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## **Companies Registry External Circular No. 14/2014**

### **Launch of New Search Functions of Company Search Mobile Service**

This circular is to announce the launch of new search functions of the Company Search Mobile Service ([www.mobile-cr.gov.hk](http://www.mobile-cr.gov.hk)).

#### **Company Search Mobile Service**

2. Since June 2012, members of the public may conduct searches on company information anytime and anywhere using their smartphones and mobile devices through the Companies Registry's Company Search Mobile Service (CSMS). The CSMS is well received and on average more than 3,400 searches are now conducted daily at the CSMS.

3. The CSMS not only facilitates the conduct of business but also enables users to obtain latest company information at their fingertips. The web pages and search results of the CSMS have been customised for viewing on smartphones and mobile devices running on iOS and Android platforms. The search results can also be saved using the screen capture function of smartphones and mobile devices. Presently, company name search, document index search and company particulars search are available. Users may place orders for company particulars reports and pay fees by credit cards online.

#### **New Search Functions**

4. **With effect from 19 December 2014**, two new search functions of CSMS are available for users to obtain the latest information relating to company directors and disqualified persons. This will further enhance the transparency of company information and facilitate timely business decision.

5. Details of the new search functions are as follows :

**Directors Index Search (Payable Search Service)**

The search may be conducted in three ways:

- (i) *Company-based Search*  
This provides a list of all current director(s) and reserve director (if any) of a company after online payment of a fee of HK\$11 per company.
- (ii) *Director-based Search*  
This provides a list of companies of which a person is currently a director or reserve director after online payment of a fee of HK\$22 per director or reserve director.
- (iii) *Director Particulars Search*  
This provides the particulars of a specified current director or reserve director of a company after online payment of a fee of HK\$11 per director or reserve director.

**Disqualification Orders Index Search (Free Search Service)**

The search service provides a list of the names of all individuals and corporate bodies who/which are currently disqualified by the court from acting as directors or taking up other specified offices.

6. A summary of the search services of the CSMS is attached at **Annex**.
7. The Help Desk Support Service Team will continue to provide assistance round the clock. The Help Desk can be contacted at (852) 8201 8273 or via email at [cr.helpdesk@pccw.com](mailto:cr.helpdesk@pccw.com).

**Enquiries**

8. Enquiries concerning this circular should be directed to Miss Ida LEE, Assistant Registry Manager (Public Search), at (852) 2867 2567 or [idalee@cr.gov.hk](mailto:idalee@cr.gov.hk).

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**Free Search Services**

**Company Name Search** *(Note)*

This provides information on the current and previous names of all companies in the Companies Register. Searchers may conduct a company name search by using the exact name search or left partial search (i.e. by entering the initial characters of a company name).

**Document Index Search** *(Note)*

This provides a list of documents filed by a company including the names and filing dates of the documents. Searchers may conduct a document index search by using the company name or company number.

**Disqualification Orders Index Search**

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*Note*

Basic company information such as the date of incorporation / registration / dissolution, history of company name changes, company type, mode of winding-up and places of incorporation for registered non-Hong Kong companies etc. will be provided upon a company name search or a document index search.

**Payable Search Services**

**Company Particulars Search**

This provides a summary of the key particulars of a selected company. In addition to the basic company information, a company particulars report provides information on the company's registered office address (for local companies), address of principal place of business in Hong Kong and particulars of authorized representatives (for registered non-Hong Kong companies), share capital structure, name(s) of current director(s) and reserve director (if any), particulars of company secretary, particulars of receivers and managers (if any) and particulars of liquidators (if any). Searchers can obtain a company particulars report instantly after online payment of a fee of HK\$22 by credit card.

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