**Application Form for CIPS Direct Participant**

(For Applicants Outside the People’s Republic of China）

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| **Part I. Business Information (mandatory)** |
| Full Name(in English) |  |
| Full Name(in Chinese) |  |
| Registered Address |  |
| Institution Type | □Banking Institution□Financial Market Infrastructure□If Others (Please specify)： |
| Organization Code  | CIPS ID | □If any：□None |
| BIC | □If any：□None |
| LEI | □If any：□None |
| Contacts | Name： Position：Tel： Fax：Email：Postal Address： |
| Credit Rating | Rating Agency： |
| Rating Results： |
| Number of Branches Qualified for RMB Settlement Business | Domestic： | Overseas： |
| Number of Respondent Institutions in RMB Settlement business | Domestic： | Overseas：  |
| Does your institution have a legal personality? | □Yes□No |
| Does your institution have a commercial presence within the People’s Republic of China? (For applicants without commercial presence within the People’s Republic of China, please refer to “Interim Measures for Administration of CIPS Compliance Margins” to ensure full understanding of the requirements of compliance margins) | □Yes (Please specify)：□No |
| Does your institution require regulatory approvals from its home jurisdiction to participate in CIPS? If “Yes” is ticked, please describe requirements of regulatory authorities.  | □Yes (Please specify)：□No |
| Does your institution belong to the same financial institution group as an existing CIPS Direct Participant? If “Yes” is ticked, please specify the name of the financial institution group. | □Yes (Please specify)：□No |
| Is your institution a G-SIB (Global Systemically Important Bank) or D-SIB (Domestic Systemically Important Bank)?(Only for banking institutions) | □G-SIB (or a branch of it)□D-SIB□Neither |
| Is your institution an existing participant of any local/ regional RTGS payment system or any other Financial Market Infrastructure (FMI)? | □Yes (Please specify)：□No |
| Does your institution have in place sound business rules, including management of RMB account and correspondent banking settlement business? (CIPS Co., Ltd. reserves the right to request the above-referenced documentation) | □Yes.□Others. Please specify: |
| Do any local legal or regulatory restrictions impede your institution’s full compliance with CIPS rules? | □Yes (Please specify)：□No |
| Does your institution (including shareholders and ultimate beneficial owners)，its respondent banks or associated business engage in or have a history of money laundering and terrorist financing, violations of domestic or international sanctions or other circumstances that may pose potential risks to CIPS or other participants? | □Yes (Please specify):□No |
| Has your institution incurred any material regulatory penalties in the past 3 years that could impact ongoing operation, international settlement business, or RMB settlement business? | □Yes (Please specify)：□No |
| Prospective Fund Custodian Bank |  |
| System Development Schedule | The estimated time for completing system development *(Using ‘T’ as the time of signing the agreement, please indicate the estimated schedule in the form of ‘T+n’）* |
| The estimated time for system go-live |
| Compliance and Risks Management Framework | Risk management policies and procedures for CIPS business *(including but not limited to mechanism for pre-assessment, in-process monitoring and post-event disposal of compliance risks, liquidity risks and other risks related to CIPS business)* |
| Risk management policies and procedures for Indirect Participants and correspondent banking business *(including but not limited to the mechanism for access review, transaction screening, risk warning, periodic report and risk isolation and disposal. If no correspondent banking business is conducted, please explicitly state this.)* |
| Risk and compliance team *(including but not limited to risk management and compliance team organization, team size, role definitions, division of responsibilities, etc., focusing on the team supporting the conduct of RMB business)* |
| AML IT system *(should have functions including but not limited to list screening, sanction risk management, customer risk rating, and risky transaction blocking)* |
| Technical Operation and Maintenance Framework | *Please simply explain the applicant’s (1) organization of system operation and maintenance, including composition of the operation and maintenance team, responsible departments and division of responsibilities; (2) infrastructure facilities, including location of the data centers, data center level, overview of the main and backup data centers; (3) construction of the monitoring system, including internal audit system, security management system, etc.* |
| **Part II. Additional Business Information（optional）** |
| Settlement Business in Past 3 years | Year 20\_\_(Whole Year) | Year 20\_\_(Whole Year) | Year 20\_\_(Whole Year) |
| —RMB settlement volume (million CNY) |  |  |  |
| —International settlement volume (million USD) |  |  |  |
| RMB Settlement Business Plan for Next 3 years | Year 20\_\_ | Year 20\_\_ | Year 20\_\_ |
| —settlement volume (million CNY) |  |  |  |
| —the number of CIPS Indirect Participants to be developed |  |  |  |
| —the number of respondent banks to be developed |  |  |  |
| —the number of RMB Settlement Business customers to be developed  |  |  |  |
| Features on RMB Settlement and International Settlement  | *Please simply describe the business features that could enable seamless international use of RMB and facilitate international settlement of your institution.* |
| Information Security and Business Continuity Management Framework*(If a description is provided in this field, the submission of the relevant rule documents could be exempted)* | *Please simply describe information security and business continuity management rules related to CIPS business, including but not limited to data centers management, data security management, information security and backup management, and business continuity management.* |
| **Part III. List of additional documents to be submitted by the applicant organization****(in English or Chinese) (mandatory)** |
| Documents proving business qualifications*(Exempted for applicants belonging to the same financial institution group as the existing Direct Participant)* | □Copy of local registration document issued by the regulatory authority in the place where the applicant is located and Chinese translation (stamped with the official seal of the institution or signed by the legal representative /authorized signatory)□(applicable to applicants with commercial presence within the People's Republic of China) Proof of commercial presence (stamped with the official seal of the institution or signed by the legal representative/authorized signatory)□(applicable to applicants without legal personality but designated by the legal entity) Original letter of authorization from the legal entity (stamped with the official seal of the legal entity or signed by its legal representative /authorized signatory)  |
| Documentary proof of financial and credit standing*(Exempted for applicants belonging to the same financial institution group as the existing Direct Participant)* | □Financial reports audited by an accounting firm for the latest three years □Credit rating report issued by the rating agency in the most recent year |
| Management rules related to carrying out CIPS business | Mandatory Rules (*relevant requirements are detailed in “Instructions for filling in the form 12.1-12.8”*)Compliance and risk management rules□Correspondent banking management□Anti-Money Laundering and Sanctions Compliance Management□Risk management□Liquidity risk managementInternal control rules□Internal control and audit managementContingency plan related to carrying out CIPS business□Liquidity risk management contingency plan□Compliance risk management contingency plan□Troubleshooting and emergency response plan |
| Optional Rules (*if the description in “Information Security and Business Continuity Management System Framework” is provided, the submission of the relevant rule documents could be exempted. Relevant requirements are detailed in “Instructions for filling in the form 12.9-12.12”*)□Data center management□Management related to data security□Information security and backup management□Business continuity management |
| Others*(To be submitted only if noticed by CIPS Co., Ltd.; submission is not required if no such notice has been received)* | □Legal opinion letter issued by law firms□Compliance commitment letter or improvement commitment letter□Clarification and explanation materials of the relevant risk situation□Other materials  |
| **Commitment and agreement by the applicant:**1. *All application materials provided are true, accurate and complete, and the application complies with the laws, regulations and regulatory requirements of the institution’s jurisdiction of registration, the place where the business activities are conducted and any other applicable regions.*
2. *We commit to comply with the relevant regulations and rules formulated and issued by the People's Bank of China and CIPS Co., Ltd.,* *including but not limited to, Interim Measures for Administration of CIPS Participants, Rules for Business Conducted through the Cross-border Interbank Payment System, Cross-border Interbank Payment System(CIPS) Operational Guidelines, Interim Measures for Administration of Compliance Margins , fee programs, etc., complete the signing of the service agreement with the fund custodian bank, submit the application for registration of the fund custodian relationship in accordance with the requirements of the rules, and deposit compliance margins on time if required.*
3. *We agree to provide any rule documents related to carrying out CIPS business in accordance with the requirements of CIPS Co., Ltd.*
4. *All economic or legal liabilities caused by the violation of the above commitments shall be borne by the institution independently.*

 Official Seal of the Institution/ Signature of Legal Representative: Date of application: |

***Instructions for filling in the form:***

*1. Please fill in the electronic version in English or Chinese, and sign or stamp at the end of “Commitment and agreement by the applicant”.*

*2. Please tick to select the option with □.*

*3. If there are not enough spaces in the form, please add more lines or pages.*

*4. For "Full Name (in Chinese)" field, please provide your full name in Chinese to enable the System Operator to fulfill internal review processes, information publication, and other relevant duties. If no official Chinese name is available, please provide a Chinese name suitable for internal or public use by the System Operator and mark it as provisional. If you encounter any difficulties with Chinese translations, please contact us for assistance.*

*5. For "Institution Type" field, if "* *If Others" is selected, please provide the specific type of institution.*

*6. For "Contacts" field, please provide the details of the person responsible for filling out the form.*

*7. For "Organization Code" field, please fill in the specific code. CIPS ID: Cross-border Interbank Payment System Identifier, refer to CIPS corporate standard "Cross-border Payment Clearing Identifier" (Q/CIPS 0001-2021) for coding rules and application. LEI: Legal Entity Identifier (LEI), a unique identification code assigned to legal entities in accordance with International Standard ISO 17442.* ***Special Note****: A CIPS ID shall be assigned by CIPS company upon the applicant’s qualification as a Direct Participant.*

*8. For "Credit Rating" field, please provide the credit rating issued by a mainstream international rating agency within the most recent year. "Most recent year" refers to the year prior to the date of submitting the application. For example, if the application is submitted in 2024, the information for 2023 should be provided.*

*9. For "Prospective Fund Custodian Bank" field, a fund custodian bank is an eligible CIPS Direct participant which has entered into a relevant service agreement with a Direct participant that has no accounts in CNAPS to provide prefunding and supplemental funding service. Direct Participants without CNAPS settlement accounts need to find a fund custodian bank to act as an agent for them to fund their CIPS accounts and to provide related liquidity management service.*

1. *For "Financial reports audited by an accounting firm for the latest three years", the "latest three years" refers to the three years prior to the date of submitting the application. For example, if the application is submitted in 2024, the reports for 2021–2023 should be provided.*

*11. For "Credit rating report issued by the rating agency in the most recent year", please provide supporting documents that correspond to the information filled in the "Credit Rating" field under "Part I: Business Information (mandatory)".*

*12. For "Management rules related to carrying out CIPS business", the specific content to be covered by each system is as follows:*

*12.1 Correspondent banking management shall include, but is not limited to, the establishment of correspondent banking relationship, risk management requirements, exit procedures, etc. The content should also be applicable to the management of CIPS Indirect Participants.*

*12.2 Anti-Money Laundering and Sanctions Compliance management shall include, but is not limited to, customers and business due diligence measures, reporting of large and suspicious transactions, enhanced due diligence, business screening criteria, reporting processes, and follow-up actions.*

*12.3 Risk management shall include, but is not limited to, a comprehensive risk governance framework, risk management strategy, risk appetite, risk management policies and procedures, with emphasis on risk strategies, preferences, policies, and procedures related to RMB business.*

*12.4 Liquidity risk management shall include, but is not limited to, the governance framework, liquidity risk management strategy, processes covering risk measurement, identification, monitoring, and controls, risk mitigation measures, and liquidity risk management measures specific to CIPS business operations.*

*12.5 Internal control and audit management shall include, but is not limited to, internal control objectives, division of responsibilities, control measures, assurance measures, control evaluation, and supervision.*

*12.6 Liquidity risk management contingency plan shall include, but is not limited to, the organization and division of responsibilities for liquidity risk emergency response, identification, monitoring, and reporting of liquidity risks, liquidity risk emergency response procedures, and emergency response measures specific to CIPS business.*

*12.7 Compliance risk management contingency plan shall include, but is not limited to, general principles of emergency response, emergency command systems, various emergency scenarios, response measures and procedures, and assurance measures.*

*12.8 Fault handling and incident response contingency plan shall include, but is not limited to, emergency plans, emergency exercise plans, fault recovery, and related management rules.*

*12.9 Data center management shall include, but is not limited to, relevant data centers management rules, such as personnel access, equipment management, and environmental safety management.*

*12.10 Data security management shall include, but is not limited to, the classification and grading of production data, data security risk assessment, and data security protection measures.*

*12.11 Information security and backup management shall include, but is not limited to, management rules and operational procedures for data backup and recovery.*

*12.12 Business continuity management shall include, but is not limited to, organizational framework, business continuity plans, and system exercise plans.*