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<By Email Only>

To: Chief Executives of Designated Insurance Holding Companies

Dear Sir/Madam,

GL32: Guideline on Group Supervision

Pursuant to section 133 of the Insurance Ordinance (Cap. 41), the Insurance Authority (“IA”) has published a revised Guideline on Group Supervision (“GL32”). Enclosed please find a copy of the revised GL32 which is also available on the IA website (https://www.ia.org.hk/en/legislative_framework/guidelines.php).

The GL32 is revised in view of the enactment of the Insurance (Amendment) Ordinance 2023¹ (“Amendment Ordinance”). Comments from designated insurance holding companies (“DIHC”) have been considered during the revision process. Amendments to GL32 include, among other things, classification into majority shareholder controller and minority shareholder controller, and elaboration on the “fit and proper” criteria for shareholder controllers. We also take this opportunity to clarify IA’s expectation of a director of a DIHC to be considered as an independent non-executive director. The revised GL32 shall take effect on 5 July 2024.

Should you have any questions in relation to the above, please contact your case officer or email us at enquiry@ia.org.hk.

Yours faithfully,

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¹ <https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/20232728/es12023272820.pdf>