

New Listing Rules for Minerals, Oil and Gas Companies

Several months after the HKEx's revised listing rules on resources related companies come into effect, the SGX finally announced the new Catalist listing rules for companies in the sector on 19 January 2011. The new rules set out additional listing criteria, disclosure requirements and continuing obligations for companies whose principal activities consist of exploration of and / or extraction of mineral, oil or gas ("MOG Companies") and has been effective since 1 February 2011.

Some of the key requirements for MOG Companies include:

- Under certain conditions, MOG Companies are able to list on the Catalist without having revenue or profit.
- A listing MOG Company must be able to demonstrate through a Qualified Person's Report that it has at least a portfolio of indicated resources of minerals or contingent resources of oil and gas, i.e. the form, quality and quantity of the resources have reasonable prospects for economic extraction.
- The existence of and / or economic valuations on reserve or resource estimates in an offer document, an announcement or a circular must be substantiated by the opinion of a Qualified Person in accordance with specified international standards and practice. Acceptable standards include NI43-101, the JORC Code, the PERC Code and the VALMIN Code for mineral and SPE-PRMS and the VALMIN Code for oil and gas.
- In an offer document, a listing MOG Company is required to demonstrate its plans, milestones and sufficiency of working capital for a period of at least 18 months from the date of listing.
- A MOG Company is required to make quarterly announcement on:
 - · its use of funds including the projected use of funds for the next immediate quarter
 - details of exploration, extraction, development and / or production activities
 - · its current position on reserves and resources

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