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Expansion of Index of Directors under Section 158C of the Companies Ordinance

This circular announces that, with effect from **11 July 2008**, the Index of Directors kept by the Registrar of Companies (“the Registrar”) will be expanded to include particulars of reserve directors.

Background

2. Section 153A(6) of the Companies Ordinance (“the CO”) provides that a private company, the sole member of which is also its sole director, may nominate an individual who has attained the age of 18 years as a reserve director of the company to act in the place of the sole director in the event of the latter’s death. Notifications of nominations and changes of reserve directors are required to be filed with the Registrar in specified forms and are available for search in the form of image records.

3. Section 158C of the CO has been amended by section 67 of the Companies (Amendment) Ordinance 2003 (“the Amendment Ordinance”) to include particulars of reserve directors in the Index of Directors.

4. The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury has appointed **11 July 2008** as the commencement date of section 67 of the Amendment Ordinance. The Commencement Notice was published in the Gazette on 16 May 2008 (L.N. 138 of 2008).

Directors Index Search

5. With effect from **11 July 2008**, members of the public may, by conducting a Directors Index Search through the Companies Registry's Cyber Search Centre at www.icris.cr.gov.hk or onsite at the Registry's Public Search Centre on the 13th floor of the Queensway Government Offices, obtain information in respect of both directors and reserve directors of companies.

6. The search fees for a Directors Index Search remain unchanged as follows:

	HK\$
(a) <i>company based search</i> for obtaining a list of all current director(s) and reserve director (if any) of a company	11
(b) <i>director particulars search</i> for obtaining the particulars of a director or a reserve director (if any) of a company	11
(c) <i>director based search</i> for obtaining a list of all the directorships and reserve directorships held by a person in any company	22

Enquiries

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