



CHESS Replacement Project Update

Our team has had a busy month including the publishing of the fourth tranche of technical documentation. This included introducing features for batch settlement, settlement instruction management and change of controlling participant.

This release also includes, for the first time, features for issuers and their share registries. There's also an update on our [BAU projects](#) in this month's newsletter.

With a view to keeping users informed of more granular aspects of the project throughout the development phase, we held a variety of stakeholder engagement forums over the last few weeks. We are also providing ongoing support to stakeholders who are already developing and testing in our customer development environment. Our current focus is to prepare for the next major project milestone at the end of August - a refresh of the application in CDE to include the third release of code.

In DLT related news, today we announced that ASX, Digital Asset and VMWare - a New York Stock-Exchange-listed server virtualisation and cloud computing software provider - have joined forces on DLT. We have signed a three party MoU to work together on DLT initiatives in Australia and New Zealand. This is a positive development and further enhances our ability to support the financial services industry and to create new services and innovations beyond the replacement of CHESS. This announcement does not in any way impact the CHESS Replacement program plan, which remains on-schedule, nor is there any need for re-work on the existing integration created by software vendors or other users. A copy of the press release with further details can be found [here](#).

It is my hope that our team provides you with information that you find useful. If you have any feedback please contact the project team at chessreplacement@asx.com.au.



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Engagement Activities



Connectivity & Integration Working Group

A Connectivity & Integration (C&I) working group was held on 7 August focusing on CDE 3 Testing. The next C&I meeting will be held on 4 September 2019 and will be a Product Issuer Settlement Participant (PISP) dedicated working group.

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Focus Groups

A Focus Groups held on 13 August was the third in a series looking at Corporate Actions. The next Focus Group will be held on 17 September 2019 on mFunds.

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ISO 20022 Technical Committee Meetings

The latest ISO 20022 Technical Committee meeting was held on 23 July with a focus on Takeovers and Buybacks, and Collateral Creation messages. The next committee meeting will be held on 27 August 2019, discussing Collateral Removal and Transfer of Novated Equities Transactions (Give-ups) messages.

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Customer Development Environment Updates

Our third release of code (CDE 3) will be released at the end of August, which introduces features that would be used by all Clearing & Settlement Participants (such as Account and Holder creation) and Share Registries. We have also published in July features that will be released in CDE 4, in our technical documentation.

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BAU Project Updates

Two business requirements, identified as part of the 2017 CHES Replacement Business Requirements Working Groups, are being progressed by ASX outside of the CHES Replacement project, as Business-As-Usual activities, as neither are dependent on the new system.

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