



THE STRAITS TRADING COMPANY LIMITED

(Incorporated in Singapore)

(Company Registration No.: 188700008D)

ANNOUNCEMENT

**VOLUNTARY CONDITIONAL CASH OFFER
TO ACQUIRE ALL THE ISSUED AND PAID-UP ORDINARY SHARES IN THE CAPITAL OF
THE STRAITS TRADING COMPANY LIMITED**

1. INTRODUCTION

The Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of The Straits Trading Company Limited (the “**Company**” or “**STC**”) refers to the announcement made by the Company on 7 January 2008 in relation to the offer (the “**Offer**”) by Standard Chartered Bank, for and on behalf of The Cairns Pte. Ltd. (the “**Offeror**”), to acquire all the issued ordinary shares (the “**Shares**”) in the capital of the Company, other than those already owned, controlled or agreed to be acquired by the Offeror.

2. INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ADVISER

The Board wishes to announce that it has, in connection with the Offer, appointed CIMB-GK Securities Pte. Ltd. as the independent financial adviser (the “**IFA**”) to advise the Directors of the Company who consider themselves to be independent (the “**Independent Directors**”) for the purpose of making a recommendation to the shareholders of the Company (“**Shareholders**”).

A circular containing the advice of the IFA and the recommendation of the Independent Directors in respect of the Offer (the “**Offeree Circular**”) will be despatched to Shareholders within 14 days of the date of despatch of the offer document to be issued by the Offeror.

In the meantime, Shareholders are advised to refrain from taking any action in relation to their Shares which may be prejudicial to their interests until they or their advisers have considered the information and the recommendation of the Independent Directors, as well as the advice of the IFA, which will be set out in the Offeree Circular.

3. RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The Directors of the Company (including those who may have delegated detailed supervision of this Announcement) have taken all reasonable care to ensure that the facts stated in this Announcement are fair and accurate and that no material facts have been omitted from this Announcement, and they jointly and severally accept responsibility accordingly. Where any information has been extracted or reproduced from published or

otherwise publicly available sources, the sole responsibility of the Directors of the Company has been to ensure through reasonable enquiries that such information is accurately extracted from such sources or, as the case may be, reflected or reproduced in this Announcement.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Victoria Tse (Mrs)
Company Secretary

Singapore, 11 January 2008