Enquiry Hotline: 2111 2777 EST	ate Agent	ts Au	tnority	SPOB-RP
Supplementary Form for the Renewal of S	tatement of	Particu	ulars of Business (SPOB) Held by a Partnership
Please complete this form and submit it registration certificate and the relevant documents of the submit it registration certificate and the relevant documents.				py of a valid business
Please answer the following questions:	No	Yes	If the answer is "Yes", pleas	se submit:
(a) Has there been any retirement of partners?(b) Has there been any admission of partners?			Certified extracts of informat: Certified extracts of informat:	
* The extract may be applied for with the IRD.	. For details, ple	ease visit	www.ird.gov.hk/ or call IRD's	s hotline at 2594 3143.
1. Name of business:			2. SPOB number:	
3. Application submission method:				
☐ In person (or by representative) - Address: Roo	m 2601, 26/F, F	Hopewell	Centre, 183 Queen's Road Ea	ast, Wanchai, Hong Kong
☐ By post - Address: 7/F, E-Trade Plaza, 24 Lee C	Chung Street, Cl	hai Wan,	Hong Kong	
4. Payment details: \$2,120 (12 months)	\$4,140 (24 n	nonths)		
☐ CHEQUE No(Cheque	should be cross	sed and n	nade payable to the "Estate A	gents Authority".)
☐ EPS (should be paid at the EAA Office in Hope	well Centre (Wa	anchai))		
For payment by cheque, the applicant will be responsible for any	bank charge arising	g from the	cheque being unable to be cashed (e.g	g. non-sufficient fund).
5. Collection of the SPOB (If a choice is not indicated	d, the statement w	ill be sen	t by ordinary mail.):	For official use only:
☐ Send by ordinary mail				
Collect in person or by an authorized representa	tive at the EAA	Office in	n Hopewell Centre (Wanchai)	
6. Preferred language of correspondence: Ch	ninese	glish (If a	a choice is not indicated, correspondence	e will be in English.)
7. Notification of appointment or termination of manager for the place of business specified in this applica		_		inated the appointment of a
I hereby give the Estate Agents Authority notice tha	.t—			
I appointed	(name o	of manag	ger appointed) holder of esta	ate agent's licence number
E as a manager at the place of bu	siness specified	l in this	application on	(dd/mm/yyyy);
and / or				
I terminated the appointment of				ted) holder of estate agent's
licence number E as a manager at	the place of bu	usiness s	pecified in this application on	
(dd/mm/yyyy).				
Note (1) Section 38(1)(a) of the Estate Agents Ordinance	e stipulates that	t: a licens	sed estate agent shall ensure the	hat his business at every one

- of his offices (whether such offices are referred to as branch offices, sub-offices or otherwise) is under the effective and separate control of a manager appointed by him; a person so appointed must be an individual and the estate agent concerned must also ensure that such a person is the holder of an estate agent's licence. The licensed estate agent may appoint himself to manage one of his offices.
- (2) Section 40(3) of the Ordinance requires a licensed estate agent to notify, in the prescribed form, the Authority of the appointment of a manager or the termination of such appointment within 31 days of either of these events. The prescribed form may be downloaded from www.eaa.org.hk/practice/documents/form10.pdf. If you have already filled out section 6 of this form for the appointment of a manager, then you do not need to fill out the said prescribed form. Otherwise, you must notify the Authority of the appointment within the specified period using the said prescribed form.
- (3) Any person not complying with the said requirements may be disciplined.

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Date of Signing [#]	Name of Partner holding	Licence No. of Partner	Signature
(dd /mm / yyyy)	an estate agent's licence		
	(individual)		
# (Note: Please fill in the date o	f signing this form. Incorrect date may	cause the information provided invalid	d and delay in processing)

Estate Agents Authority

Personal Information Collection Statement

Personal data collected in this and subsequent licence applications are to be used for the purpose of processing the applications and may be subject to verification by the Estate Agents Authority from other sources. The personal data will also be used for the purpose of enforcing or complying with the provisions of the Estate Agents Ordinance (Cap.511), providing appropriate training to licensees and provision of information on matters concerning estate agency practice. The personal data may be transferred to relevant government departments and authorities (including the Hong Kong Police and the Independent Commission Against Corruption) in connection with the above purposes. You are reminded that your personal data to be provided to the Estate Agents Authority will be made available for public inspection, including (where applicable) in the provision of the reasons for decisions of inquiry hearings (whether publicised or not) in accordance with the policies prevailing from time to time. The personal data collected are necessary for the processing of licence applications and not providing them may result in the Authority being unable to process the applications. Applicants can access and correct their personal data by writing to the Data Protection Officer of the Estate Agents Authority.

Refund and/or cancellation of licence application

- (1) Once an application has been approved, no cancellation request will be accepted. Refund will only be made to those: (a) whose applications have been refused; (b) who have overpaid the required fees; (c) who cancel their applications before they are approved.
- (2) Where a refund is made, the refund will only be in the form of a crossed cheque payable to the applicant. In other words, a refund cheque will not be issued to a third party (except where the applicant is a bankrupt, then the cheque will be issued either to the applicant or to the trustee, depending on the instructions of the trustee).
- (3) Pursuant to section 5(2) of the Estate Agents (Licensing) Regulation, if for any reason a licence ceases to be valid, no part of any fee paid for the licence will be refunded.

Performance pledge

- (1) If you have fully completed all application forms, submitted all required documents and paid the required fee, it will normally take 20 working days to have an application processed.
- (2) In any event, if the application is made in the prescribed manner (i.e. correct form duly completed and signed, fee fully paid, application made no more than 3 months and no less than 1 month prior to expiry of your statement), validity of your statement will not be interrupted.
- (3) If you do not hear from us after 20 working days, you may find out the status of your application by: calling our hotline at 2111 2777 (press 2, 2 after selecting language) or viewing our licence list at www.eaa.org.hk/search/index.html.

Communication between EAA and Licensee/Licence Applicant

With a view to facilitating communication and protecting the environment, the EAA will communicate with licensees and licence applicants via e-mail, mobile SMS/MMS or other electronic means in lieu of mailing where appropriate. Certain information on matters concerning estate agency practice (e.g. practice circulars) will **ONLY** be published on the EAA website and drawn to the attention of licensees by electronic means. If you do not wish to receive notices electronically, please let us know or log in your e-Services account www.eaa.org.hk/eServicesEng.htm and manage your subscription preferences. Licensees should visit the EAA website www.eaa.org.hk regularly to obtain such information and familiarize themselves with any requirement which is applicable to them. The EAA will not provide printed copy of such information which is already published on its website. Licence applicants who have provided an email address will be notified of the approval in advance.

Notes

The fact that your application and payment are accepted (including your cheque being encashed) does not mean that a licence or a statement of particulars of business will necessarily be granted to you or your licence or statement will necessarily be renewed. A licence or a statement will only be granted or renewed if you meet all the licensing requirements under the Estate Agents Ordinance.

FORM 14

ESTATE AGENTS AUTHORITY APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS OF BUSINESS

FORM 14

Section 55(1)(c) of the Estate Agents Ordinance (Cap. 511) makes it an offence punishable by a fine at level 6 and/or imprisonment for 1 year on conviction upon indictment or by a fine at level 5 and/or imprisonment for 6 months on summary conviction if a person makes any false or misleading statement or furnishes any false or misleading information in connection with an application for the grant or renewal of a licence.

Note: 1) This application forms part of the application for the renewal of estate agent's licence

- 2) For a company that applies for the renewal of a Statement of Particulars of Business, this form has to be completed by a representative of the company. The representative must be in effective control of the company's estate agency business and he has to be a licensed estate agent.
- 3) For a sole proprietorship that applies for the renewal of a Statement of Particulars of Business, this form has to be completed by the sole proprietor and he must be a licensed estate agent.

4) For a partnership that applies for the renewal of a Statement of Particulars of Business, this form has to be completed by a partner and he has to be a licensed estate agent. In addition, each partner of the partnership has to complete and submit a Section B of this form.									
	licensed estate ag in the appropriate		th partner of the p	artnership has	to complete and su	bmit a Section B of this form.			
6) * Delete a	s appropriate.		10 1						
Validity Period of L			12 months		24 months				
Section A Par	rticulars of Bus	siness	<u> </u>						
Nature of Business		Sole Proprieto	orship	Partn	ership	Company Branch			
Statement of Particula Business No.	rs of								
Expiry Date (DD/MI	M/YYYY)								
Applicant's Individu Company Licence N									
Expiry Date (DD/MI	M/YYYY)								
H.K.I.D. Card / Travel Document / Certificate of Incorpo	ration* No.								
Number of Partners in Partnership	in the								
Nature of the Place of	of Business	Principal Off	ice	Brancl	h Office				
Business Name in En	nglish (as show	n in Business Regi	stration Certifi	cate)					
Business Name in C	hinese (as show	n in Business Reg	istration Certif	cate)					
Business Registratio	n No.		Ex _I	oiry Date (D	D/MM/YYYY)				
For the following par	ticulars, applica	nts only need to pro	ovide the inform	ation that is	<u>DIFFERENT</u> fro	m application last filed.			
Address of Place of	Business								
Flat/Room	Flo	oor	Block		Name of E	Building/Estate			
	137 00			D		HK / KLN / NT*			
Number and	d Name of Stree	t		District					
Telephone No.		Fax No.		Email .	Address				
	L, COMPLETE	AND TRUE to t	he best of my	knowledge		declare that all the foregoing I authorize the Estate Agents			
Date (DD/MM/YYYY) Sole	ne of Representativ Proprietor / Partne BLOCK LETTER	er*	of Repres	ence (Individual) No sentative / stor / Partner*	Authorized Signature and Company Chop			

Section	n B		Form 14 (Page 2)								
convictio misleadir Partnersh the partne	ection 55(1)(c) of the Estate Agents Ordinance (Cap. 511) makes it an offence punishable by a fine at level 6 and/or imprisonment for 1 year on onviction upon indictment or by a fine at level 5 and/or imprisonment for 6 months on summary conviction if a person makes any false or his leading statement or furnishes any false or misleading information in connection with an application for the grant or renewal of a licence. artnerships with more than two partners are requested to obtain or make sufficient copies of Section B of this form for completion by EACH of the partners.										
B-1		rs of Partnership									
	s Registrat			Expiry Date (DD/MM/YYYY)							
	Business Name of Partnership										
B-2											
Name ii	o. Estate Agent's Licence No. (if applicable)										
B-3	Declarati	on Note: Question Statemen	s 1 to 5 below refer to fa t of Particulars of Busin	ctors which will be considered in the de less. They form an integral part of this f	form and must be answered.						
Yes No 1. Are you an undischarged bankrupt or have you within the 5 years immediately prior to the date of this application made a composition or scheme of arrangement with your creditors? 2. Are you a director or officer of a company which is now disqualified under the Estate Agents Ordinance (Cap. 511) for holding a licence, or were you a director or officer of that company at the date when the company was so disqualified? 3. Are you a mentally disordered person or a patient within the meaning of section 2 of the Mental Health Ordinance (Cap.136)? 4. Have you ever been convicted, whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere, on the basis of any fraudulent, corrupt or dishonest acts? 5. Have you ever been convicted under the Estate Agents Ordinance (Cap. 511) in respect of which you have been sentenced to imprisonment, whether the sentence is suspended or not? If you have answered 'Yes' to any of the above questions, please give details using additional sheets. I hereby declare that all the foregoing information is FULL, COMPLETE AND TRUE to the best of my knowledge and belief a authorize the Estate Agents Authority to verify the foregoing information in any manner as it deems fit.											
Date	e (DD/MN	Nar	ne of Partner (in BLOC	CK LETTERS)	Signature						
B-2	Particula	rs of Partner									
Name ii	n English (Surname first)	Name in Chinese	H.K.I.D. Card/Travel Document* No	Estate Agent's Licence No. (if applicable)						
B-3	Declarati			nctors which will be considered in the dess. They form an integral part of this form							
		Statement	of 1 at ticulars of Dusines	ss. They form an integral part of this form	Yes No						
app 2. Ar (Ca	olication made you a direction app. 511) for	nde a composition or ector or officer of a	scheme of arrangement company which is now	the 5 years immediately prior to the date with your creditors? disqualified under the Estate Agents Of or officer of that company at the date with the date	e of this rdinance						
3. Ar	e you a me dinance (Ca	entally disordered pe ap. 136)?	-	the meaning of section 2 of the Menta							
or	dishonest a	ets?		elsewhere, on the basis of any fraudulent dinance (Cap. 511) in respect of which							
bee	en sentence	d to imprisonment, v	whether the sentence is su								
		Agents Authority t	o verify the foregoing ir	OMPLETE AND TRUE to the best of a normation in any manner as it deems fi							
Da	te (DD/MN	M/YYYY) Na	me of Partner (in BLO	CK LETTERS)	Signature						

Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing Self-assessment Form

Please return the completed form together with the company license renewal application to the EAA. For sole proprietorship or partnership, please return it to the EAA together with the application for renewal of the Statement of Particulars of Business (SPOB). If you have more than one branch, you only need to complete one form.

(This form can also be returned by fax or email)

Fax no.: 2598 9500 Email address: enforcement@eaa.org.hk

Enquiry hotline: 3842 9799

(若需要此表格的中文版本,請以傳真或電郵聯絡監管局。)

- This form assists estate agency companies in conducting self-assessment on AML and CTF matters. The EAA will, with reference to the information provided, update the assessment on the risk classification for each estate agency company.
- The information collected from estate agency companies will be used only for risk assessment purposes. The EAA will not disclose any information of particular companies / individuals to a third party.
- This form is to be completed by the responsible person (or his/her representative) of each estate agency company. If estate agency companies do not provide the required information in a timely manner, it may affect the EAA's assessment on their risk classification and thus the EAA may enhance its supervision and inspection to those companies.
- This form is not intended to imply a single set of universally applicable measures, nor should it be construed as a guide to assist estate agency companies in fulfilling their obligations. Where necessary, estate agency companies should seek independent advice from relevant professionals on compliance with the legal and regulatory requirements.

Company name:		
Company licence no. or SPOB no.:		
Name of the person filling this form:	Job title:	
Licence no. of the person filling this form:		
Signed by the person filling the form and company cl	hop:	

Part 1: Company Profile

1.	Ou	r company is operated								
		in the form of a sole proprietorship								
		n the form of a partnership								
		withpartners,								
		of which partners holding estate agent's licences								
		in the form of a limited company								
		with directors.								
		of whichdirectors holding estate agent's licences.								
2.	Ou	r company's current organizational structure in Hong Kong:								
	a.	Total number of business locations (including all branch offices) (i.e. total								
		number of SPOBs):								
	b.	Total number of staff (including the employer and all staff in branch offices):								
	c.	Following b. above, among all the staff, the number of staff holding								
		S-licence:; E-licence:; total no. of licensees:								
	d.	Our company has branch office(s) outside Hong Kong:								
		□ Yes □ No								
		If yes, please state the country(ies) or region(s) where the branch office(s) are located:								
3.	Ou	r company has connection with another company(ies) outside Hong Kong:								
		Yes □ No								
		ves,								
	(i)	Provide details:								
	(1)									
	(ii)	Any real estate business cooperation with the company(ies)								
	(**)	☐ Yes ☐ No								
		If yes, provide details:								

Part 2: Property Transactions

4.	In the past 12 months, the sale and purchase property transactions handled by our
	company are as follows:

	(If the answer is "Nil", please proceed to complete Part 3.)
	company (including all branch offices) is :
a.	The total number of sale and purchase property transactions handled by our

b. The types of properties involved in the sale and purchase property transactions in the past 12 months are distributed as follows:

Types of property:	Percentage distribution of the number of transactions (%):
☐ 1st hand residential properties	%
☐ 2nd hand residential properties	%
☐ Industrial buildings	%
☐ Office buildings	%
☐ Overseas properties	%
□ Land	%
☐ Car parking spaces	%
□ Shops	%
☐ Others (please specify) :	%
	100%

c. The transaction amounts (in Hong Kong dollars) involved in the sale and purchase property transactions in the past 12 months are distributed as follows:

Transaction amount:	Percentage distribution of the			
	number of transactions (%):			
☐ Below 5M	%			
☐ 5M or above but less than 10M	%			
☐ 10M or above but less than 20M	%			
□ 20M or above but less than 50M	%			

□ 50M or above but less than 100M	%
☐ 100M or above but less than 500M	%
□ 500M or above	%
	100%

d.	Our	clients	paid	initial	deposits	by	<u>cash</u>	in	some	of	the	sale	and	purchase
	prop	erty trai	nsacti	ons in	the past 1	2 m	onths	:						

☐ Yes	□ No
If yes,	

(i) The number of such transactions:

(ii) The amount of the cash paid as initial deposit in each of such transactions:

(Please state the respective amount of the cash paid as initial deposit for each of such transactions):

e. The types of clients involved in the sale and purchase property transactions in the past 12 months are distributed as follows:

Types of clients:	Percentage distribution of the number of transactions (%):
Individuals holding HKID cards	%
Individuals holding PRC identity documents	%
Individuals holding overseas (neither HK nor PRC) identity documents	%
Limited companies registered in Hong Kong	%
Limited companies registered in PRC	%
Limited companies registered in overseas (neither in Hong Kong nor PRC)	%
Trust set up in Hong Kong	%
Trust set up in PRC	%
Trust set up in overseas (neither in Hong Kong nor PRC)	%
Others, please specify:	%

		100%	6
f.	Non-local clients or non-local properties were referred to our companies outside Hong Kong among the sale and purc transactions in the past 12 months: No If yes, please state the number of referrals and the country(ies) which the company(ies) outside Hong Kong is(are) located:	hase pro	operty
Part 3	3: AML/CTF Compliance Work		
	o fulfill the AML/CTF compliance requirements, our company	's comp	liance
m a.	easures are as follows: Our company has formulated policies and/or guidelines for our s with the AML/CTF requirements: □ Yes □ No	staff to co	omply
b.	Our company has inspected and monitored our staff's complication of the AML/CTF requirements:	iance wi	th the
c.	Our company has taken reasonable measures on customer due identifying and verifying the identities of our clients and the ber and such measures include:	_	
	and such measures metade.	Yes	No
	For individual clients, inspect and monitor whether our staff have collected the identity information and obtained copies of the identity documents of our clients and/or the beneficial owners		
		Yes	No
	For corporate clients, inspect and monitor whether our staff have:		
	(i) conducted company search at the Companies Registry and obtained records of the company search;		

	copies of the identity documents of the representatives of the corporate clients;		
	(iii) collected the identity information and obtained copies of the identity documents of the beneficial owners of the corporate clients.		
d.	Our company has kept all necessary and sufficient records of our c	lients a	and
	those relevant records in relation to their transactions, including:	Yes	No
	 (i) the originals or copies of documents and related records obtained when identifying and verifying clients and the beneficial owners; 		
	(ii) the originals or copies of documents or related records of each sale and purchase property transaction.		
e.	Our company has installed equipment (such as computers, memor for keeping clients' records obtained from the customer due diliger Yes No	-	
f.	Our company has (i) AML/CTF Compliance Officer (CO) and Laundering Reporting Officer (MLRO):	(ii) M	Ioney
	☐ CO only		
	☐ MLRO only		
	☐ Both CO and MLRO		
	□ No CO nor MLRO		
	If "Both CO and MLRO" is chosen in item (f) above, is the		
	MLRO the same person as the CO (please provide their respective names and job titles):	1 -	
	If "No CO nor MLRO" is chosen in item (f) above, we responsible for AML/CTF compliance matters and who takes it to report suspicious transactions (please provide their respective and job titles):	he role	

g.	suspicious transaction reports to MLRO or through to the Joint Financial Intelligence Unit (JFIU): Yes No			J	
h.	In the past 12 months, our company has provided int to our staff: ☐ Yes ☐ No	ernal t	rainin	g on ML/CTF	
i.	In the past 12 months, apart from internal training, of for our staff to attend other training on AML/CTF: ☐ Yes ☐ No	our coi	mpany	has arranged	
j.	In the past 12 months, our company, in order to stipulated under Anti-Money Laundering and Company (Cap.615), has carried Enhanced Company (Cap.615), has carried Enhanced Company (Cap.615) (Cap.615). □ Yes □ No	unter- ustom	Terroi er D	rist Financing	
k.	In the past 12 months, our company has developed no business practices or use of new or developing technologiesexisting services. ☐ Yes ☐ No				
	If "Yes" is chosen in item (k) above, our compatible ML/TF risks that may arise out of the said item ☐ Yes ☐ No	-	s ider	ntified and assess	ec
1.	In the past 12 months, when dealing with the sattransactions, our company has come across the follow		•		
		Yes	No	If yes, no. of such transactions:	
	i. Big discrepancy between market price and transaction price				
	ii. Exceptionally short completion time for the transaction				

iii. Large amount of cash involved in the transaction			
iv. Unknown source of funds			
v. Direct funds flow between buyer and seller without routing through lawyers			
vi. Buying without property viewing (though possible)			
vii. Payments of monies by a third party apparently unconnected with the Buyer / Seller			
viii. Proceeds from the property sales sent to unknown third party or high risk jurisdiction			
ix. Payments of multiple small amounts from various sources to avoid thresholds imposed by overseas authorities			
x. Unreasonably generous commission to agent(s)			
xi. Frequent sale and purchase of same property among related parties, with inexplicable changes in value, or within a short period of time			
xii. Purchase / resell / exchange of multiple properties			
xiii. Estate agent asked to temporarily hold a big sum of money and then to refund it back to the client or to a different account			
When the answer to any of the above is "Yes", our following steps to mitigate the AML/CTF risks:	comp	any h	as taken the
In the past 12 months, when dealing with the sal transactions, our company has come across the followto our clients:		-	
	Yes	No	If yes, no. of such transactions:

m.

i.	Reluctant to provide details of identity		
ii.	Providing fake identity document(s)		
iii.	No face-to-face meeting between estate agent(s) and Buyer / Seller		
iv.	Purchasing power NOT commensurate with level of income or age or background		
v.	Buyer / Seller negotiate with estate agent(s) through a third party		
vi.	Buyer and the Seller know each other but engage estate agent(s) to complete the sale and purchase without good reasons		
vii.	Use of complex layering structure (e.g. trusts, offshore arrangements, multiple companies) to hide ownership		
viii	Transactions handled by a third party (e.g. under power of attorney) without providing details of the client		
ix.	Unknown third party appears at a later stage		
х.	Holds public positions / from locations that carry high exposure to possibility of corruption, e.g. Politically Exposed Persons		
xi.	Subject to financial sanctions		
xii.	Suspected terrorist		
xiii	providing/has provided any services which may be connected to weapons of mass destruction.		
xiv.	Non-Hong Kong residents (e.g. customer neither holds a Hong Kong identity card nor speak local language) and payments of deposits are remitted from bank accounts in a jurisdiction other than Hong Kong		

When the answer to any of the above is "Yes", our company has taken the following steps to mitigate the AML/CTF risks:

n.	In the	past 12 months, our company has reported suspicious transactions to the
	JFIU:	
	☐ Yes	□ No
	If yes:	
	(i)	The number of reports made:
	(ii)	Reasons for arousing suspicion:
		END

Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing Self-assessment Form

Questions and Answers (Q&As)

1. The Form covers information in relation to our company's business situations. Is such information directly related to the AML/CTF risk classification for our company? Can our company not provide such information?

Answer: The information is directly related to the risk classification, so providing such information is necessary.

When conducting the assessment on the risk classification for each estate agency company, the EAA will consider a number of factors, including its market penetration, the scope and nature of its business, the property transactions its handles etc., and each question in the Form carries a score for facilitating the risk classification. Therefore, estate agency companies have to provide information on each question, including information about their businesses, etc., so that the EAA can, with reference to the information provided, update the assessment on the risk classification for each estate agency company. The information collected from each estate agency company will be used only for risk assessment purposes. The EAA will not disclose any information of particular companies / individuals to a third party.

2. The Form covers a lot of information. As our company does not have a system to store all relevant information, can our company not provide information on some of the questions in the Form?

Answer: No.

As aforementioned, when conducting the assessment on the risk classification for each estate agency company, the EAA will consider a number of factors and each question in the Form carries a score for facilitating the risk classification. Therefore, estate agency companies have to provide information on each question. However, if estate agency companies have difficulties in providing detailed data in a certain area, it will suffice so long as the information provided in the relevant questions of

the Form is based on the companies' real situations.

3. Our company has limited resources. We need extra resources and time to complete the Form. Therefore, can our company not submit the Form every time when renewing its licence?

Answer: No.

This Form assists estate agency companies in conducting self-assessment on AML and CTF matters. The EAA will, with reference to the information provided, update the assessment on the risk classification for each estate agency company. If estate agency companies do not provide the required information by submitting the Form every time when they renew their licences, it may affect the EAA's assessment on their risk classification and thus the EAA may enhance its supervision and inspection to those companies.

4. What is the meaning of "connection" in question 3 of the Form?

Answer: "Connection" in that question refers to any connection in relation to management, operation, and/or business, such as whether your company is a branch of a company outside Hong Kong, whether your company and a company outside Hong Kong belong to the same group, whether your company and a company outside Hong Kong share the same business name, whether your company and a company outside Hong Kong refer customers to each other and/or share customer information, etc.

5. What will be regarded as "exceptionally short" in question 5 1 ii of the Form?

Answer: The time required for completing a property transaction depends on the mutual agreement between the purchaser and the vendor, the unique nature of the property and the market situations, etc. However, in a property transaction, solicitors need time to review and check title documents. In general, if the time taken from signing the provisional agreement for sale and purchase to the completion of the transaction is within one month, it can be regarded as "exceptionally short".