese and English, of the draft forms are available at the offices of the SFC. Copies may also be downloaded from the SFC website: <http://www.hksfc.org.hk>.

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