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Dear Chairman Liu,

Re: Fitch rating action affecting the rating of Horizon Securities Co., Ltd. - National Long Term Rating, and National Short Term Rating.

Fitch (see definition below) has:

[National Long Term Rating] affirmed at BBB(twn) with Stable Outlook;
[National Short Term Rating] affirmed at F3(twn).

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We are pleased to have had the opportunity to be of service to you. If we can be of further assistance, please contact Jonathan Lee and Sophia Chen at +8862 8175 7600.

Sincerely,

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