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SGX joins United Nations Sustainable Stock Exchanges initiative

Singapore Exchange Ltd (SGX) is pleased to announce that it has joined the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Stock Exchanges (SSE) initiative as a Partner Exchange. The SSE initiative, opened by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon in 2009, serves as a platform for exploring how exchanges, together with stakeholders, can enhance corporate transparency on Environmental, Social and Corporate (ESG) governance issues and stimulate sustainable investment.

As a Partner Exchange, SGX will commit to promoting sustainability in its markets and long-term sustainable investment through dialogues with investors, companies, and regulators. Even before joining this initiative, SGX has had a long-term commitment towards sustainability and this year made it mandatory for all listed companies to report their ESG practices from 2017 onwards. Earlier this year, SGX also launched the SGX Sustainability Indices, a suite of equity indices composed of SGX-listed stocks considered to be leaders in meeting ESG requirements.

The 2016 United Nations Sustainable Stock Exchanges Global Dialogue also marked the first time the event has been held in Singapore. Featuring more than 20 exchanges and buy side parties, as well as 120 audience members, speakers fielded key questions on sustainable development goals, achieving effective ECG disclosure, and on new types of green finance products such as low carbon indices and green bonds.

Addressing participants at the Global Dialogue, SGX CEO Loh Boon Chye reiterated his deep commitment to supporting industry-leading standards of corporate sustainability. "As a forward-looking organisation, SGX has long held the view that attracting investors, value-adding to listed companies, and pushing for more corporate transparency are not mutually exclusive concepts. We look forward to learning from and contributing towards the good work the SSE has devoted itself to," he said.

The United Nations Sustainable Stock Exchanges Global Dialogue is a biennial event geared towards bringing stock exchanges together with stakeholders to share sustainability best practices and to develop new approaches to global sustainability challenges. Previous Global Dialogues have been held in New York, Xiamen, Rio de Janeiro, and Geneva.

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About Singapore Exchange (SGX)

Singapore Exchange is Asia's leading and trusted market infrastructure, facilitating the exchange of capital and ideas to create value for people, businesses and economies. As a multi-asset exchange operating equity, fixed income and derivatives markets to the highest regulatory standards, SGX is a vertically integrated business that provides listing, trading, clearing, settlement, depository and data services.

With about 40% of listed companies and 75% of listed bonds originating outside of Singapore as well as established linkages across the region and in Europe, SGX is Asia's most international and connected exchange.

Offering a full suite of derivatives products across Asian equity indices, commodities and currencies, SGX is the world's most liquid offshore market for the benchmark equity indices of China, India, Japan and ASEAN.

The exchange was one of the first globally to adopt the Principles for Financial Market Infrastructure, the first and only central counterparty in the region to be fully approved by U.S. regulators as a Derivatives Clearing Organisation and a Foreign Board of Trade, and is recognised by European Union regulators for both securities and derivatives.

As Asia's pioneering central counterparty, SGX is globally recognised for its risk management and clearing capabilities. In 2015, SGX was awarded Derivatives Exchange of the Year by Asia Risk, Futures and Options World and Global Capital as well as Central Counterparty (CCP) of the Year by Asia Risk. In 2016, SGX was named Exchange of the Year at the global Energy Risk Awards.

Headquartered in AAA-rated Singapore, SGX has over 700 employees including offices in Beijing, Hong Kong, London, Mumbai, Shanghai and Tokyo. For more information, please visit www.sgx.com.

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