OPERATIONS STATISTICS – 2023 INVESTIGATION AND COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT

Investigation and Enquiry

| | 1 April 2023 to 31 August 2023 | Year ended 31 March 2023 |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>Investigation</u> | | |
| Brought forward | 146 | 82 |
| Initiated in the period ¹ | 23 | 72 |
| Completed | | |
| - Cases referred to HKICPA ² | - | (2) |
| Cases referred to Discipline Department ² | (5) | (6) |
| - Without further action | (1) | - |
| In progress at end of period | 163 | 146 |
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| <u>Enquiry</u> | | |
| Brought forward | 31 | 16 |
| Initiated in the period ¹ | 6 | 17 |
| Completed ³ | - | (2) |
| In progress at end of period | 37 | 31 |

Notes:

- 1. The number of investigations/enquiries initiated may not equal the number of complaints which required the initiation of investigations and/or enquiries as a complaint may lead to the initiation of more than one investigation and/or enquiry.
- 2. All completed investigations with auditing/reporting irregularities or misconducts identified were referred to (i) the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (in cases where engagements were completed before 1 October 2019 and related investigations were completed before 1 October 2022); or (ii) the Discipline Department of the AFRC (in all other cases) for consideration of disciplinary actions.
- 3. For all completed enquiries with significant non-compliance with accounting requirements identified, the listed companies were required to remove the non-compliance.