

For : All Clearing Members

Date : July 8, 2025

Subject : SEC Approval of Amendments to the SCCP Rules and Operating Procedures on the Requirements for the Refund of Contributions to the Clearing and Trade Guaranty Fund

Please be informed that the Securities and Exchange Commission approved the following amendments to the Revised Clearinghouse Rules and Operating Procedures of the Securities Clearing Corporation of the Philippines relating to the refund of contributions to the Clearing and Trade Guaranty Fund:

## I. Amendment to the Revised Clearinghouse Rules

## **Rule 5.2 Return of Required Contributions**

Contributions to the Clearing Fund shall be refunded as trade-related assets to a Clearing Member in the following cases:

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(2) Upon cessation of business of the Clearing Member and upon termination of their membership with SCCP, provided that (a) such Clearing Member has secured all applicable regulatory approvals and clearances from the PSE, SCCP and the Capital Markets Integrity Corporation as well as the Certified True Copy of the Order approving the withdrawal and/or cancellation of registration as a Broker-Dealer from the Securities and Exchange Commission (b) all liabilities of such Clearing Member owing to the SCCP at the time of termination, whether actual or contingent, shall have been satisfied or paid in full, and shall take into account any pending and previous applications of the Clearing Fund at the time of such termination; (c) such Clearing Member submits a copy of its relevant audited financial statements and other evidence acceptable to SCCP showing that it has shouldered its CTGF contributions rather than collecting the contributions from its clients. For avoidance of doubt, a Clearing Member shall only be entitled to a refund of its CTGF contributions to the extent that it is able to prove that such contributions were shouldered by the said Clearing Member; and (d) for the proceeds of the refund of the CTGF contributions, the Clearing Member, through its authorized signatory(ies), shall provide the name of its bank and the Clearing Member's active bank account number where the refund will be credited to, or alternatively, the name and specimen signature of its representative authorized to receive the check payable to the order of the Clearing Member. For this purpose, no check shall be issued by SCCP payable to Cash or Bearer.

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## II. Amendment to the Revised Clearinghouse Operating Procedures

## 4.2.1.3 Return of the Clearing Members' Contributions

Contributions to the Clearing Fund shall be refunded as trade-related assets to a Clearing Member upon cessation of business of the Clearing Member and upon termination of their membership with SCCP, provided that (a) such Clearing Member has secured all applicable regulatory approvals and clearances from the PSE, SCCP and the Capital Markets Integrity Corporation as well as the Certified True Copy of the Order approving the withdrawal and/or cancellation of registration as a Broker-Dealer from the Securities and Exchange Commission (b) all liabilities of such Clearing Member owing to the SCCP at the time of termination, whether actual or contingent, shall have been satisfied or paid in full, and shall take into account any pending and previous applications of the Clearing Fund at the time of such termination; (c) such Clearing Member submits a copy of its relevant audited financial statements and other evidence acceptable to SCCP showing that it has shouldered its CTGF contributions rather than collecting the contributions from its clients. For avoidance of doubt, a Clearing Member shall only be entitled to a refund of its CTGF contributions to the extent that it is able to prove that such contributions were shouldered by the said Clearing Member; and (d) for the proceeds of the refund of the CTGF contributions, the Clearing Member, through its authorized signatory(ies), shall provide the name of its bank and the Clearing Member's active bank account number where the refund will be credited to, or alternatively, the name and specimen signature of its representative authorized to receive the check payable to the order of the Clearing Member. For this purpose, no check shall be issued by SCCP payable to Cash or Bearer.

The return of contributions shall be made after a reasonable processing time and shall take into account any pending and previous applications of the Clearing Fund at the time of such termination. Such contributions are administered and accounted separately by the SCCP.

Pursuant to Rule 1.4.3 of the SCCP Rules, the foregoing amendments to the SCCP Rules shall take effect immediately.

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